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You are all children of God through faith in Jesus Christ, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” Galatians 3:26-28

Were you aware that United Women in Faith has a Charter for Racial Justice? It was created and adopted by the Women’s Division of the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries in 1978. In 1980 the division successfully recommended adoption of the charter by the whole denomination. General Conference has consecutively re-adopted it, every eight years since. The charter continues United Women in Faith’s call for study and action on the principles and goals of this vision.

The Purpose of United Methodist Women, and thus United Women in Faith, is to advocate for ALL women, children and youth. We are all created in God’s image and God saw that it was good!

This is a crucial time in our history as we see our brothers and sisters continue to suffer indignities that are demeaning, unjust,

and frightening.

Racial justice is a biblical issue, a leadership issue, a community issue, and a public policy issue.

Throughout the Bible, and especially the New Testament, God continually works through all people of different colors, creeds, and religions. (See the story of the Good Samaritan.)

United Women in Faith and its predecessor organizations has been on the cutting edge of justice work since the founding of our organization. In 1880 Methodist Women mission leaders in the U.S. organized the Woman’s Home Missionary Society to help free black people in the South and later teach Mexicans in New Mexico, minister to Mormon women under polygamy, and address the injustices experienced by Native Americans. In 1942 the Woman’s Division of the Methodist Church spoke out against the internment of Japanese Americans. In 1942 the first National Assembly of Methodist women was moved from St. Louis, MO, to Columbus, Ohio, because St. Louis hotels would not accommodate African-American women. There are



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many more examples like this from which we can draw inspiration and courage.

I challenge you to order copies of the Charter for Racial Justice from the Resource Center at uwfaith.org and study it with your group of United Women in Faith. Seek God's guidance in finding how you can continue the work our fore-

mothers began in making our nation and world a safe and just place for all God's children.

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FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Fall is an exciting time with some exciting opportunities. Our Annual Celebration program theme, "All Things New", recognizes our continued season of change as an organization; a new name, new programming and ways to connect new leadership. It also recognizes our sisters and celebrates with them as many welcome new life becoming mothers, some for the first time during their incarceration. And we celebrate the renewal of our sisters as they re-enter community and re-unite with family. We support them in their efforts to become the new creations that scripture talks about in II Corinthians 5:17- *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*

We are lifting up these sisters and immersing ourselves in those issues of social justice that effect that community and their families. But, we've still got to have fun, right? For those who may not be sure, the answer is "yes!". So, our Friday event will be a baby shower. Our guests will be representatives from the Breann Leath Nursery at the Women's prison. They will share with us about the nursery and the program they have. We'll hear about what the medical and academic communities have learned are the benefits to moms and babies in keeping the two together, which informs the programming in the Indiana Women's prison and others. But we'll also hear about other programming the Prison provides to position the women to be successful upon their eventual

parole. And, then the fun will begin. Like any baby shower there will be lots of games, prizes, and cake! At the conclusion of the shower there's always the presentation of the gift to the happy couple, and we'll have a variation of this. Everyone is asked to bring disposable diapers, sizes 4 or 5, which is what the nursery has need of the most. At the conclusion of our shower we will present the staff with our outpouring of love for our incarcerated sisters and their babies, lots, and lots of disposable diapers!

On Saturday, we will continue the theme "All Things New", as we welcome new leadership for the coming year and thank those who have served and are outgoing. And, for our learning time, our guest speakers will represent the Mothers on the Rise program. The program is a partnership between the Indiana Department of Corrections and Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health IU and supports mothers and their babies in their transition from the Breann Leath nursery at the State prison to their re-entry into their respective communities. We will also hear about the Use What You've Got Ministry, and hear from the author of "A Knock at Midnight", by Brittany Barnett. And, as women of action, with God's help, we'll conclude with what will be our call to action.

So, great things for the Annual Celebration, but that's not all. This year the Conference is promoting Soul Care Retreats. Soul Care is a recognition that as sisters we must care for



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ourselves and one another even as we are the care givers and change makers in our homes, communities, and world. We must pour back into ourselves. And so we have Soul Care Retreats. They offer women the opportunity to come together and engage in the self-care activities that we love. Soul Care retreats may offer sessions that include pedicures, craft making, cooking, nutrition, exercise (yoga, Zumba, hula-hooping, etc.), stress reduction, etc. And, there is still always a spiritual element with song and prayer. What is offered at an event is limited only by the imagination of those planning it- but, if they keep fun at the forefront, the retreat is sure to be a hit. The Conference is encouraging each district to introduce Soul Care Retreats by partnering with at least one unit and we will walk a-long side them by offering \$150.00 towards the event costs. This year the Central, South, and Southeast Districts are hosting their pilot events. Soul Care retreats are a way to re-invigorate your units, especially as many of us are wanting post-COVID to be in community and fellowship with one another, and they're an opportunity to introduce new women to the organization. They're a great way to "Excite and Invite!" Talk with your district or unit leadership about considering adding a Soul Care Retreat to your 2024 calendar of events.

In November we'll have our Training and Leadership Development online meeting. The member training portion will be about planning Soul Care events, and learning how to invite prospective women to our organization. You'll have the benefit of hearing from and asking questions of those who have planned and hosted a Soul Care retreat. Hear what it entails, hear some suggestions for session ideas, and hear about any lessons learned. You'll also hear from a few who have attended a Soul Care

Retreat. We'll have a representative from National in the training to talk about the support they provide with the registration process for a Soul Care Retreat. And, lastly, we'll have members on who have taken on a novel approach to learning and teaching our Excite and Invite training brochure. They have developed skits around various scenarios for inviting women to the organization. They'll join us on the call to talk about these and demonstrate a couple- that's UWF ingenuity.

So, lots going on, including the Silent Retreat in October, and all the electronic programming that's available to you to online, i.e. Faith Talks, connecting with units via All Access, etc.

Yes, it's going to be a great Fall and I hope to see you during the season taking advantage of the many opportunities you have to be connected, to support, to be supported, and to be blessed.

Blessings,

SHERRAE DAVIS | VICE PRESIDENT

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Join us as at our 15th Annual
Celebration as we celebrate

ALL THINGS NEW

Friday-Saturday, October 6-7, 2023

Community of Hope
United Methodist Church
1968 W Main St.
Muncie, IN 47303

All times are EDT (Muncie time)

Friday Oct 6th

5:00pm Dinner

6:00pm Program, Fellowship, & Activity

Saturday Oct 7th

9:00am Check In

9:45am Music, Greetings, Announcements

10:00am Celebration, Business Meeting, Elections

12:00pm Lunch and Fellowship

1:00pm Recognitions, Speaker, Offering,
Communion and MORE

Event Highlights

- Baby Shower Theme Friday Night
Hands-On - Bring disposable Diapers Sizes 4 & 5
- Presentations by the Breann Leath Nursery at the
Indiana Women's Prison, and the Mothers on the
Rise program (re-entry support program)
- FUNraiser silent auction of "themed baskets" and
more! Proceeds to LRR.
- Bring your used books for the book swap.

Nearby Hotel Information:

Comfort Inn and Suites, 3400 N. Marleon Dr., Muncie, IN Ph.
765-587-0294. Call the hotel directly and request a room in the
United Women in Faith of Indiana group (\$144.00 rate).

Registration link also available:

<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/BD52Q7>

Deadline: September 22nd.

*17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new
creation has come. The old has gone, the
new is here! ~2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV*

Registration Form: (please print legibly)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Church: _____

District: _____

Select all that apply:

District Officer___ Conference Officer___

*Conference Officers use registration link provided to
Leadership Team*

Friday \$15

Saturday \$15

Payment \$_____

****Do you need childcare? Please indicate
how many children and their age(s). Please
send a sack lunch/drink for children.**

(please nothing requiring reheating)

Friday _____ Ages _____

Saturday _____ Ages _____

**Send registration and payment by Sept. 22nd
to registrar:**

Rae Wallis

9431 English Oak Drive

Indianapolis, 46235

raewallis@comcast.net (317) 625-2523

Make checks payable to: UWF of Indiana OR

Use the QR Code or link below for VANCO.

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YZ57/campaign/C-1496F>



*Pictures and video may be captured during the event by conference representatives for news and promotional use including social media.
Registering for the event gives permission for one's image to be used. Names of children and youth will not be used with photos.*

A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

Mission giving to National is above the July 2022 giving; however, the conference asking giving is below 2022 levels for all three categories. Please continue to give to all the giving categories and especially lift up Lucille Raines Residence when considering giving this year. The giving to Lucille Raines Residence from United Women in Faith helps with the daily operations of that wonderful facility.

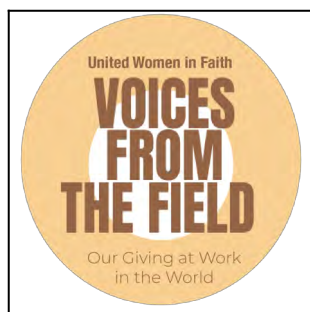
Special Mission Recognition (SMR)

With Sally Vonner taking on the role of General Secretary and Chief Executive Officer, the SMR certificates have been updated to include her new signature. PDF versions of the certificates are available here https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/c75vhhBL49V7PJy7BEYvaEQK?mc_cid=a64aa4c761&mc_eid=afbaa5d383

Also, the design of the SMR pins will be updated to reflect the new logo. These pins will be available for order in September.

Jacki Moore | Conference Treasurer
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A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Brochure
[United Women in Faith - 2022 Brochure English \(uwfaithresources.org\)](https://uwfaithresources.org)



Voices From the Field "Offering Shelters of Hope"

Tuesday, September 19, 2023,
at 4 pm ET / 3 pm CT / 1 pm PT

Virtual via Zoom

[Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

Hey! Did you know we also have an Indiana UWF Webpage?

In addition to all the great information and programming on the UWF website, there is also an Indiana UWF webpage. There you can find information about events and gatherings going on in the Indiana Conference including newsletters, fliers, forms, LRR, and more.

Check it out at:

[Unitedarchive.inumc.org/engage/adults/unitedwomeninfaith/](https://unitedarchive.inumc.org/engage/adults/unitedwomeninfaith/)

It's a work in progress, so check it often. Updates coming soon.

For resources, podcasts, information, news, and all things United Women in Faith go to:

[United Women in Faith | Love in Action \(uwfaith.org\)](https://uwfaith.org)



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2024 PROPOSED CONFERENCE A & D BUDGET/PLEDGE

Leadership	
Dependent Care	200.00
Meals/Lodging	3,600.00
Travel	1,200.00
Postage	150.00
Supplies/Printing	300.00
Equipment/AV	250.00
Annual Conf:Pres	1,000.00
Program Resource/Prayer Guides	700.00
Misc	100.00
Total Leadership	7,500.00
Programming	
Annual Meeting	1,500.00
District Leadership Training	500.00
Literature/Resources (SPR)	300.00
Retreats	3,700.00
Social Action	300.00
Young Women's Event	2,000.00
Misc. Programming	100.00
Total Programming	8,400.00
Other	
Leadership Dev. - National	500.00
Conf Mission u	15,000.00
Church Women United	400.00
Financial Reviews	1,000.00
e-communications	1,300.00
Directory	3,000.00
NC Jurisdiction	4,000.00
Newsletter	3,000.00
Officer Recognition	2,000.00
Total Other	30,200.00

Districts A&MD	
Central	3,200.00
East	3,325.00
North	6,900.00
North Central	3,775.00
Northeast	5,175.00
Northwest	7,000.00
South	8,390.00
Southeast	4,860.00
Southwest	4,000.00
West	4,500.00
Total District A&MD	51,125.00
Transfers to Reserves	
Assembly/Jurisdiction	12,000.00
National Events	200.00
Total to Reserves	12,200.00
Totals	109,425.00

The proposed 2024 Pledge to National is \$220,000, same as 2023.

The budget and pledge were recommended by the Finance Team and approved by the Leadership Team on August 19, 2023 to be voted on during the business meeting of the Annual Celebration on October 7, 2023.

<u>Giving Update</u>	<u>YTD July 2023</u>	<u>YTD July 2022</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Mission Giving	\$97,847.25	\$83,528.14	\$14,319.11
Designated Gifts	5,791.56	7,297.48	-1,505.92
Lucille Raines & Special	30,209.36	37,237.28	-7,027.92
Mission u	3,888.00	4,378.00	-490.00
Youth & Young Adult Scholarship	1,862.50	2,098.50	-236.00
Total	\$139,598.67	\$134,539.40	\$5,059.27

Pledge to National \$220,000



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"Rebuilding Lives- Committed to Addiction Recovery"

Fall is an exciting time for the Lucille Raines Residence. We are celebrating forty-six years of ministry helping people recover from addiction. We are also holding a Celebration to show appreciation to all the generous people who have and continue to make this ministry possible. The Celebration will be held at St. Luke's UMC at 100 W 86th St, Indianapolis on **September 24**, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

We have more to celebrate. The project to make Raines accessible and replace the elevator will be completed in September. Giving to the *Love Lifted Me Campaign* has made that possible. Thank you to all who shared generously to make these important improvements.

We always have reason to celebrate because God is always active and doing good things in our lives. We celebrate the progress that Raines residents make as they continue their journeys to recovery from addiction. That is the reason Raines exists, to provide a safe, healthy, friendly place where people can heal and grow and overcome the ravages of addiction. The problem of addiction in our world keeps growing which makes ministries like Raines even more important and valuable.

This Fall we will hold one of our major events of the year called *Raines Fest*. The board

members take over the responsibilities of the Raines staff from Monday afternoon until Wednesday afternoon. During that time we provide meals, entertainment and more for the residents. We also operate a Country Store and hold an auction. Each resident receives "play" money to use to purchase items from the store and bid on auction items. We appreciate the help we receive from the donations of local UWF units and individuals to the Country Store.

Challenges are a part of life and Raines has experienced some challenges, but we are grateful and amazed at how God always comes through. Most of God's work is done through God's people. We thank all who pray for Raines and our residents. We are so grateful to all who support Raines financially. Together we are doing the work of God. God bless you, each one.

*O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you;
I will praise your name, for you have done
wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful
and sure. ~Isaiah 25:1*

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Paula Young Mayberry
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Bringing Hope And New Life



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Our Story of Hope Continues

CELEBRATE WITH US

**AS WE SHOW OUR APPRECIATION
FOR YOUR AMAZING SUPPORT
OVER 45 YEARS.**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

JOIN THE CELEBRATION

1:00 to 4:00 p.m. EST

St. Luke's UMC

100 W 86th St.

Indianapolis, IN 46260

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RAINES NEWS

Lucille Raines Residence needs your help! Member conference asking and "specials" giving is down. Please see the letter from Kathie Clemenz, Carolyn Marshall and Paula Young Mayberry and prayerfully consider increasing your giving individually and as a unit.

In other news--we celebrated the staff of Lucille Raines Residence in May! The theme of the luncheon was **"You Build Us Up"**! With hard hats, caution signs, small plastic tools and dump truck decorations we honored the hardworking, dedicated and loving staff. Certainly **Carolyn Marshall** tops the list when talking about dedication, love and energy! Mariea (the program coordinator) is not far behind her. Other staff members include those who work the front desk (coverage is 24 hours) and maintenance (can you imagine for a 98 year old building) and housekeeper for 49 rooms, 6 floors? The board presented the staff with gift cards, OJ and snack bars inside a personalized tool belt!

Speaking of tools-**Construction has begun!** The elevator is down and is expected to be down for 12-14 weeks. Residents living on the 6th floor have approximately 80 steps to climb! But complaints are nonexistent as the end result will be amazing for all current residents and future residents!

Contributions to the Accessibility Campaign are still coming in, funds are still accepted and appreciated! Currently, we are approximately \$30,000 short from the fundraising goal of \$750,000. Units have been most

generous and all donations are greatly appreciated and needed to help in the life transformation work being done at Raines.

Time to Boiler Up!

There's never a good time for another home repair, right? The timing is lousy, but the need is great. The boiler at Raines is leaking and cannot be repaired. For the well being of the residents and by law, the boiler must be replaced before the cold weather this fall. Can your unit help support this mission of UWF of Indiana?

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. ~Philippians 4:13

Raines Fest is Coming!!

Planning for Raines Fest is underway! This event will be held **October 16-18** at Raines Residence, where the board members "take over" the staff duties for two days and provide meals and activities for the residents. Also included is a "Country Store" where the residents can purchase items using "funny money" we give to them.

We need your help with donations of items for the Country Store. A list of suggestions for the Country Store can be found in this newsletter!

Bring items to your fall district meeting or give me a call, we'll figure out a way to get your donations to Raines!

Please keep the staff, residents and construction workers in your prayers,

Lori St Pierre
North District Board Representative

***"No one can do everything, but everyone can do something,
and together we can change the world."*** ~Ronald J. Sider



COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Hello Dear UWF Sisters,

The past eight months have been rewarding and frustrating! We have a loving, supportive Committee and we have had many positions to fill. We have been praying a lot these last eight months for God to help is in this endeavor! Thanks to those ladies who said YES!! We have worked very hard as a Committee but still have some positions yet to fill. We are still in need of a Secretary. We have asked many ladies, but no one has felt they were able to do it. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested, please let me know. My contact information is at the end of this article. We also need several Committee on Nomination members, especially from SE, SW, N, and NW Districts. We normally meet monthly during the first half of the year - usually on Zoom.

Jurisdiction is coming up in Indianapolis on **May 30-June 2, 2024**. For Jurisdiction we need one more Nominee for National Director. We have one Nominee and one Alternate at this time but need one other Nominee. Of our three Nominees, Jurisdiction CON will select the National Director from Indiana. We also need

one more Program Advisory Nominee. National asks us to select three Nominees for this position. At this time, we have two ladies who have agreed to be Program Advisory Nominees, but we need one more lady for this position. Again, Jurisdiction will select the final Program Advisory person.

A few years ago, I came across this poem by SARK that so very much describes what my UWF local Unit and Circle and Conference CON and Leadership Team has meant to me:

The Circle of Women around us
Weave invisible nets of love that
Carry us when we are weak
And sing with us when we are strong.

~ SARK (Susan Ariel Rainbow Kennedy)

Please continue to help us in filling these positions as we mission to the "least of these" – our women, children and youth in our country and around the world.

RAE WALLIS | CHAIR, COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

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SUGGESTIONED ITEMS FOR THE RAINES FEST COUNTRY STORE

Be certain that no products donated to the Country Store contain any alcohol.

Suggestions:

hoodies
sweatpants
pictures
room decorations,
toiletries
body wash
laundry soap
hand soap

pillows
towels and washrags,
items for men
toilet paper
towel paper
tissues
non-perishable food items
jewelry

Evaluations from a previous Raines Fest asked for more:

storage totes
children's items
gift items
New gloves
New hats
New coats
Candles are not acceptable.



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LET'S GET FROGGIE!

This was the challenge given by First Lady Racelder Trimble at Mission u as she explained the acronym F-R-O-G...**Fully Rely On God**. No better advice could we have received! All around Mission u the phrase was often repeated and was always followed by smiles and laughter. Laughter seems to have the unique ability to bind us together.

In June my unit met at my house for an outdoor picnic. With no special agenda, we just sat around, told stories, and shared laughs. We ended the evening by making cheer boxes for shut-ins, but we all agreed that we were the ones that received the cheer that evening. Laughter is truly God's gift.

In the Women of Faith Daily Devotional, Barbara Johnson shared these words. "When Times are hard, find something to laugh about, and feel God's blessing envelop you. Don't hold back. Laughter is the pole that helps us balance the bad and the good as we walk the tightrope of life. When anxiety engulfs us, it is a tranquilizer with no side effects. Laughter is a powerful weapon against hopelessness and a reassuring comfort blanket of God's love. Cherish the gift—and use it often!"

Instead of taking yourself and your situation so seriously, **Fully Rely On God!**

So Sisters...Let's get Froggie!! (ribbit, ribbit)

CHERYL WILSON | SPIRITUAL GROWTH
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These words will be the focus of the October Silent Retreat in Evansville.

As we quiet ourselves and free our minds, God faithfully speaks to our hearts in the silence. It is such a unique and beautiful experience and is difficult to explain to those who have not attended.

Give yourself the gift of attending this year, You will be blessed.

***Loving God, we come seeking your will and direction
for United Women in Faith and for our own lives.
Breakthrough our thinking and anoint us with your
ideas and your vision. May we listen expectantly.***



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2023 Silent Retreat

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

1 Samuel 3:9^b

When: October 20-22, 2023

Retreat starts at 8 pm EST Friday with 36 hours of SILENCE featuring guided meditations and activities concluding with Sunday worship and lunch

Where: Sarto Retreat Center

4200 N. Kentucky Avenue | Evansville, IN 47711 | (812) 424-5536

Cost: \$180 per participant or \$90 per commuter

(Limited to the first 50 to register.)

Check in is 6-7:45 EST. Dinner is on your own Friday evening.

The retreat ends Sunday following lunch at noon.

Facilitators: Cheryl Wilson and Carol Tiller

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Deadline: Friday, October 6, 2023

Name:

Phone:

Address:

City, State, & Zip:

Email:

Church:

District:

Special Considerations: Handicap Accessible:

Yes

No

Special Diet:

Yes

No

IF yes, please specify _____

Accommodations include a single room with private bath for 2 nights:

Use of the facilities - 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches; Saturday/Sunday - 1 Dinner; Saturday
The facility will provide tea, coffee, water. Attendees should bring their own snacks and sodas.

Please send completed registration to Sherrae Davis.

You can send your check made payable to **UWF of IN** or pay using the VANCO link:

Sherrae Davis

809 Stockbridge Drive

Westfield 46074-8870

sherrae.davis@gotown.net

VANCO link:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YZ57/campaign/C-14A73>

Cancellation Notice: Please be mindful that United Women in Faith of Indiana incurs certain fixed costs due to contractual obligations. Because of our desire to be good stewards of mission funds, participants are asked to give at least 14 days notice of cancellation prior to the date of the event.



New Mailing Address for Legacy Fund

United Women in Faith
Church Center for the United Nations
777 United Nations Plaza, 11th Floor
New York, NY 10017

Legacy Fund ~ Together, we are building our legacy.

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.

Giving to the Legacy Fund will support United Women in Faith in perpetuity. That's why gifts to the endowment fund are such a vital way to sustain and grow our capacity to serve and advocate

The Legacy Endowment Fund Campaign

With every gift received in 2023 and beyond, we will secure the financial resources needed to deepen and expand our mission. Consider joining your legacy with ours and making a gift today.



Legacy Fund Balance as of July 2023

\$36,827,260.75 and amount given from Indiana \$189,567.01

Thank You Indiana!

GREETINGS FROM PROGRAM RESOURCES

Hello everyone!! I hope all of you have enjoyed the summer, even with the extreme heat! It has definitely been good weather to sit inside with the air conditioner and read a good book.

I am finishing up *Being Sheela: The Journey of an Immigration Lawyer* by Adith Rae. It did not disappoint! She helped immigrants find their children and put them back together again. Other families she helped get back together that they thought they had lost. She had an incredible journey from childhood through her years of assisting immigrants. This book is in the category of Education for Mission.

I also have been reading *Nevertheless: American Methodists and Woman's Rights* by Ashley Boggan Dreff. It was appalling to read how the women were treated. It should never be that way but women keep going! We see this at times with the female ministers we have in our pulpits today. This is in the category of Nurturing for Community.

Just as a reminder, I saw some of you at Mission u this summer and you can add the Spiritual Growth book that we used for our studies to your count.

I am now reading the book *Caste The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson. As I have read so far, it is a difficult book to read, but it is a very profound read. It is also a very thought provoking book. You ought to check it out.

If you have not turned in your 2021-2022 Reading Program Recipients, I need them ASAP. Please email them to me. I have to get them to the person doing the program and also get Certificates for Annual Celebration! Thank you for the great job each of you are doing! Those of you that are filling in, thank you also!!!

As always, enjoy your reading!!

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Make an Impact



United Women in Faith is deeply committed to the ongoing work of racial and climate justice. We strive to be in right relationship with one another; we work together for the transformation of church and world, following the teaching and example of Jesus Christ.

Donation Request for Women's Prison Social Action Project

- ♥ Batting & Stuffing
- ♥ Yarn
- ♥ Thread- any color; white and black preferred
- ♥ Elastic – any size; ¼" preferred

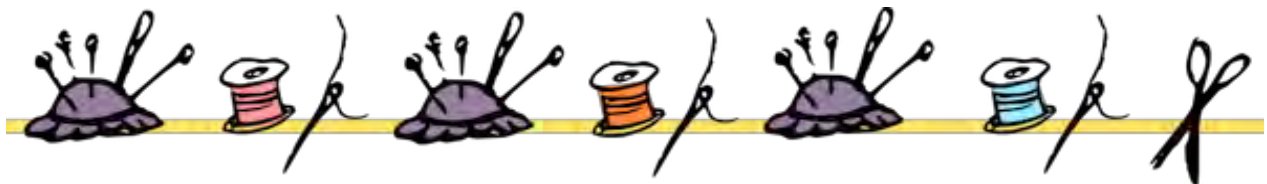
Call Eric of AirLite Manufacturing Pontiac, MI 248-335-8131

Pay with Credit Card for seconds of batting & stuffing.

Eric will ship directly to the Women's Prison and will combine orders from various groups.

We can send more for less money than purchasing through a store.

The inmates make items for non-profit organizations such as quilts for UWF to auction at our Oct. Annual Celebration



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SAVE THE DATE!

Legislative Day

***"Interrupting the School to
Prison Pipeline"***

**Thursday February 8, 2024 via Zoom
10:00AM EST to Noon**

Co-Sponsored by



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Key Note Speakers

Emily Jones, United Women in Faith National
Executive for Racial Justice, Presenting:
Interrupting the School to Prison Pipeline

JanuNae Hanger, Children's Policy and Law
Initiative of Indiana, Presenting: Updates of
Indiana State Legislation



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MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE & OUTREACH

Hello Sisters in Christ!

Fall is by far my favorite season, I'll bet it is for many of you as well. I love the cooler temps, the beautiful changing leaves and the comfy clothes; sweaters, yoga pants and the like...

Fall is a great time for trying new things, thinking new ways and stretching those sisterhood muscles (wearing the yoga pants, of course!)



I'd like to encourage you to **ponder, pray** the Breakthrough Prayer and **plan** one of the following this fall:

Create new stories of sisterhood!

Plan a "first of its kind" event

Move 4 Mission check it out - [Move 4 Mission](https://www.uwfaith.org/move4mission) | United Women in Faith ([uwfaith.org](https://www.uwfaith.org))

Soul Care Retreat --new Manual offered by National purchase for \$ 24.99

[United Women in Faith - Soul Care Retreat Toolkit \(\[uwfaithresources.org\]\(https://www.uwfaithresources.org\)\)](https://www.uwfaithresources.org/soul-care-retreat-toolkit)

Welcome new women into our sisterhood!

Talk to your hairdresser, banker, or co-worker about UWF.

Set gathering times at different times and places.

Plan a UWF Sunday during worship or in a park to excite and invite women

Share why UWF participation is so vital to you - make it fun and welcoming

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ~Romans 15:7

Nurture & Support existing members of our sisterhood!

Make a coffee date with a member you want to get to know better

Create intergenerational events of interest for all women, children, and youth.



Praying over crocheted, knitted, and quilted prayer squares!

Yes, UWF has experienced decreased membership due to church disaffiliations and aging membership but let's not give up or stop or even delay, let's exercise those sisterhood muscles today!

Loving God, we come seeking your will and direction for United Women in Faith and for our own lives. Breakthrough our thinking and anoint us with your ideas and your vision. May we listen expectantly.

LORI ST. PIERRE

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Thank you to **ALL** who completed
the 2022 Unit Survey forms.
I'm anxiously awaiting the results
from National and will share them
with you soon!



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SECRETARY STUFF.

As promised, the third and final installment.

How to Take Better Minutes Tick Tock: Twenty-One Tips for Taking Minutes - Steps 13-21

12. Just the Facts: To improve listening skills in order to record appropriate information, practice differentiating between statements that are facts and those that are opinions. The recorder's objective is to stick to the facts. These are pieces of information that are beyond dispute and objective in nature. By contrast, opinions are personal views that are subjective and easily disputed by others.

13. Keep it Clear and Simple: Regardless of how you write down what transpires during a meeting, you will need to make your final wording in the minutes absolutely clear for the benefit of others. Toward that end, provide language that is understandable, concise, and objective throughout.

14. Be Exact: The recorder must be absolutely accurate in presenting the facts of a meeting. Because once approved, minutes become official documents of an organization. In some cases, they are used as written evidence in court cases, so the recorder has a tremendous responsibility to be accurate and objective.

15. Noting Motions: Throughout meetings, it is likely that participants will make motions. The recorder must write down not only what the motion is but also who made it. It is not necessary to write down the name of the person who seconds a motion. Motions made by a committee do not require a second since the committee itself is made up of two or more people already.

16. What's on Hold: In addition to the motions that are made, seconded, discussed, and voted on, there will be occasions when subsidiary motions are made to postpone taking a vote. When voting on a motion is postponed, the recorder needs to indicate this has happened and offer whatever information is available about when a vote might be taken on the motion.

17. Adding Your Voice: In a best-case scenario, the person taking the minutes would not be a voting member among meeting participants. This doesn't always happen, so if you are asked to take minutes and you have full

participation status, you would do well to write out questions you want to raise before the meeting begins. You will already have your hands full just writing down what others are saying, and by writing out any questions you might have beforehand, this will be one less thing you will have to think about as you record the other things that are said and done during the meeting.

18. Summarize: During the meeting, you will be writing at warp speed, and unless you have exceptional skills for listening and synthesizing information very quickly, you will probably write down a lot of information that can and should be condensed or eliminated altogether. No one will be looking at your personal notes at this point, but you must be able to make sense out of them yourself in order to prepare them for distribution. Focus on the major points that were made during each discussion and the decisions that the group reached about these points.

19. Don't Delay: The sooner you can finalize and type up the minutes the better. As more time passes, you may forget important items that you heard but didn't write down. The more time that passes, the less accurate the minutes will become, even if you have used a tape recorder.

20. Proofread with Care: You have been entrusted with a heavy responsibility, and while accuracy of information is your primary goal, you also have the obligation of making that information understandable to others. It won't be if you don't proofread every word you have typed. You will also blow your credibility as a reliable information provider if you produce minutes that are filled with misspelled words, incomplete sentences, abbreviations, and inaccurate punctuation. Take pride in your work, and keep in mind the expression: "What's worth doing is worth doing well."

21. Not So Fast!: If part of your job as the minutes recorder includes distributing the minutes to everyone, you should have them approved by the meeting's chair or facilitator before they are available to those who need to have them. They should be as close to perfect as you can get them before anyone sees them.

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Please type or print clearly, the information and return to your District Secretary and the Conference Directory Coordinator by December 1, 2023. Due to post office mailing regulations, we do need your 9-digit zip code! Check your utility bills for these.

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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.

GREETINGS FROM THE CONFERENCE EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION COORDINATOR

As plans are being made for our Annual Celebration in October, it is hard to think about cool fall days in the heat of summer. But they will be coming – with UWF Districts holding their fall meetings, children and youth are returning to school, the lives of families are changing as the seasons change.

I spent 5 weeks in the late spring volunteering at a National Mission Institution, McCurdy Ministries Community Center in Espanola, New Mexico as the dorm host. I have been volunteering there since 2000 for 2 weeks to 5 months a year. When my husband and I were serving, we helped in a kindergarten classroom, computer lab, did maintenance and office work wherever needed, worked on the Gala committee for 15 years with 11 of those years as co-chair of the Gala which raised money for the Mission School (now the McCurdy Charter School). The large campus needs a lot of long term volunteers and work teams to help get everything done. McCurdy Ministries has about 29 acres that they care for which includes a dorm for housing the Preschool and a place for volunteers and work teams to stay, a building for after school care, a computer lab, meeting rooms and a kitchen, 2 modular units for Project Carino (a mental health service for the students at the Charter School), 2 building for offices, maintenance building, a gymnasium, a Community Room and Historical Room in the old high school, and many other buildings. Project Carino was started in 1984 with a grant from United Methodist Women. Move 4 Mission is a new program to help in raising money for United Women in Faith for Education and Development Programs like Mission u.

Start a walking group with friends and ask them to donate some money that you can send to UWF. Or donate some money for each book you and your friends read. Think of other things, let me know and I will share your ideas.

Faith Talks on August 17, 2023 was a discussion about Move 4 Mission. There is also a group on Facebook – Move 4 Mission – that you can follow. In June-July,

I attended Mission u at Manchester University and was one of the adult study leaders.

Being on the Lucille Raines Residence Board, I realize the importance of our support of the program there – financially and spiritually. This residence is ours as United Women in Faith of Indiana. We keep the doors open with our monetary donations. Raines is a place to help people find their way with a good support system. A new book *A Road to Hope Continues* by Sarah Busch Spearman is now available.

Coming this fall, the World Thank Offering is taken. A program will be in the next program book for you to use at your unit and circle meetings. The offering goes to help mission programs in general to keep them going.

I hope to see many of you in Muncie at the Annual Celebration. We will be having a Silent Auction with many baskets and 2 quilts to raise money for Lucille Raines Residence. Please bring your checkbook, charge card and cash to make your donation - maybe you will have the high bid. May God's Blessings be yours.

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A strong woman stands up for herself. A stronger woman also stands up for everybody else. ~Unknown





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2023 MISSION TODAY REPORT LOCAL ORGANIZATION UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

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

PARTICIPATION

At least two members subscribed to and/or read *response* 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 Told a mission story at meetings through sharing "member support" articles (identified by the Mission Giving logo—see other side) from *Response*.

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,

At least two members watch or listen to at least 2 "Faith Talks" or "Voices from the Field", live or

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

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.

WHO? 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.

CATEGORY

NUMBER OF ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED

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://www.uwfaith.org/response) The Mission Giving logo found in *response* identifies a program and/or person supported by United Methodist Women's Mission Giving.

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



Racial Justice Logo



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

Go to [Climate Justice | United Women in Faith \(uwfaith.org\)](https://www.uwfaith.org/climate-justice) for 13 Steps to Sustainability; ideas for Be Just. Be Green.; and other ways to get involved in UMW's environmental work.



WHEN? Receive recognition for **2023**, by returning your completed checklist by **January 15, 2024** to:

Your District's Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation

Return completed form (front & back) to:

Deadline for reporting: January 15, 2024

Local Organization

District:

Reporting Officer Name & Position:

Email or postal address:

Phone:

Making Disciples of
Jesus Christ through
Mission Opportunities for
Youth and Young Adults.

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.



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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

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 UMF national, GNGM, 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: (circle one please)	# Eligible Youth & Young Adults in group: _____	
Parent/Youth Leader name: (circle one please)	Email Address: _____	
Home Address:	City:	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 must 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 https://www.inumc.org/engage/adults/united-methodist-women/		

2023 Upcoming Events

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, after lunch around 1 p.m.

(Registration 6-7:45 p.m.)

Sarto Retreat House, Evansville, IN

November 4: Officer Training/Mini School - Virtual

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Limitless Events: TBA

2024 Upcoming Events

January 19/20: Spiritual Growth Retreat

Canyon Inn, Spencer, IN .

April 19, 20 Spiritual Growth Retreat

Lindenwood Retreat & Conf. Center, Plymouth, IN

Oct 4/5 - Annual Celebration

St. Mark's UMC in Carmel.

October 18/-20: Silent Retreat

St. Joesph Retreat & Conf. Center, Tipton, IN

November 2: Officer Training/Mini School - Virtual

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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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

Pray
without ceasing
1 Thessalonians 5:17



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