



United
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“Plains Connection”
West Central Plains UWFaith
Mini-Newsletter – September 2026

Things to do!!!!

- Register for WCP Fall Celebration/Mission u Express by Aug. 29 (If it's after the deadline, call Mary Margaret Willbanks at 765-212-5312.)
- Register for the Conference Annual Celebration in Franklin, IN, October 2-3, 2026.
- Mark your calendar for the Silent Retreat, October 16-18, St. Joseph Retreat Center, Tipton, IN
- Review the 2027 Standing Rules Document found [here](#).

Check out the details for....

Indiana Conference United Women in Faith Annual Celebration
In Franklin, Indiana
Friday, October 2, 5 pm

Meet at Otterbein Senior Life Center for Buffet dinner
Program: Mission Stories and Soul Care Activity
Cost is \$15.00

Saturday, October 3, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Meet at Franklin Grace UMC
Continental breakfast
Business Meeting
Lunch
Panelists and Action: Interrupting the School-to-Prison Pipeline
Love Feast & Inspiration
Cost is \$20.00

Look for nearby hotel information on the registration form below.
Use [Registration link](#) to pay by credit card.

Mail registration by September 18 to:
Cathy Burris
8923 Branch View Dr.
Indianapolis, IN 46234-2901



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Indiana Conference 18th Annual Celebration

Friday, October 2, 2026

Otterbein SeniorLife Center

1070 W. Jefferson Street, Franklin, Indiana 46131

5:00 pm Check-in

5:30-6:30pm Buffet Dinner

6:30-7:10pm Mission Stories

7:10-8:00 Soul Care

Saturday, October 3, 2026

Franklin Grace UMC

1300 E Adams Dr, Franklin, IN 46131

9:00 am Check-in & Breakfast

10 am -12 pm Business Meeting, Reports &
Recognitions

12:00-1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 - 2:00 pm Panelists and Action: Interrupting the
School-to-Prison Pipeline

2:30- 3:00 pm Love Feast & Inspiration

** All times are Eastern.*

Event Highlights

- Friday night Soul Care
- Saturday panel with Michele Daniel Jones (Constructing Our Future), Maranda Williams (REFORM) and Cecilia Whitfield (Use What You've Got Ministry).
- Saturday special guests, Perfect Praise, liturgical dancers.
- Bring your used books for the book swap.

Nearby Hotel Information

Baymont by Wyndham

2122 Holiday Ln, Franklin, IN 46131

\$104.00 plus tax (\$117.00) for 2 Queen beds/room

You must call 317-736-0480, by September 18.

Conference has reserved a limited number of rooms at this rate.

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.

Registration Form: Please print legibly

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email/Phone: _____

Church: _____

District: _____

District Officer? 2026__ 2027__

☐ Friday \$15

☐ Saturday \$20

☐ Donation \$_____ (½ Mission Giving; ½ LRR)

Total \$_____

Note dietary restrictions: _____

Do you need childcare for Saturday*? Indicate names and ages. Send a sack lunch/drink for children.

Emergency Contact _____

Phone _____

*Apologies but no childcare will be available Friday night due to venue restrictions.

Send registration and payment by Sept. 15th to

Cathy Burris
8923 Branch View Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46234-2901
317-502-1067, Cburris799@aol.com

Payment options:

☐ Check enclosed payable to UWFaith of Indiana
OR

☐ Pay with credit card. You MUST complete and send in registration form.



<https://tinyurl.com/ACReg26>

<https://tinyurl.com/ACOffering>



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UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH OF INDIANA SILENT RETREAT

Holy Disruption: Finding Home OCTOBER 16-18, 2026

Retreat begins Friday at 8:00 p.m. EDT and
concludes Sunday at noon.

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and Breakfast on Sunday

St. Joseph Retreat & Conference Center

1440 W Division Rd, Tipton, IN 46072

Spiritual Growth Coordinator:

Theme: *"Finding Home"*

SPACE IS LIMITED - DON'T DELAY!

Registration and payment need to be received by **SEPTEMBER 15, 2026**. No refunds after October 8, 2026.

Name _____ District _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____ Church _____

☐

One (1) Person in room, plus 4 meals

\$185

Handicap Accessible Room Needed ☐ Yes ☐ No Special Diet, Specify _____

Emergency contact (name and phone number):

Pay with check

OR

Register and pay online with a credit card

Mail completed registration with check
made payable to *UWFaith of IN* to:

Rae Wallis
9431 English Oak Drive,
Indianapolis, IN 46235-1147,
phone 317-625-2523,
raewallis@comcast.net

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/silent-retreat-2026>

Or scan the QR code



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To be voted on at the Annual Meeting on September 12th

2027 Proposed District A&MD Budget

District Name West Central Plains

2027 Mission Giving Pledge: \$30,000

	2027 Proposed Budget	2026 Budget
Leadership		
Mileage	400.00	440.00
Meals	100.00	90.00
Postage	300.00	350.00
Dependent Care	200.00	180.00
Printing	200.00	180.00
Supplies	100.00	180.00
Literature/Resources	700.00	620.00
Total Leadership	2,000.00	2,040.00
Programming		
District Meetings	1,500.00	1,760.00
Leadership Trng Locals	500.00	440.00
Total Programming	2,000.00	2,200.00
Other		
Conference Events	300.00	350.00
Program Resources	700.00	710.00
Newsletter	1,000.00	2,635.00
Officer Recognition	600.00	530.00
Outreach	800.00	880.00
Miscellaneous	200.00	180.00
National Events	200.00	180.00
Lucille Raines Christmas Fund	500.00	-
Total Other	4,300.00	5,465.00
Grand Total	8,300.00	9,705.00

From the Committee of Nominations
Patsy Fleener, Coordinator

WCP Leadership Team needs the following officers:

- Nomination Committee members (need two)
- Education and Interpretation Coordinator
- Social Action Coordinator

If you might be interested or know someone that might be interested in any of the above offices, please contact me. Being a district officer is a wonderful way to get to know more ladies from over the district and know more about UWF locally.

2026 Reading Program Book Reviews by Diana Garner, Resource Coordinator

The In-Between by Katie Van Heidrich - Teen Book - Nurturing for Community

Although recommended for teens, I found this memoir quite compelling. Written in verse, the author relates a rough time her family endured from a teen's perspective. I enjoyed this book, because of the verse format, the true story, and the eye-opening images portrayed by the author as a teen. Yes, it counts for adult reading credit. Share it with a granddaughter for a good discussion!

Madam C.J. Walker's Gospel of Giving: Black Women's Philanthropy During Jim Crow by Tyrone M. Freeman
Leadership Development

I have long admired Madam C.J. Walker, but this version of her life was written like a dissertation. I wanted to know more about her work, her personality, and what drove her to success. The book was bogged down with lots of details that I didn't feel added anything to the biography of Madam Walker. I learned many new things about the time period of her work, the work of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME) and details of her philanthropic acts. I didn't enjoy the continual notes that served to document the facts about her life, work, and the people around her. Let me know what you think!

The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray
Nurturing for Community

This novel is about a young black woman who lived life as a white woman, while serving as personal librarian to J.P. Morgan. Belle gets involved in dealings for Mr. Morgan and meets many people in the art world and the world of high society. I quite frankly didn't find the story line plausible or new. The writing was easy to follow and descriptive of details.

Happy Reading!!!

