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MISSION U 2025



PRACTICING
HOPE
TOGETHER

August 16

Registration 9:30

Program 10:00

Trinity United
Methodist Church
Blandville Road
Paducah, KY



FROM OUR
President

Wow, I can't wrap my head around how fast the first quarter has come and gone. Spring is in the air. My favorite time of the year. There is so much to be thankful for this year, with the most important being The Resurrection!! God loved us so much, when we give him so many reasons not to, that he gave his only Son, Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins. What Love, Grace, and Mercy is given to us. As United Women in Faith we carry on that love to women, children, and youth throughout the world. What a wondrous feeling knowing we are helping to be the hands and feet of Jesus with all the incredible work we do as an organization of loving women!

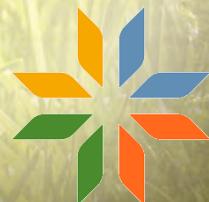
Jama really outdid herself with the Spiritual Growth Day Apart event. Samantha Hall presented the group "Com-mit-ment in an Uncommitted World" and Reidland ladies fed us very well. A big thank you to all who worked on this event.

There are many events in the upcoming months where you can show your light. Show Up and Show Out!! Everyone is encouraged to attend the events that will be described in the other officer's articles. The next event that is coming up will be Conference Mission u held at Scarritt Bennett in Nashville. Connie will have more information in her article. I hope to see many Purchase District ladies faces there next month.

In closing I want to leave you with these beautiful words to Martha from Jesus, "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

Believest thou this?" John 11:25-26

Jennifer Rose
President



SOCIAL ACTION

Ladies, I hope your Easter was joyous and you continue to celebrate Easter every Sunday!

Last fall, we had the first Purchase District UWF Social Action Work Day. I believe it was a success. Several units participated and several mission groups had items made or put together for their individual events. Our second event was scheduled for March, however, weather intervened. Water, water everywhere...storms! We will try again. It had been suggested that we hold our next Social Action Day on a weekday. Of course, that eliminates some folks but gives more opportunities for dates.

I would like help planning our next work day. I need these things:

- ⌘ Locations for events (maybe several events in different locations/for example, one in Paducah, one in Mayfield, one in Murray)
- ⌘ Ministries that need work to be done
- ⌘ Dates
- ⌘ Ideas that could help make a successful event

Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Please remember to pay attention to social injustice situations and be prepared to educate yourself and take action when needed. It does not take long to write your public officials and speak out.

Please remember your district mission team members.

Mary Lou Wurth

Social Action Coordinator

Happy Summer, Lovely Ladies,

OOPS! You did get a color edition of the "Purchase Pulse" in February, even after I told you that you would be getting one in black and white? It was a bit of an accident that I will attribute to the skunks under the district office building. (It's a long story, ladies.) However, I am actually glad you got to see what a beautiful job Rhonda Ash does with our "Purchase Pulse." Feel free to print your own color copy from the district website (<https://twkumc.org/districts/purchase-district/>) any time. And thank you, Rhonda. We appreciate your creativity!

Our Conference Mission u has been moved to June this year, June 12-14, to be exact. Unfortunately, the deadline for registration was May 10. Conference Mission u is a wonderful opportunity for spiritual growth, mission education, and fellowship with other UWF sisters. I hope those of you who want to attend found the information needed and were able to complete the registration.



I would encourage all of you to consider attending this event next year.

Our District Mission u will be on Saturday, August 16, 2025, at Trinity UMC in Paducah (6125 Blandville Road - at the blinking yellow light). Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. with the study beginning at 10:00. Our study, "Practicing Hope Together" will be an abbreviated version of the Conference Mission u study. Mark your calendars now, ladies. It's going to be good.

Our final event of the year will be our District Annual Day at the District Office in Brewers on Sunday, October 26. More details on this meeting later, but again, mark your calendars now.

Once again, we would love to have some information from all our Purchase District UWF units, with pictures, if possible, to include in our newsletter. I really enjoy hearing what all the units are up to and feel these reports

really make our newsletter come alive. And, as I have said before, if you have a fund raiser planned, the "Purchase Pulse" is a great source of free publicity. Many thanks to all the units who have sent in reports. Keep them coming!

Finally, we are trying to be a bit more intentional about our event door prizes. At the Spiritual Growth Day Apart we gave 2 copies of the Mission u study book as well as 2 books from the UWF Reading Program book list. At our two final events of the year, we will give more books from the Reading Program and invite you to read, then pass around and/or contribute them to your unit library so others can enjoy them.

Have a great summer, ladies. Hoping to see you on August 16.

Ann Boone

Communications Coordinator



Our Money Matters

Gratitude
Generosity,
Sharing,
Blessings,
Stewardship,
Giving, Thanksgiving,
Faith, Grace ...

are all words that describe the Lord of our lives.

Geralyn Seals, who is our TN-WKY Conference United Women in Faith treasurer, sent out a congratulations to the districts because in 2024, we helped exceed the Conference Pledge of \$110,000 by \$26,177.26; \$8,752.07 funds received for Designated Giving and \$30,072.87 for the Legacy fund.

The total amount sent to the United Women in Faith National Office was \$175,002.20.

Sometimes we forget how important we are as a part of God's plan for the care and equipping of women, children and youth in our world. You have a much greater part in His plan than you realize. I am grateful you are all committed to sharing God's love, grace and mercy with a hurting world; especially, in these unsettling times. May we continue to stay the course, to honor our Lord and to bless those in ministry and training who are receiving support from the United Women in Faith.

In the February newsletter, I wrote that we have 7 Rainbow Units, and I need to make a correction. For 2024, we have 8 Rainbow Units: Arcadia, Calvert City, Concord, Massac, Mayfield First, Murray First, Reidland and Trinity. The certificates will be given to your unit at Annual Day which will be October 26 at the district office in Brewers. At each of our events I will have a basket at the end of the program for a free-will offering which will be put toward our Pledge to Mission. At the Spiritual Growth Day Apart, willing hearts gave \$93.00 to our Mission Pledge.

This year I did not have the Special Mission Recognition Certificates at the time we distributed the training materials. I now have those certificates and can bring them to you at our Mission u or Annual Day, or mail them if you need them sooner. They are given to the lady that your Unit chooses to honor with the gold Special Mission Recognition (SMR) pin.

As a Purchase District United Women in Faith team member, I want to thank all the ladies who attended the Spiritual Growth event at Reidland. It is very encouraging to have you attend the events that have been planned, and it is also a good way to meet other women in other UWF units. Many thanks to the Reidland UWF for their wonderful gift of hospitality and delicious foods.

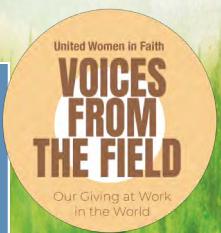
Treasurers, if you have any questions please contact me at phone: 270-226-3993 or email: jmnutter@murray-ky.net.

Happy Spring!!!

Jan Nutter

Treasurer

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DATE	EVENT	REGISTRATION	TIME	LOCATION
Aug. 16	Mission u	9:30	10:00	Trinity UMC
Oct. 26	Annual Day	1:30	10:00	District Office

CONFERENCE

Jun. 2-4	TWK Annual Conference	10:00	Collierville UMC
July 12	Charter for Racial Justice		Scarritt Bennett
Jun. 12-14	Conference Mission u		Lakeshore
Sep. 5-7	Women's Fall Retreat		
Sept. 27	Conference Annual Meeting	10:00	Gordon Memorial UMC
Nov.	Training for District Officers		Zoom

DISTRICT DUE DATES**REPORT****SEND TO**

June 1	Treasurer's Report and Pledge	Jan Nutter
June 1	Mission Study Report	Connie Bachuss
July 25	Purchase Pulse Articles	Ann Boone
August 1	Reading Program Report	Shirley Mollet
August 1	Mission Today and Green Report	Connie Bachuss
Sept.1	Treasurer's Report and Pledge	Jan Nutter
Sept. 1	Candle Burning report	Jan Nutter
Nov.1	Slate of 2026 Officers	Chris Spaeth
Dec.1	Treasurer's Report and Pledge	Jan Nutter
Dec.1	Membership Report	Lois Cunningham


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 ANSWERING THE CALL
**LOOKING FOR ? REGISTRATION FORMS-REPORT FORMS-FLYERS**
 Find them Online at
<https://www.twkumc.org/districts/purchase-district>
 Then Click on the United Women in Faith link.

- ◆ Purchase District UWF on FaceBook.....www.facebook.com/groups/1669795276619246
- ◆ Purchase District UWF webpage.....<https://twkumc.org/districts/purchase-district>
- ◆ United Women in Faith Website.....<https://uwfaith.org/>
- ◆ UWF on Facebook.....www.facebook.com/uwomenfaith
- ◆ UWF on Twittr.....www.twitter.com/uwomenfaith
- ◆ UWF on YouTube.....www.youtube.com/c/uwomenfaith
- ◆ UWF on Flickr.....www.flickr.com/photos/UMWomen
- ◆ Mission Resource Center.....www.missionresources.org
- ◆ Purchase District UMC webpage.....<https://twkumc.org/districts/purchase-district>
- ◆ Purchase District UMC on Facebook.....www.facebook.com/groups/206162816065387
- ◆ Tennessee-Western KY Conference of the UMC.....www.twkumc.org



SPIRITUAL GROWTH

WOW!!

We had an unbelievable day at the Spiritual Growth Day Apart on Saturday, April 26th. The fellowship shared with the 27 ladies that attended was amazing.

Rev. Samantha Hall led us in “Com-mit-ment in an Uncommitted World.” Her inspiration on Abraham and Sarah’s commitment to God along with her own personal commitment gave us insight on how we should be open to listening to God’s commitment to us. We must be open and willing to receive God’s guidance.

Rev. Hall’s personal stories about her commitments to her Cracker Jack, birthstone, and wedding rings were entertaining, and funny, but also led us to think about our personal commitments.

Are we listening to God and opening our hearts and lives to a commitment with him? If we follow God’s plan for us, we will be blessed in our commitment to others.

Reidland’s UWF ladies inspired us with their wonderful hospitality and delicious food. Thank you, ladies, for your generous spirit and the amazing lunch.

Jama Galloway
Spiritual Growth Coordinator



CALVERT CITY UNITED METHODIST UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

The UWF from Calvert City United Methodist Church is excited about 2025. Last year the women worked very hard and were able to contribute funds to numerous agencies. I have noticed the bonding of members resulting in friendship and sisterhood as they work together, setting successful as well as enjoyable goals, that help aid so many in need.

Calvert City’s UWF meets at noon on the second Thursday of each month. After a winter break, in March of 2025 they began a new year of missional activities. Ladies in the unit take turns each month preparing lunch which precedes the Business Meeting.

Recently many from the group prepared and delivered a meal for the very appreciative college students of the Wesley Foundation at Murray State University.



Many UWF members attended the Purchase District Spiritual Day Apart event held at Reidland UMC on April 26, 2025 where guest speaker, Rev. Samantha Hall, shared a very moving speech on COM-MIT-MENT IN AN UNCOMMITTED WORLD.

May’s UWF meeting will be a volunteer work-day at New-To-You Thrift Store. The Calvert City UWF work together to help fund many of the agencies that offer assistance to the many women, children, and youth in desperate situations, while Sharing God’s Love.

Submitted by Lois Cunningham

Hello Ladies!

Welcome to the craziest weather I've ever lived with! Praying all is well with each of you and hope to see you soon!

Just to update you on upcoming adventures with your United Women in Faith Ladies:

Practicing Hope Together

Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference

UWF Mission u

June 12 – 14, 2025

At the Scarritt Bennett Center in Nashville
Study Book is Practicing Hope Together
by Tabitha Holley

Unfortunately, registration for this event closed on May 10. Mission u is always a wonderful event, so if you missed out this year, keep it in mind for next year.

On a similar note, our Purchase District Mission u will be held at **Trinity United Methodist Church on August 16, 2025**. Registration will be at 9:30 and begin at 10:00 am. Church address is **6125 Blandville Road (at the Blinking yellow light)**. Speaker TBD. Our district study will be an abbreviated version of the Conference study. Information will be mailed to each of you after Conference Mission u.

Don't' forget ladies, your **Mission Study report is due June 1**, and the **Mission Today and Green Reports are due August 1**. These reports should be sent to me: Connie Bachuss, 10665 Old Lovelaceville Rd., Paducah, KY 42001.

Connie Bachuss

Education and Interpretation Coordinator

Local News

The ladies in the Concord unit of United Women in Faith have been busy this year so far. The year started on Feb 23, with the church-wide birthday party benefitting the Victory Through Faith ministry for women rescued from human trafficking. UWF members made pots of soup, everything from chili to potato soup to Robbie's Swamp Soup (which is always a big hit). Members of the congregation (also mostly UWF) decorated month-themed tables



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and provided the birthday cake for dessert. Over 80 people attended. Everybody had a good time, and \$1800.00 was raised for Victory Through Faith.

On March 1st, the UWF provided and served the meal for the local Family Kitchen outreach, which provides meals every Saturday for anyone who needs them. We served 74 meals and had an additional 21 takeouts.

We provided magnetic clasps for jewelry at the McCracken County Senior Center on March 31. People were very curious as to what these were. Now that the seniors see that it is a very convenient aid for those with arthritis or other dexterity problems, they have requested a return visit, which is scheduled for May 15. This is not only an assist for older folks but is also a good way to raise awareness of the UWF.

We also provided our annual graduates' breakfast on May 4.





is a time when nature opens up its beauty after a season of winter! It is always so energizing to feel the warmth of the sun, while enjoying all the miracles that Springtime exhibits. Have you noticed how wonderful it is to be with a group of women, of working together, assisting the many organizations equipped to help our many sisters in need. After all, that is what United Women in Faith is all about. It is such an exciting time to be a part of UWF, whether in our local units, or joining with our Christian Sisters from within our district's units.

The UWF members are role-models of the discipleship to share God's love. In fact: *"We are a powerful, fearless force driven by God's love and united in sisterhood. With a focus on women, children and youth, we act for justice and transform communities." "We face the realities we see in the world, even when they are not the ones we would like to see. However, our goal is not to bear witness simply to harms but also to God's love by acting boldly to change those harms."*

Those are the words identified as the United Women of Faith Vision Statement. A Vision statement that puts power, and humbleness together as we share our God given gifts. We should invite and welcome more sisters to join with us, so they too can experience the pride of helping others who need the comfort of knowing God Loves Them and they are not alone. May God Bless each and every effort made, to honor Him by helping others.



Recently at our District Spiritual UWF meeting held at Reidland United Methodist Church, we had the honor of hearing the Reverend Samantha Hall, pastor of three UMC's within Marshall County and Director of Third Place Ministries New to You Thrift Store, as well as The Crisis Ministry speaker. Samantha shared a powerful message of the struggles women face in life as they strive to fulfill the path they have worked so hard to accomplish. As she spoke about the hardships that she herself experienced, it was very evident many women present shared similar circumstances, and yet in spite of all the disappointments endured, have been able to overcome those obstacles, with the encouragement from others to never give up and put our faith in God. Being a part of United Women in Faith, can give each of us that support with one another as we bond together to support others.

Can you think of someone who could use that kind of support?

Lois Cunningham

Membership Nurture and Outreach

Hello Ladies! It's Spring Time... with the pleasant feelings of the warm winds blowing the sweet fragrances through the air; hearing the beautiful chorus of nature as it welcomes the renewal of life once again. Springtime

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We believe
love in action
can change
the world.

Local UNIT News

TRINITY UMC

To assist in the humanitarian efforts of UMCOR, ladies of Trinity's UWF collected items from the congregation and from within the group to complete 75 personal hygiene bags in conjunction with UMCOR SUNDAY March 30th.



The group held its annual Baked Potato Potluck Luncheon and brought in over \$1,100 to assist in off-setting the cost of several of our campers attending Lakeshore Camp this summer.

