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## *A word from an SEJ Nominating Committee Member*

Greetings everyone! Registration for our next Southeastern Jurisdiction's Quadrennial Meeting to be held in 'Good Old Chattanooga, TN' is now open! Just go to our website at [www.sejuwf.org](http://www.sejuwf.org) and click on Quadrennial Meeting. Everything is there including hotel information. Come on y'all and join us for lots of learning, fun and fellowship.

**April 19-21, 2024**

Register now through March 19, 2024

**Cost: \$249\***

Grace and Peace and hope to see you there!

\*The Purchase District UWF has some funds available to assist with the cost of this event. If you are interested in attending contact the district president, Jennifer Rose.

## *Save the Date* Conference **Mission u 2024**

*July 11-13, 2024  
Scarritt Bennett Center  
Nashville, Tennessee*

Theme



*Classes for adults, youth  
and children. Please mark  
you calendar to plan to be  
with us for another  
wonderful Mission u!  
Watch newsletters for  
more information.*

## Purchase District **LEADERSHIP UWF Officer Training Opportunities**

**Saturday,  
March 2,  
2024**

**9:30 a.m.**  
Reidland  
UMC

Registration  
30 minutes  
prior to start

**1:30 p.m.**  
South Pleasant  
Grove  
UMC

*The Purchase  
District UWF officers invite and  
encourage all unit officers to  
attend this training session. We  
have tried to make it easier by  
offering the session in two  
different areas of the district.  
We believe you will find the  
information you will receive to  
be very helpful. We are looking  
forward to seeing you on  
March 2nd!*



## Greetings United Women in Faith

Well, 2024 is off to a great start!

I pray all stayed warm during the arctic cold snap we recently experienced. Me, I'd rather be laying on a warm, sunny beach somewhere with my toes in the sand instead of in this icy snow.

The district officers had a calendar planning day on January 13. There are some great events coming up starting with an Officer Training Day on March 2. We will offer two locations again this year, so check the calendar in this newsletter on



locations and times. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 270-832-0731 or [jen.rose22@yahoo.com](mailto:jen.rose22@yahoo.com). I hope to see as great a turnout as last year.

I encourage everyone to join in the fun at our district events and at the conference events. It is so nice to fellowship with other Christian women and to help further ministries for women, children, and youth. Let's all try to invite someone new to our unit meetings to help us

all grow!

If a church has disaffiliated, you can still be a part of the United Women in Faith! The friendships made and the wonderful work the UWF does is so fulfilling.

So, I will leave you with the words from Proverbs 27:9, "A sweet friendship refreshes the soul."

Blessings,

*Jennifer Rose*

## Today, United Methodism is rapidly changing....

*—Churches are leaving and many of us are searching for a new church home.*

I am a United methodist. Each day I live with the powerful images of our church at work in the world that I have personally experienced.

I remember standing in a refugee camp with 10,000 refugees in Africa and watching children pump water from a bored hole marked with a plaque;

UNITED METHODIST  
COMMITTEE ON RELIEF

We are faith and love in action as United Methodists and as United Women in Faith. I encourage you to be steadfast in your commitment to the UWF because



millions of women, children and youth are counting on us. It is a life calling of justice and mission work. You can be an individual member or you can organize a district unit with women from several churches to keep your sisterhood of women together.

Let us inspire and encourage each other.

*Beth Brown*

Program Advisory Group



LOVE, JUSTICE AND SERVICE:  
ANSWERING THE CALL





## Our Money Matters

Happy New Year!!

My name is Jan Nutter, I am your new Purchase District UWF Treasurer for 2024. I am married to my husband, Mike; we have a daughter, Michelle Hansen, who as I am typing this, became a grandmother one week ago to Caroline Margaret Hansen. We are all thrilled and thankful to the Lord for this miracle in our family. I live in Murray, Kentucky and attend Murray First United Methodist Church and am UWF Unit Board Secretary and Friendship Hannah Circle Secretary. I will be answering to Geralynn Seals, United Women in Faith Treasurer of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference, as well as, to our Purchase District UWF Mission Team.

This will be a new position for me, and my prayer is that I will handle it accurately and be as helpful to each Unit as I can be. I want to thank each Unit for the fact that we gave above our budgeted amount of \$22,000 for 2023, and look forward to continuing to help women, children and youth

around the world in 2024.

United Women in Faith Unit Treasurers, our Purchase District UWF Unit Training Day will be Saturday, March 2, 2024, at Reidland UMC, from 9:00AM-10:30AM, and at South Pleasant Grove UMC, from 1:00 PM-2:30PM. The Purchase District UWF Mission Team will be doing the same training at each location. You are welcome to bring your Unit Treasurer's Report and Pledge due on March 1<sup>st</sup> to the training for me. If you have already mailed it to either me or to Ann Boone (you may not have realized that Ann is no longer your treasurer), no problem. We will be sure your money gets to the right place. I look forward to seeing you at the training.

**Note: Any checks sent in to the District UWF Treasurer should be made out to Purchase District UWF**

Grace and Peace

*Jan Nutter*

Treasurer

## LET'S COMMUNICATE!!

Greetings Ladies,

This is Ann Boone and after six years as your District treasurer I am now your **Communications Coordinator**. This year, I will be trying to keep you informed about what is going on in the district and conference UWFs. It is a big job, and I am a bit technologically challenged, but do not fear. I have Penny on speed dial.

So, the "Purchase Pulse" is one of my main responsibilities. Actually, Rhonda Ash, from Trinity UMC puts it all together, (Kudos to Rhonda!)



but I collect the articles and information, do a little editing, and send them on to Rhonda so she can work her magic. Each unit should receive at least 4 printed copies of the "Pulse," but it will also be available online on our district website, where it is presented in color—and it is beautiful. In addition to the articles that we get from the District Mission Team members, we would love to include information from you. What is going on in your unit? Do you have a mission project, a fund raiser, or an activity that you would like to share with all of us?

If so, please let me know.

My email address is ann.boone450@gmail.com or if you prefer, my home address is 847 Aspen Way, Paducah, KY 42003.

I will look forward to hearing from you! I also hope to see many of you at one of the Officer Training events on March 2.

Grace and Peace,

*Ann Boone*

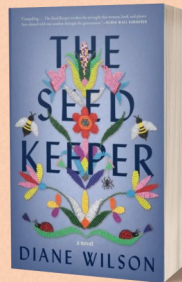
Communications Coordinator



## PROGRAM RESOURCES

Greetings, I am Shirley Mollett, your new Purchase District Program Resources Coordinator. I would like to encourage more participation in the UWF Reading Program. There are four plans to choose from. To receive a Certification of Recognition for Plan 1, read a book from each of the following key categories: Spiritual Growth, Social Action, Leadership Development, Education for Mission, and Nurturing for Community. For Plan 2, read 10 books (2 from each category). For Plan 3, read 15 books (3 from each category). For Plan 4, read 20 books (4 from each category). Even if you don't complete a reading plan, please turn in the number of books you read. The local unit yearly reports are due August 1<sup>st</sup>. You can find the form online on the TWK Conference website at <https://twkumc.org/districts/purchase-district/>. Then click on the United Women in Faith link. Mail them to me at 3408 Rucker Street, Paducah, KY 42001, or email them to [shirley\\_mollett@yahoo.com](mailto:shirley_mollett@yahoo.com).

I just finished reading *The Seedkeeper* by Diane Wilson and highly recommend it. She tells the story of Rosie Iron Wing, a Native American woman who, after her husband's death, goes back to the cabin from which she was taken after her father's death. Recalling the years with a white foster family, her marriage to a white farmer and the raising of her son, she confronts her past and tries to figure out the future. She learns of the strong women in her family who protected their families, traditions and the cache of seeds passed from generation to generation. This book's category is Nurturing for Community.



Looking forward to serving you, and hope to see you at one of the Officer Trainings session on March 2.

Sincerely,  
*Shirley Mollett*  
 Program Resources

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Welcome to Spiritual Growth 2024 and a new year to learn more about including a growth plan in your life. I pray that

each of us can grow together. Spiritual growth is a lifelong development that we nurture by creating a daily plan to become closer to God. Personal spiritual growth is what I am trying to develop for myself and my life. I have realized that I have been living my life in too much of the flesh.

The first of the year instead of setting a New Year's resolution, I chose to pick one thing to work on. I chose to be more giving. Giving of my personal, daily time with God and others. Psalm 71 has taught me to first put my trust in the Lord. I feel God is leading me on my journey of Spiritual Growth. That is why I agreed to be the Spiritual Growth Coordinator. I am

choosing to bring love, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Including these things in your life will bring you Spiritual Growth and closer to God, but it does not happen overnight.

My first step was to set my goal. I am now developing my process and setting daily goals. This will be my focus this year as your Spiritual Growth Coordinator leader.

We have developed a Calendar to guide you throughout the year which is included in this newsletter. Our first commitment to you is on March 2. We will be hosting an Officer Training event to guide officers on their responsibilities and goals.

In April we will be hosting a Spiritual Growth event. I hope that you will be able to attend. We are still in the developing stage. More to come.

May God be with you daily in your journey.

*Jama Galloway*

Spiritual Growth Coordinator



**Purchase District**

**Saturday, April 13th**

**Calvert City UMC**

**571 Oak Park Blvd. Calvert City, KY**

**9:30 AM—2:30 PM**

**Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.**

**Cindy Garrett will be the event leader.**

Ladies,  
I am Mary Lou Wurth and I was recently elected Social Action Coordinator. I am excited to get to work on UWF social action issues. The social action portion of UWF ministry crosses many paths and touches lives with our advocacy in areas of social issues. Those issues include:

- ◆ Climate Justice
- ◆ Economic inequality
- ◆ Global Justice
- ◆ Peace, human trafficking
- ◆ Immigration
- ◆ Maternal/child health
- ◆ Peace building
- ◆ Racial Justice.

**Wow!** That's a lot of important issues. We can participate in many ways and on

## SOCIAL ACTION

October 19, beginning at 9:00am and ending at 2:00 pm, we are going to have an opportunity to work on some of these issues. We will gather at Concord UMC for a work day. Come at whatever time is convenient for you.

**What I need now**, is a list of projects in which our members are currently involved: Does a member of your unit, circle, or an individual in your group, work with a project that would benefit from a group of ladies spending a day working on items for that group? Does that pro-

ject fit within the purpose of UWF?

Please contact me by June 1 to submit your projects. You will need to provide all materials for that project.

My contact information is Mary Lou Wurth, P.O. Box 516, Cunningham, KY, 42035; marylouwurth2@gmail.com; 270-875-3070.

Thanks in advance. This can be a productive day for the various mission-oriented groups. This day has a second benefit...it will help us work on the portion of our purpose dealing with creating a supportive fellowship. The more we know each other the stronger we become.

*Mary Lou Wurth*



LOVE, JUSTICE AND SERVICE:  
ANSWERING THE CALL



Hello!

My name is Lois Cunningham and I am a member of the Calvert City United Methodist Church. In October 2023, I accepted the role as the District Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator to begin January 1, 2024. I so look forward to working with everyone and helping to strengthen our memberships in our local units and in our district because this is such a great organization.

Currently, I realize there is a great a need for the help that Women in Faith can offer. More importantly, the Women in Faith local units can make a huge difference in the lives of women, youth and children all around the world. They do not have to be members to receive help and you know this is important right now. I think women are so powerful and doing this for God you know will be very pleasing to Him because there's so much of a need out there and, as a local unit and district, together we can make things happen in such a nurturing way.

I look forward also to hearing your ideas and suggestions this year of 2024 and what the Women in Faith can do. God bless each and everyone of you.

*Lois Cunningham*

District Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator

## THE PURPOSE OF UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

The organized unit of 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.

**To expand** concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

**We believe  
love in action  
can change  
the world.**

**EDUCATION**  
&  
*Interpretation*



Hello!

My name is Connie Bachuss and I am going to try to be the best Education and Interpretation person you've ever known! Since I'm *very* new to this experience, I will offer you all I know and then ask for help. Lots of help!

As for any experience needed for this office, I will tell you about my present responsibilities. I am on the Kairos Outside Prison Ministry Council, Face-to-Face Council, and serve as Team Leader for the Family Kitchen at Trinity UMC. My time on the Face-to-Face Council will come to an end in December of this year, but it has been fun!

I have been in various positions in different volunteer capacities since early retirement including Head Cook, Fairy God-mother, Head Table Server, Day Angel Co-Coordinator, and Agape Coordinator. I will do just about anything to make things work. With all of that said, I am prayerfully looking to the future with the district mission team, and I intend to make the best of whatever happens!

And so far, there is a date to keep up with. Our District "Mission u" will be held on August 17, 2024, at Murray First UMC. The address is 503 Maple Street, Murray, Kentucky. The leader for our study has not been decided yet.

Since I had no idea of what to include in this introduction, I hope this helps to clarify just a little about who I am. So, De Colores, Blessings, Prayers, Later Gator, and see ya soon!

*Connie Bachuss*

Education and Interpretation Coordinator



#### DISTRICT EVENTS:

| DATE   | EVENT                                 | REG       | TIME        | LOCATION                 |
|--------|---------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------------|
|        |                                       |           |             |                          |
| Mar 2  | Unit Leadership training (North)      | 9:00 a.m. | 9:30 a.m.   | Reidland UMC             |
| Mar 2  | Unit Leadership training (South)      | 1:00 p.m. | 1:30 p.m.   | South Pleasant Grove UMC |
| Apr 13 | Purchase Dist. Spiritual Growth Event | 9:00 a.m. | 9:30 - 2:30 | Calvert City UMC         |
| Aug 17 | Purchase District Mission u           | 9:00 a.m. | 9:30 – 2:30 | Murray First UMC         |
| Oct 19 | Social Action Day                     | NA        | 9:00 a.m.   | Concord UMC              |
| Oct 27 | Annual Day                            | 1:30 a.m. | 2:00 p.m.   | District Office          |
|        |                                       |           |             |                          |
|        |                                       |           |             |                          |

#### CONFERENCE EVENTS:

| DATE      | EVENT                        | LOCATION                   |
|-----------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| March 23  | Charter for Racial Justice   | TBD                        |
| May 3-5   | Spiritual Growth Retreat     | Beersheba Springs Assembly |
| Jun 17-19 | TWK Annual Conference        | Memphis                    |
| Jul 11-13 | Conference Mission u         | Scarritt Bennett           |
| Aug 24    | Conference Social Action Day | TBD                        |
| Sept 28   | Conference Annual Meeting    | TBD                        |
| Sept 6-8  | Fall Retreat                 | Lakeshore Camp & Retreat   |

#### DISTRICT REPORTS DEADLINES:

| DATE   | REPORT NAME                          | DUE TO          |
|--------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Mar 1  | Treasurer's Report & Pledge          | Jan Nutter      |
| Jun 1  | Treasurer's Report & Pledge          | Jan Nutter      |
| Jun 1  | Mission Study Report                 | Connie Bachuss  |
| Aug 1  | Reading Program Report               | Shirley Mollett |
| Aug 1  | Mission Today & Green Report         | Connie Bachuss  |
| Sept 1 | Candle Burning Report                | Jan Nutter      |
| Sept 1 | Treasurer's Report & Pledge          | Jan Nutter      |
| Nov 1  | The slate of 2025 Local UWF Officers | Chris Spaeth    |
| Dec 1  | Treasurer's Report & Pledge          | Jan Nutter      |
| Dec 31 | Membership Report                    | Lois Cunningham |

Events appearing in **BOLD TYPE** are open to everyone.

Deadlines for Newsletters: Purchase District; June 11, September 11. Please have submissions to Ann Boone 2 weeks prior to deadline.

Clarion submissions deadlines May 1, August 1, November 1. Please have all submissions in prior to deadlines.



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#### Upcoming Events

For Local United Women In Faith

Mar. 2 Unit Leadership Training

Apr. 13 Purchase District Spiritual Growth Event

Aug. 17 Purchase District Mission u

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Purchase District UWF

#### LOOKING FOR ?

REGISTRATION  
REPORT  
AND



FORMS  
FORMS  
FLYERS

Find them Online at

<https://www.twkumc.org/districts/purchase-district>

Then Click on the United Women in Faith link.

#### ONLINE RESOURCES

- ◆ Purchase District UWF on FaceBook.....[www.facebook.com/groups/1669795276619246](http://www.facebook.com/groups/1669795276619246)
- ◆ Purchase District UWF webpage.....<https://twkumc.org/districts/purchase-district>
- ◆ United Women in Faith Website.....<https://uwfaith.org/>
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- ◆ Mission Resource Center.....[www.missionresources.org](http://www.missionresources.org)
- ◆ Purchase District UMC webpage.....<https://twkumc.org/districts/purchase-district>
- ◆ Purchase District UMC on Facebook..... [www.facebook.com/groups/206162816065387](http://www.facebook.com/groups/206162816065387)
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