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**Upcoming Events to Celebrate and Inspire**

📍 **Prayer Breakfast – September 13, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.**
🕊️ *Location:* Bridgewater UMC, 219 North Main Street, Bridgewater, VA 22812
Join us for a joyful morning of music and fellowship, led by **Karen McElfish**, UWF Conference President, and **Laura Douglass**, District Social Action Coordinator.
*Registration details are included in this newsletter. Don’t miss it!*

📍 **Racial Justice Presentation – October 11, 2025 - 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**
📖 *Location:* Laurel Ridge College
We’re honored to welcome **Betty Kilby Baldwin** and **Phoebe Kilby**, authors of *Cousins*—a powerful memoir of truth, forgiveness, and reconciliation.
*(A full feature and details can be in the newsletter.)*

**District Spiritual Life Retreat – Saturday, October 18th – 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

*Location:* Braddock Street UMC, 115 Wolfe Street, Winchester, VA 22601

Tikkun Olan: Repairing the World Through Story, Art and Humor

*Registration details are included in this newsletter.*

**🕊️ A Prayer from *Response***

*Precious Jesus,*

*Continue to increase our faith as we go through the challenges of life. Increase our courage and boldness to fight for the injustices around us. Let your love and grace continue to dwell in us as we bear your light to the world*

*Alpha May Tomas – Order of Deaconess and Home Missioner*

***Barbara Phillips, District UWF, Co-Vice President***