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PURCHASE DISTRICT UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH NEWSLETTER | FEBRUARY 2023 | VOLUME 7 ISSUE 1



Purchase District  
Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference

## 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.



LOVE, JUSTICE AND SERVICE:  
ANSWERING THE CALL

Faith  
Talks

A UNITED METHODIST WOMEN PODCAST



### MONTHLY PODCAST

**Faith Talks** are monthly conversations with United Women in Faith hosted by Jennifer R. Farmer, Spotlight PR. Each conversation explores themes and resources that empower us to put faith, hope and love into action.

Recent topics include:

- Women in Leadership
- When Mom's in Prison
- Friendship and Forgiveness
- Mission u Studies on Luke 13
- Earth Day
- Talks on Restorative Justice
- Women in Peacemaking

<https://uwfaith.org/event/faith-talks-honoring-work-and-workers/>

## Purchase District **LEADERSHIP TRAINING EVENTS**

Two Opportunities Offered

**Saturday,  
March 11**

**9:00 a.m.**  
Reidland  
UMC

Registration  
30 minutes prior  
to start time

**1:00 p.m.**  
South Pleasant  
Grove  
UMC

*We hope to see  
all unit officers  
at training!*



## Greetings United Women in Faith,



## FROM OUR President

As I sit here trying to find the right words to put on paper, praying to God and wondering what I have gotten myself into!! I have meditated and talked to God about opening doors for me. Well now it is starting to happen and it's up to me to get up, walk through those doors, and become what has been His plan for me all along. A few weeks ago I was asked to be your District President due to some unforeseen circumstances with our newly elected President. Almost, without even thinking, I said YES! I realize now that was one of those doors God was opening for me, so who knows where this will lead me in my faith journey. I just pray I will do the best of my ability, with the help of District Officers now and past, to represent the Purchase District well!

Now a little about myself, as I am fairly new to the District Team.

My name is Jennifer Rose, but most call me Jenn. A faithful member of Massac UMC in McCracken County, member and president of our UWF group, and for a small group, we try to be as active as we can! My husband, Duane, and I have been married almost 34 years with a son, daughter, their spouses and a granddaughter. I enjoy hanging out with my family including our two fur babies, various bible studies, reading on the beach and here lately jumping in head first to new spiritual adventures.

There are so many opportunities in the upcoming months for us ladies to get out and participate again. I hope all can attend Officers Training March 11 (details are included in this newsletter). There will be a Spiritual Growth Event in

April, Mission U in August, and District Annual Day in October. And this is just the District Events. The TWK Conference will host many Events in the coming months also. I am in prayer we all can attend as many as possible. I am excited to meet and worship with everyone and see where this 2023 year leads us all! Let's all be in prayer for the church as a whole in the days to come.

I leave you with some scripture that gets me through the tough times..." Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9 ESV

Blessings,

*Jennifer Rose*, President

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love in action  
can change  
the world.**

## From the secretary



Greetings and Blessings to you, I am Chris Spaeth your new UWF Secretary. I live in Paducah and have worked as an administrative assistant at Concord United Methodist since 2016. Dan and I moved to Paducah in 2001 for his job at the National Weather Service. We have 2 adult girls, Sarah 24 is a student at Murray State online and is currently living in Cookeville TN (BOO), and Ashley 18 is still at home and may never leave (YEAH). We have been married going on 27 years.

The 2023 Purchase UWF Directory, with the help of Jan Nutter and Shirley Mollet, is now complete. Below is the link. If you need to contact me, please feel free to call/text me at 270-217-0365, my work number 270-443-2669 and my email is [concordofficepaducah@gmail.com](mailto:concordofficepaducah@gmail.com)

Grace and Peace

*Chris Spaeth*

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## Our Money Matters

*Hello, Lovely Ladies,*

*Greetings and best wishes for 2023. As usual, I want to give you a report on what you were able to accomplish toward world mission giving in 2022.*

The Purchase District sent in to the Tennessee/Western Kentucky United Women in Faith a “whopping” \$ 24,726.55 to undesignated giving plus an additional \$ 1,319 to Call to Prayer and Self Denial in 2022. I am truly amazed, humbled, and grateful for your generosity. And I know that you also sent in additional funds, either directly or through the District UWF to agencies such as Lakeshore, Reelfoot Rural Ministries, PCM, various food pantries, West Kentucky United Methodist Family Services . . . the list goes on and on. Well done, good and faithful servants.

A huge shout out to the local unit treasurers who worked diligently to get your remittances to me in a timely manner. I am especially appreciative, treasurers, for your December reports which almost all reached me BEFORE the December 1, deadline. You surely made my job easier. Thank you!

I hope you noticed in this newsletter, that there will be Officer Training sessions available on March 11. It has been several years since we have had officer training and there have been numerous changes during that time – a new conference and a new name for our organization. I would certainly encourage all unit treasurers to journey to Reidland at 9:00 a.m. OR to South Pleasant Grove at 1:00 p.m., on March 11, for training. Yes, the district officers felt this training was important enough to offer it twice, in different areas of the district.

There are several new forms and different ways of doing things. So bring any questions you might have and I will bring your new remittance forms, an explanation of some of the changes, and will try to answer your questions. Of course, I would love to just see all of you in person and meet the new (to me) treasurers.

One concern that I have encountered is with your unit bank accounts. For legal matters such as bank accounts, it is fine and legal not to change “UMW” to “UWF”. Some banks may be asking you to close the UMW accounts and reopen to a UWF account, requiring new checks, etc. That is not necessary, ladies! You may certainly continue to use your old accounts (and checks) with the UMW designation. Questions??? Please come on March 11, or feel free to call me with your concerns.

One personal change. I have changed my email address! I can now be reached at: [ann.boone450@gmail.com](mailto:ann.boone450@gmail.com) Unfortunately, I cannot receive email at my old address at all anymore.

Thank you, ladies.  
I look forward to seeing you on March 11.

Grace and Peace,

Ann Boone

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### WE NEED YOU!

Yes, you!

The Purchase District Leadership Team is looking for women to step up and say, “yes, I will take a position on the team!” Please ladies, pray about taking a position on the team. Local presidents if you know of anyone, please encourage them. You are welcome to nominate yourself or someone else. The nominee will be contacted by the chair of the Purchase District nominations team.

While any woman can join United Women in Faith as a member, *United Women in Faith elected leaders must be laywomen who are willing to commit their talents, time, energy and effort to serve God’s mission.* Presidents at all levels of the organization must be members of a United Methodist church.

Nominations Team members are:

Shirley Mollett, chair

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Penny Story

*Purchase Pulse Co-editor*

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Lucy Hunt

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## PROGRAM RESOURCES

*Submitted by Jennifer Rose*

I hope everyone is staying warm these last few weeks. I, myself, would rather be on a beach somewhere reading a delightful book. Speaking of good books, have you read any lately? 2023 is already in its second month and I want to encourage everyone to participate in the Reading Program this year. Whether you are a seasoned program participant or new to the program, I hope to get in reports from all the units this year.



The latest books I have read are "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek," which is in our Reading Program, and "The Book Woman's Daughter" by Kim Michele Richardson. "Inspired by the true blue-skinned people of Kentucky and the dedicated Kentucky Pack Horse Library Services of the 1930's" Cussy Marry Carter and her daughter share their quest to deliver books to the deep Appalachian folk. "One woman's belief that books can carry us anywhere – even back home." ("book reviews from UWF Reading Resources). The website to download the book list and plans offered, go to:

[://uwfaith.org/resources/reading-program](http://uwfaith.org/resources/reading-program)

*If you need help, please feel free to contact me. Remember the due date to complete the Reading Program is August 1st, so get to reading those terrific books!*

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*Submitted by Pat Dunker*  
 Spiritual Growth/Communications  
 Purchase District United Women in  
 Faith

Hello to All, and Happy New Year! I have LOTS to share – PLEASE pass this on!

Your District Team has been busy already getting our calendar set, and planning events to bring us together.

One special thing we've gotten done is plan our Officer Training. Going to look a little different this year – we're going to have two trainings – one at each end of the district, and they won't be all day events. They will both be on March 11; one at Reidland FUMC at 9 to 10:30 am, and one at South Pleasant Grove FUMC at 1 pm to 2:30 pm. They will be approximately 1½ hour to 2 hours at most. We'll have District Officers there to go over the different offices and give you contact names and numbers for questions. AND! There will be door prizes at each session!

At these sessions, the training will be as follows:

**Presidents / Vice Presidents/ Program Resources**

**Secretaries/Communications/Treasurers**

**Spiritual Growth/E&I Coordinators/Membership**

Also, we probably know of those churches that have units that have disbanded. There may be some women who would still like to be involved with UWF – why not invite them to join your units? Many women still have lots to contribute – bring them in! Have a get-together – maybe a brunch. Call it a 'get acquainted' event. We want Women in Faith – that includes many faiths, not just ours! We all have Christ in common and our faith in God. Let us see what God's women can do when we're all together! You can print out the newsletter and let it introduce them to our District membership.

I'm currently wearing two hats – Spiritual Growth and Communications. I'm asking a BIG favor of all of you. If I've sent an email to you in error because you're no longer holding a particular office, PLEASE forward it to the new officer, and advise me of the change. That way I can get information out to all I need to in a timely manner. I can also continue to send you information if you'd prefer that! We're also planning a Spiritual Growth event on April 15<sup>th</sup> at Fulton First United Methodist church. Details will be out as they're solidified.

I'm also inviting ALL units to send in your news! Let us know what your units are up to. If you've got a project going that you're proud of – send it to me! We'll be glad to let the others know about it – and it may inspire others to try it. Have you had a special guest speak to your unit? Have a special day coming up in your unit? Tell us – share the good news! Have you got ideas for something you'd like to see in the newsletter? Send that as well.

When God formed the earth, and He created human beings, He created two of them. He created us to be in fellowship – we're just not meant to be alone. Reach out to each other. Encourage each other. Pray for each other. And gather together – to sing His blessings, to praise Him together – just as He intended.

Until next time.....

*Pat*



## **Purchase District**

**Saturday, April 15th**

**Fulton First UMC**

**9:30 AM—2:30 PM**

**Registration is 30 min. prior to start time.**

**Fulton First UMC**

**200 Carr Street, Fulton, KY 42041**

## **TWK CONFERENCE**

**Friday—Sunday**

**May 5th-7th**

**Beersheba Springs Assembly**

**58 Hege Ave., Beersheba Springs, TN 37305**



*Submitted by Jan Nutter*

Now, are we ready to begin our new normal?

Do you realize we were created for relationships? Have you fallen into the "I don't feel like it" hole? "It is easier to sit here than be out there" mindset? We have spent a good bit of time masked if we went out or else stayed home because our enemy was Covid!

What I came to realize during that time, was that we were created for relationships; first with God and then with others! And many people began to have mental health issues because of the solitude.

The women in our lives are very important to us. If we are older, God has instructed us to be mentors to the younger women, youth and girls in our lives. If we are younger, we are looking for those who we can talk with and trust, making new friends and perhaps, seeking an older woman to talk with, who can help us navigate life. UMW, now United Women in Faith, provided us with these types of experiences through Unit meetings, District meetings, Spiritual Growth in Retreats, Mission U and Annual Days at the District and Conference levels. As United Women in Faith, we have opportunities to meet women from other areas, find friends with common interests and serve the Lord through the missions and ministries of our Units, District and Conference. We're able to invite women who are in our church, friends who may attend other churches, or those who do not yet attend a church and may not have the blessing of meeting with other women.

These past few years have brought unexpected changes for all of us; a tornado, flooding, ice and below zero temps caused damage to homes, deaths, miscarriages, cancers, and surgeries. I know in my own life, my sisters in our Circles and Unit have been the hands, feet and love of Jesus to our family. No one is a lone ranger! We all need each other.

God has a way of bringing us out of our comfort zone, depression, or apathy, and calling us to take a leap of faith and trust Him in what we have been asked to do. Are you ready to gather again; to encourage each other in our faith walk; to learn from the women who come to share their stories and to teach us about the concerns of our lives and world. May we make it our challenge for this year to encourage the women in our Units in their giftedness, pray for each other and equip each other so that we can then go out into our communities better prepared to be the hands, feet and love of Jesus. May we support the missions of the United Women in Faith so that we make a difference in the lives of women, youth and children around the world. One yes makes all the difference! Come join us on the journey!!

**Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."**

EDUCATION  
&  
Interpretation

My name is Jackie Beauchamp and I am the new E&I Coordinator for the Purchase District.

Conference Mission U will be held July 13-15 at Scaritt Bennett. The topic will be "Living in the Kin-dom." Purchase District Mission U will be held August 19 at Concord. Purchase District Spiritual Growth Event will be April 15 at Fulton First. I hope everyone can attend these events.

Let us make this year the year that all units that possibly can become a 7-star unit. And correspond with at least three mission personnel listed in the Prayer Calendar.

I look forward to working with everyone as your new E&I Coordinator.

*Jackie Beauchamp*

*District Education & Interpretation Coordinator*



## Share The Good News

Share your local unit's good news! Mission work is so important and we have to tell people about the work so that others will be encouraged to serve.

Your work matters to women, youth, children and families across the world. Please send pictures and information about the events you host and participate in during the year and we'll share it in the newsletter. Send your stories [padunker@gmail.com](mailto:padunker@gmail.com).

*Pat Dunker*

*Penny Story*

*Communications co-editors*

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#### DISTRICT EVENTS:

DATE	EVENT	REG	TIME	LOCATION
Jan 28	Purchase District Leadership Team Mtg		9:30 a.m.	District Office, Brewers
<b>Mar 11</b>	<b>Unit Leadership training (North)</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Reidland UMC</b>
<b>Mar 11</b>	<b>Unit Leadership training (South)</b>	<b>12:30 p.m.</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>South Pleasant Grove UMC</b>
<b>Apr 15</b>	<b>Purchase Dist. Spiritual Growth Event</b>	<b>9 a.m.</b>	<b>9:30 - 2:30</b>	<b>Fulton First UMC</b>
Jun 22	Purchase District Finance Committee		5:30 p.m.	Majestic Restaurant, Mayfield
Jun 22	Purchase District Leadership Team Mtg		6:00 p.m.	Majestic Restaurant, Mayfield
<b>Aug 19</b>	<b>Purchase District Mission U</b>	<b>9 a.m.</b>	<b>9:30 – 2:30</b>	<b>Concord UMC</b>
Sept 9	Purchase District Leadership Team Mtg		9:30 a.m.	District Office, Brewers
<b>Oct 15</b>	<b>Purchase District Annual Day</b>	<b>1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>2:00 – 4:00</b>	<b>District Office, Brewers</b>

#### CONFERENCE EVENTS:

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>May 5-7</b>	<b>Spiritual Growth Retreat</b>	<b>Beersheba Springs Assembly</b>
<b>Jun 15- 17</b>	<b>TWK Annual Conference</b>	<b>Memphis</b>
<b>Jul 13-15</b>	<b>Conference Mission U</b>	<b>Scarritt Bennett</b>
<b>Aug 26</b>	<b>Conference Social Action Day</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Sept 30</b>	<b>Conference Annual Meeting</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Oct 20-22</b>	<b>Fall Retreat</b>	<b>Beersheba Springs Assembly</b>

#### DISTRICT REPORTS DEADLINES:

DATE	REPORT NAME	DUE TO
Mar 1	Treasurer's Report & Pledge	Ann Boone
Jun 1	Treasurer's Report & Pledge	Ann Boone
Jun 1	Mission Study Report	Jackie Beauchamp
Aug 1	Reading Program Report	Jennifer Rose
Aug 1	Mission Today & Green Report	Jackie Beauchamp
Aug 1	Candle Burning Report	Jackie Beauchamp
Sept 1	Treasurer's Report & Pledge	Ann Boone
Nov 1	The slate of 2024 Local UWF Officers	Chris Spaeth
Dec 1	Treasurer's Report & Pledge	Ann Boone
Dec 31	Membership Report	Jan Nutter

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

Deadlines for Newsletters: Purchase District; June 11, September 11. Please have submissions to Pat Dunker 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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## CURRENT RESIDENT OR

### Upcoming Events

For Local United Women In Faith

Mar. 11 Unit Leadership Training

Apr. 15 District Spiritual Growth Event

May 5-7 Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat

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### LOOKING FOR ?

REGISTRATION FORMS  
REPORT FORMS  
AND FLYERS



Find them Online at

[www.purchasedistrictumc.com/ministries/united-women-faith](http://www.purchasedistrictumc.com/ministries/united-women-faith)

## ONLINE RESOURCES

- ◆ Purchase District UWF on FaceBook.....[www.facebook.com/groups/1669795276619246](http://www.facebook.com/groups/1669795276619246)
- ◆ Purchase District UWF webpage.....<https://purchasedistrictumc.com/ministries/united-women-faith>
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