



PURCHASE DISTRICT
UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH NEWSLETTER
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United Women in Faith



FROM OUR
President

Purchase District

Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference

DISTRICT ANNUAL DAY

October 15
2:00-4:00
(1:30 registration)

District Office
2285 Jack Treas Road
Kirksey, KY 42054
(Located in Brewers, KY)

Blessing's ladies of the United Women in Faith.

I pray all had a great summer, although HOT at times. I am personally happy for autumn is upon us!! My favorite season! All the fall smells, cooler weather, and football!

The Purchase District held a Mission u on August 19 at Concord UMC. The Rev. Marie King from Nashville was our facilitator. The program was on exploring The Lord's Prayer deeper, gaining a stronger understanding of what Jesus is teaching us, and look at different translations. Attendance was well represented by several UWF groups and a big thank you to the Concord UWF ladies for preparing us a delicious meal of loaded baked potatoes and various sweets.

Remember to check the calendar in the newsletter for upcoming events in the District and the Conference. The fall line up looks to have some interesting events that I can't wait to attend. I hope you can join in the fun also.

Remember to pray for our churches and country in all that is happening. I hope to see every one of you very soon.

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." ~Mark 11:24 ESV

Jennifer Rose, President



Happy
fall
& Fall

I hope you have had a wonderful summer, mine has been very busy. It started in April in Minneapolis St. Paul for the Annual Meeting of Professional Administrators of the United Methodist Connectional Structure (PAUMCS). Vacationing in South Carolina with our girls Sarah & Ashley. Then rotator cuff repair surgery and PT, to PAUMCS Advance Training in Nashville. Please ask your church administrator if she has checked into PAUMCS. It is an awesome support system sponsored by GCFA (General Committee on Finance and Administration). TWK Conference is sponsoring the 2024 Annual Meeting in Memphis, TN
Now onto United Women in Faith news.

If your church has disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church, please remember you are still part of United Women in Faith, and we will miss you if you stop coming to events.

Your slate of officers for 2024 is due to me before November 1st. Please email at concordofficepaducah@gmail.com or mail your report to:
Chris Spaeth
Concord UMC
5178 Hinkleville RD
Paducah KY 42001

Submitted by:
Chris Spaeth
UWF - Purchase District Secretary



Our Money Matters

Hello Lovely Ladies,

Fall is fast approaching after a hot summer. Are you as happy as I am to welcome cooler weather? With fall comes a flurry of UWF activities. We have just enjoyed a great District Mission u led by Pastor Marie King, who was informative and delightful. A huge shout out to Jan Nutter, who took on the task of coordinating this event for us. Great job, Jan. And many thanks to Concord UWF for hosting us and providing a delicious meal.

A quick report on how we stand on our district pledge to mission. You may remember, we were a little behind after our 2nd remittance period, but you have stepped up to the plate, ladies. At the end of the 3rd quarter, we have given over \$20,000 of our \$22,000 pledge. Great job, ladies. I am confident we will meet and possibly even surpass our goal.

Several of you responded to our "A Way to Help" call to help Mayfield First UWF rebuild their library after the 2021 tornado destroyed their church. You will be glad to hear that I recently sent a check for over \$600 to our sister unit in Mayfield. Good job, ladies, for your support of a sister unit in need.



Coming up soon (September 30) is the Conference UWF Annual Day. This year it will be held at Dickson, TN First Methodist. I have always enjoyed Conference Annual Day and this year I especially look forward to seeing friends from the legacy-Memphis Conference as well as meeting some new friends from the legacy Tennessee Conference. For those of you in the Paducah area, Chris Spaeth has offered to take a bus from Concord, so if you are interested in that give, Chris a call at 270-217-0365.

Our own Purchase District Annual Day will be on October 15 at the District Office facility in Brewers. We will elect some officers, of course, celebrate outstanding achievements and affirm a budget for 2024. Our program for the day will be a bit out of the ordinary for us. Alana Miller, director of the Senior Medicare Patrol will talk to us about fraud, scams, and Medicare Insurance. I have heard Alana speak before and I know what she has to tell us will be informative and helpful for any age. I hope you will plan to join us. I look forward to seeing you there.

Grace and Peace,
Ann Boone, Treasurer



ONLINE RESOURCES

- ♦ Purchase District UWF on FaceBook.....www.facebook.com/groups/1669795276619246
- ♦ Purchase District UWF webpage.....<https://purchasedistrictumc.com/ministries/united-women-faith>
- ♦ United Women in Faith Website.....<https://uwfaith.org/>
- ♦ UWF on Facebook.....www.facebook.com/uwomenfaith
- ♦ UWF on Twitter..... 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 website.....www.purchasedistrictumc.com
- ♦ Purchase District UMC on Facebook.....www.facebook.com (search for Purchase District UMC)
- ♦ Tennessee-Western KY Conference of the UMC.....www.twkumc.org

Membership
Nurture Outreach

Submitted By Jan Nutter

We were very pleased to have 50 women register for the Purchase District Mission u which took place on Sat. August 19th at Concord UMC. I think everyone there was ready to be attending something important that we would learn from. It was done very differently, in that we were all in the Social Hall and the program was very interactive. Our Speaker/Teacher, Reverend Marie C. King from Nashville, was wonderful and I think we all enjoyed learning more about the Lord's Prayer.

Ladies, we have other events happening in the TWK Conference :

TWK Conference UWF Annual Meeting, Saturday, September 30, 2023 at Dickson First United Methodist Church, 215 N. Main St., Dickson, TN. 37055
Reverend Dr. Paula B. Smith will be the Speaker.
Fee: \$15.00 A love offering will be taken for Missions.

TWK UWF Mission Retreat, October 20-22, 2023 at Beersheba Springs Assembly
58 Hedge Avenue, Beersheba Springs, TN. 37305
"How About Mission- Serving Our Community lead by Reverend Krislyn Durham. Fee: East Side \$165.00
Vintage Lodging: \$135.00

Events happening in the Purchase District:
October 15, 2023 Purchase District Annual Day at the District Office in Brewers from 2:00PM-4:00PM. I will have the forms for your Unit to complete for Membership at the end of the year and return to me.

I value the friendships I have made with many of you

We believe
love in action
can change
the world.

in the Purchase District and am now making new friends in the Conference. That is the blessing of attending the events that are happening in the Conference and District. I believe God is reviving us to make new friendships and seek new connections and share ways we are making a difference in our communities and our churches. Covid may have slowed us down, but, it did not defeat us. God has so much more for us to do and learn. I hope you will consider the opportunities before us, the call that God has placed upon your life, and the way we can serve the Lord and women, children and youth. The way you live your life makes a difference in the lives of those you love and are related to, those who are friends, those who you see each day and those you may not yet know.

I would like to share a Primary School's version of the Lord's Prayer:

*Our Father in heaven, you are awesome!
Show us who you are and how you want us to be.
Make earth more like heaven.
Please give us what we need to keep going each day.
Help us when we are wrong and clean us up on the inside.
Help us to let other people off and move on.
Keep us from bad stuff.
You're in charge!
You're strong and powerful and always there.
Forever!
Amen.*

Jan



SPIRITUAL GROWTH



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

Hello! I sure hope this hot weather is done now! It makes me wish for some cooler temperatures – not too cool, just cooler!

I'm rolling off of the team this year. I've enjoyed my time with the District Team. There are some really incredible women there; full of heart and joy for the Lord. They're all doing their best to serve those of the lost, least and lonely.

So why am I stepping down? It's time I give someone else a chance to experience the richness I've been blessed with. I served on the Conference Team and the District Team. I've been involved the teams since 2008. I've served as Communications Coordinator and Spiritual Growth Coordinator. It's been an incredible journey. I've met ordinary women doing extraordinary things. I've seen things and experienced blessings I had never dreamed of.

I wish you could step up and be part of this team. It enriches your heart like nothing you've ever seen or experienced. The fellowship, the selflessness and genuine care for others warms my heart. I urge you to step up; the term of service is 2 years. You'll have maybe 4 meetings a year to attend. You'll be able to help plan events that bring the love of the Lord to many. You'll have the support and guidance of women that were new at one time as well. You can put your individual stamp on something that touches hearts. Pray about it....you won't regret it!

I also wanted to let you know I'm not disappearing. Some of you have honored me by attending some of my mission studies ("Joy to The World (2010, I think!)", "Finding Peace in an Anxious World", "It is Well With My Soul – Or Is It? A study of the song, It Is Well With My Soul"). If you'd like, I can reprise those for a group. I've had many people tell me they were either sorry they missed it, or wish some others had been able to attend. So- contact me. I may be able to give those again. Or if you've got a subject you'd like me to speak on, call me – we'll talk it out.

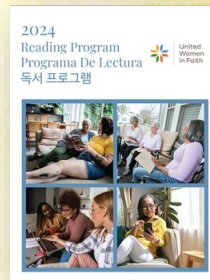
Something that's real important. If you know of people that would like to be part of the Women United in Faith, that attend churches that have disaffiliated, invite them in. We ARE united in faith; we worship the same God; we're all grateful to Jesus for His sacrifice for ALL of us. And they may be looking to stay involved. Give them an "in". Thank you for all of your support and love. I'll keep all in prayer.

*Grace and peace,
Pat Dunker*



PROGRAM RESOURCES

The new year has begun for the **2024 Reading Program**. You can download the new reading program by going to uwfaithresources.org and type in the search bar **2024 Reading Program** and it will lead you to the download. Then you can start your reading journey.



Remember to keep a record of what your group is reading and return it to the District Program Resource Officer next August. If you would like the reading program list that was created by the Conference Program Resource Officer that uses less ink, please email me at jen.rose22@yahoo.com and I will forward the document.

The Purchase District is looking for a District Program Resources Officer; if you are interested, please contact me. There is not much to do and if you love to read, you would be a great addition to our District Team!

"Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light to my path." ~Psalm 119:105

Jennifer Rose Resource Officer



2024



Proposed Slate of 2024 District Officers

At our District Annual Day on **October 15th, 2023**, we will be electing officers for the coming year. The following officers will be returning:

President: Jennifer Rose
 Vice President: Kay Story
 Secretary: Chris Spaeth
 Nominations Chair: Shirley Mollett
 Nominations: Penny Story and Lucy Hunt

Noiminations for 2024 are as follows:

Treasurer: Jan Nutter
 Education and Interpretation: Connie Bachuss
 Spiritual Growth: Jama Galloway
 Social Action: Mary Lou Wurth

Offices yet to be filled:

Communications:
 Membership, Nurture, and Outreach:
 Program Resources:

If anyone is interested in filling these positions, please contact Shirley Mollett (270-556-0713) or Penny Story at the District Office.



Looking for...

REGISTRATION/REPORT
 FORMS
 AND FLYERS

Find them Online at

www.purchasedistrictumc.com/ministries/united-women-faith

When God wants to make a mushroom, he does it overnight, but when He wants to make a giant oak, He takes a hundred years. Great souls are grown through struggles and storms and seasons of suffering. Be patient



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

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

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.

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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
270-556-0713

Penny Story
Purchase Pulse Co-editor
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Lucy Hunt
270-642-2359



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.

Pat Dunker

Penny Story

Communications co-editors