

# United Women in Faith

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PURCHASE DISTRICT  
UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH NEWSLETTER  
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## FROM OUR President

I am excited that summer is here!! I really enjoy being outdoors swimming, grilling, and sitting out in my swing enjoying God's beautiful creation.

Recently, I was finally able to attend the May Women's Retreat at Beersheba Springs Assembly. Several women had told me of their experiences in the mountains of Tennessee and they were NOT exaggerating! The Pre-Civil War Hotel overlooks the Collins River Valley and is surrounded by historic buildings and breath-taking nature scenes. What excitement it was to feel like standing on holy ground and to be able to relax and disconnect from the world for a bit, to feel the presence of the Lord! I encourage all to attend at least once, then you will never want to leave.

A few upcoming Purchase District events include Mission u at Concord UMC in August and District Annual Day in October. Also, the TWK Con-

ference has a few events planned. In July will be Conference Mission u, August a Conference Social Action Day, and September Conference Annual Meeting. I pray all can attend and fellowship with each other. Hope to see you soon!

I will close with the theme of the Women's Retreat, "Be The Light!!" "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16 Let your light shine so others may see!

Blessings,  
*Jennifer Rose, President*

## 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





## Membership

### Nurture Outreach



Submitted by Jan Nutter

*What I am sharing with you this month is from the July/August 2022 Response Magazine, pg. 44 [act](#).*

#### Extend the Invitation

United Women in Faith believes love in action can change the world. Driven by God's love and united in sisterhood, we work to improve the lives of women, children and youth. Every day, we show up. We take action. We get it done.

We are a place where women can put their talents, energy and ideas to work, offering flexible opportunities for spiritual growth and ways to act for social justice, live our faith and enrich our lives. **Now is the time to invite others to join us.**

There are many ways to invite others to make an impact: Become a member, make a donation, join an event or take action. Women can get involved with a

local church unit, or they can opt for an All Access membership with easy online access to member resources nationwide. Do you know someone who is looking to inspire, influence and impact? Invite them to visit our website where they can choose their path to membership.

**Giving** is also a powerful way to support the work of United Women in Faith. In addition to the traditional channels of Mission Giving, United Women in Faith now also offers the opportunity to give where needed, to social action and justice work, to education and leadership development, to spiritual growth and nurturing opportunities, and to the Legacy Fund.

Don't miss a chance to **invite** new women to a United Women in Faith event, from an afternoon webinar or Faith talk podcast recording or Voices From the Field to a Mission u event or Reading Program book club or ubuntu service day or educational forum. Events are a great way for women to learn more, live out their faith and find

community. You can find our event calendar at [uwfaith.org/events/calendar](http://uwfaith.org/events/calendar).

Sign up for action alerts at [uwfaith.org/what-we-do/serve-and-advocate](http://uwfaith.org/what-we-do/serve-and-advocate). And make sure you invite others to join in the work as well. It's an exciting time to be a part of the United Methodist Church and the United Women in Faith. The future is ours to choose. **Invite others in.**

Sometimes we read something and in the busyness of our schedules then we file it in the back of our minds and forget. When I needed to write an article for Membership, Nurture and Outreach, I came across this article from 10 months ago. It bears being repeated. I would also include for you the Purchase District addresses: [www.facebook.com/ministries/united-methodist-faith](http://www.facebook.com/ministries/united-methodist-faith) (search for Purchase District UMF)

<https://www.purchasedistrictumc.com/ministries/united-methodist-faith>

Opportunities await!!



Hello Lovely Ladies,

A big thank you to all my treasurers who came out for our Officer Training Day in February. I enjoyed getting to see you face to face and I hope the information we were able to share was helpful. To all treasurers, please feel free to contact me by phone, text, or email if you ever have any questions. I am beginning to get checks made out a bit incorrectly. Please remember that all checks sent into the district should be made out to **Purchase District UWF** or **Purchase District UMW**.

In our last Purchase Pulse, I told you about the terrific job you did in exceeding our District Pledge to Mission. Once again, many thanks for your generosity. You will be glad to hear that our TWK Conference UWF also had a tremendous year of giving. We, as a Conference, also exceeded our pledge of \$120,000, by sending in a whopping \$203,247.55 to support missions and ministries for women, children, and youth around the world. I hope you are proud of this success and will continue to work to make 2023 another year of generous giving.

So, how are we as a district doing so far in 2023. I have just sent in our second quarter remittance, for a total of \$8,332.66 in undesignated giving and \$1,035 for Call to Prayer and Self Denial. This amount is just a tad below where we were at this time last year, but I am confident that you Purchase District ladies will dig deep and reach our goal of \$22,000 for 2023.

Have a great summer, ladies. I look forward to seeing you at our District Mission u in August and the Conference and District Annual Days in the fall.

Grace and Peace,

Ann Boone

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(Please note that my email address has changed since last year and I can no longer receive e-mails at the old address)

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## SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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

Hello All! Hope you're enjoying our pleasant weather – while it's still pleasant!

The Spiritual Growth event in April was a great success! Titled, "It is Well With my Soul – or is it?" was attended by 31 women. We had great discussions about how the song, "It is Well" came to be. We also discussed how the words built us up, or just gave us a positive perspective when times got tough. You Ladies warmed my heart! Thank you so much!

I also want to express how moved I was by some of those attending. I DID see you; Bless you for affirming in my heart the fact that we are all Children of God, and People of Worth! Which leads to my next point.

Make an effort to invite ALL of our women to the events around the district and conference. We all have work to do for God's Kingdom. We all have hearts for service. Some of our churches have units that have members that have aged out, or moved away, and it has depleted the numbers. As a result, there may be Ladies out there that still want to serve and get involved, but don't have a unit. Invite them in! Send those invitations to ALL the churches and let them know they would be welcome in your unit!

We have a lot of work to do for God – there are plenty of the least, lost and lonely that need that gentle hand reaching out to them. And there are plenty of people out there that have great ideas to reach them. Open those doors and invite them in. Greet them with a smile that the open hearts we're known for.

A few of us also attended the retreat at Beersheba Springs the weekend of May 5. The theme was "Bee the Light" and we were buzzing all weekend! Our president, Jennifer Rose, Dorothy Bush and I had a great time. Jane Rubietta was the speaker, and she was awesome. If you haven't been to Beersheba Springs yet, you really need to check it out. The mountain air is refreshing, and the view is breathtaking.

I hope many of you have been giving some serious thought to our District Team. We have a great team, but we're still short of people to fill it. If you know of someone, or if you would like to serve, contact Shirley Mollett at 270-556-0713. She'll contact them from that point.

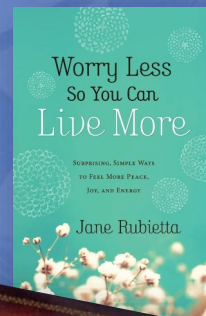
Remember – Jesus had His Disciples to help. He was showing us that we don't have to do it all by ourselves. He didn't do it alone; we don't have to, either. Reach out to each other – take care of each other. He gave us the gift of Fellowship.. pass it on.  
Grace and peace,

*Pat Dunker*

## PROGRAM RESOURCES

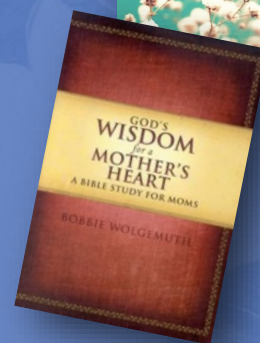
Greetings readers!

As I mentioned in the President's article, I attended the Women's Retreat at Beersheba Springs Assembly, Tennessee in May. Our speaker was Jane Rubietta, an award-winning author. I loved the way she "gets you" like she knows you as a best friend. We were blessed with her hilarious tales filled with hope. "Be The Light" was the theme this year! Jane has four books on the Reading Program list, including "Worry Less So You Can Live More" and "Heartbeat of a Mother".



I encourage you all to take a little time every day to read a good book or study your bible. The more you read, the more you learn.

*Jennifer Rose,  
Program Resources*



*Jackie Beauchamp  
Education & Interpretation  
Coordinator*

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 retirees listed in the Prayer Calendar.

Conference Mission u will be held July 13-15 at Scarritt Bennett. The topic will be "Living in the Kin-dom."

Purchase District Mission u will be held August 19 at Concord.

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## DISTRICT EVENTS:

DATE	EVENT	REG.	TIME	LOCATION
Aug 19	Purchase District Mission u	9 a.m.	9:30 – 2:30	Concord UMC
Sept 9	Purchase District Leadership Team Mtg	9:30 a.m.		District Office, Brewers
Oct 15	Purchase District Annual Day	1:30 p.m.	2:00 – 4:00	District Office, Brewers

## CONFERENCE EVENTS:

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Jul 13-15	Conference Mission u	Scarritt Bennett
Aug 26	Conference Social Action Day	TBD
Sept 30	Conference Annual Meeting	TBD
Oct 20-22	Fall Retreat	Beersheba Springs Assembly

## DISTRICT REPORTS DEADLINES:

DATE	REPORT NAME	DUE TO
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; September 11.  
Please have submissions to Pat Dunker 2 weeks prior to deadline.

Clarion submissions deadlines  
August 1, November 1.

Please have all submissions in prior to deadlines.

## LOOKING FOR ?

REGISTRATION /REPORT FORMS  
AND FLYERS



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





# Living the Kin-dom

Exploring the Lord's Prayer as a  
Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation

**Presenter:**  
**Pastor Marie King**

**RIVA TABELISMA**

Reverend Marie C. King resides in Nashville, is an ordained deacon in full connection, and serves as pastor of Banks Chapel-St. John Charge, Springfield,

Tennessee, of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference.



Rev. King's ministry calling began in healthcare as a registered nurse with experience as a Clinical Nurse Supervisor, and Clinical Nurse Educator. Rev. King has also served as a Clinical Chaplain and has Ecclesiastical Endorsement as a hospital chaplain.

She has served local congregations in secondary and primary appointments in ministry to the marginalized, poor, and underserved, congregational care and as a Parish Nurse. She has served on the conference level with the committee for Disability Concerns, and boards for the Wesley Foundation at Fisk University, ENCORE (older adult ministries), and previous co-chairperson for the Order of Deacons, and current chairperson of Health and Wellness Initiatives.

Rev. King earned her Master of Divinity degree from Central Theological Seminary, Basic Graduate Theological Studies through United Theological Seminary, and Parish Nurse training with Vanderbilt University.

Rev. King enjoys sharing time and a pot of gumbo with family and friends, train travel, and lives by the mantra attributed to John Wesley, *"Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, in all the places you can, At all the times you can, to all the people you can, As long as ever you can."*

Contributors: Candace Simpson | Nora Asedillo Cunningham

**Saturday, August 19, 2023**

**9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.**



**Concord United Methodist Church**  
**5178 Hinkleville Road (Across from Kirklands)**

**The deadline for registration is Saturday, August 12, 2023.**

**See complete info on following page.**





## Purchase District United Women in Faith Mission u Study “Living the Kin-dom”

Presenter: Pastor Marie King

Saturday, August 19, 2023

9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Lunch \$5.00 Donation

### Concord United Methodist Church

5178 Hinkleville Road, Paducah, Kentucky 42001 | Church Phone: 270-443-2669

**Registration** can be done by completing this form and sending it to Chris Spaeth, Concord United Methodist Church, 5178 Hinkleville Rd., Paducah, KY 42001, emailing it to Chris: concordofficepaducah@gmail.com or contacting Chris by phone: 270-217-0365. **The deadline for registrations is Saturday, August 12, 2023.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

UWF Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Church: \_\_\_\_\_

If bringing guests with you, please add their name and phone number.

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check here, if childcare is needed \_\_\_\_ How many children? \_\_\_\_\_ Children's ages \_\_\_\_\_.

Consider extending an invitation to our sisters whose Units may no longer exist, but who would be interested in the programs we provide and the fellowship we enjoy together.

Each year, United Women in Faith members prepare for faithful living and action by engaging in transformative educational experiences at Mission u events. These events are centered around Mission u curricula that are designed to motivate, inform, and enrich our commitment to global ministry.

Join us at Mission u as we explore the good news and what it means for our lives! Jesus' teachings in the Gospels proclaim the good news of the kin-dom or reign (basileia) of God. In fact, Jesus mentions the kin-dom 90 times in the Synoptic Gospels! What does the Bible tell us about God's basileia and why do we call it the kin-dom? For Jesus, the kin-dom was not simply something to talk about but something we could live and experience. From the Lord's Prayer to the beatitudes to the parables, this good news is at the heart of Jesus' preaching, teaching and ministry.

Come! Let's explore together the heart of Jesus' good news and what fresh vision it offers us as we seek to be in mission today.

The 2023 Mission u will offer the following curriculum available on the UWF **e store**: (<https://uwfaithresources.org/>):

***Living the Kin-dom: Exploring the Lord's Prayer as a Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation*** by Riva Tabelisma





## 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



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:

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