



# The Purpose

Winchester District  
United Methodist Women on a Mission

## JANUARY 2018

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018

February 1, 2018 - Thursday- United Methodist Day at General Assembly, Trinity United Methodist Church, 903 Forest Avenue Henrico, VA 23229 ( suburban Richmond)

March 3, 2018 - Saturday - Winchester District Prayer Breakfast - 9:00-Noon  
Lee-Jackson Banquet Hall, 711 Millwood Ave, Winchester, VA

April 8, 2018 - Sunday - Executive Committee Meeting, Zone 1 - 2:00-5:00PM  
Duncan Memorial UMC, 210 E. Main Street, Berryville, VA 22611

April 20-22, 2018 - Friday-Saturday - Spiritual Life Retreat  
Eagle Eyrie Conference Center, 1 Eyrie Dr., Lynchburg, VA 24503

April 28, 2018 - Saturday - District Spring Event, 9:00-Noon,  
Braddock Street UMC, 115 Wolfe St, Winchester, VA 22601

June 2, 2018 - Saturday - UMW Day at Ferrum  
Ferrum College, 215 Ferrum Mountain Road, Ferrum, VA 24088

July 8, 2018 - Sunday - Executive Committee Meeting- Zone II, 2:00-5:00PM  
Kernstown UMC, 3239 Valley Pike, Winchester, VA 22602



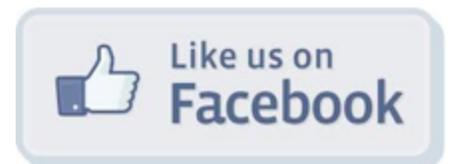
Note from Communications:  
We now have a Facebook Page :  
**UWM.Winc.VA**

The Facebook Page is a closed site for the use of all local units. Some items to consider are the posting of events, ride sharing, book reports, book sharing, photos of Units events. Please ask all your members to **LIKE US!**

We have a spot on the Winchester District Web page:

[www.WinchesterDistrictUMC.org/UMW](http://www.WinchesterDistrictUMC.org/UMW)

On the Web Page you now have access to District Forms,  
Names of Officers, Date's of Events and Links to National and Conference sites.



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## FROM THE DISTRICT PRESIDENT

As I sit down to write this, it is the warmest day we have had since before Christmas, and a perfect day to wish each of you a very Happy New Year filled with warmth and many blessings. I would like to welcome the new members of the Executive Board: Norma O'Donnell who is the Education and Interpretation Mission coordinator; Janice Schaeffer, who is the Program Resources Chairperson; Cathy Brown, who is the treasurer for Special Events. New to the committee on nominations are members Pat Beckwith and Sadie Nelson.

Some of our Board members have changed positions this year, they are: Angela Lane. new Mission coordinator for Spiritual Growth. Jean Brown has moved from member of the Nomination Committee to its new Chairperson. I welcome each of you and am grateful you have answered the call to your positions. I look forward to working with each of you as we move forward to be faith, hope and love to all that we encounter.

Our program book, which began in September, is *Sacred Spaces: Encounters with God and Neighbor*. This book is a particularly good one that calls us to mission and ministry. I have found it to be a good daily devotion and I use it frequently. I encourage each of you to use these programs this year. We will be looking at Sacred Spaces and our encounters with God and Neighbor in our programming this year.

You will find in this newsletter events that are coming up this spring. I hope you will encourage your units to attend these events as we learn, celebrate and worship together.

As we move forward I wish each of you health and happiness as we continue to be faith, hope and love to those whose need is great.

Peace and Love, Carolyn

**Carolyn Woodrum, Winchester District United Methodist Women President**  
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**Jeraldine Ridgway, Vice President Phone: 540-635-5483**  
**Jerri will be back next issue. For now she is resting and healing.**



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## SECRETARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES

Welcome to 2018. I hope you all had a joyful and blessed holiday. But it's time to get serious about our reading program. I suggest that at your next United Methodist Women's meeting that you go over and make attainable goals as part of the reading program. I look forward to working with all of you this year .

This is the web link on the Conference website. You can download a PDF on 2013-2018 books on the reading and the reading log. <https://www.vaumw.com/conference/program-resources/>

**Janice Schaeffer - District Program Resource Secretary email: [Tampayaya2@aol.com](mailto:Tampayaya2@aol.com).**

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## SOCIAL ACTION

I hope you had a wonder-filled Christmas and holiday season. It's a new year, a new chance to start again, to set personal goals as well as goals for your United Methodist Women's unit. You are invited to engage actively in four justice priority issues throughout the 2016-2020 quadrennium. These include:

- Economic Inequality
- Climate Justice
- Criminalization of Communities of Color
- Maternal and Child Health

Each issue appears to be separate, but at the core of each issue is a need to challenge systems of oppression that include women, youth and children; persons of color; and communities of color. We are challenged to explore how these issues come together in our daily news and in concerns for our communities.

As Winchester District United Methodist Women, we may not join a resistance march, but we can advocate for those who are not able to stand up for themselves. How do we become advocates? Where do we start? How can we help? What do we need to know? Who do we need to know?

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 28, 2018.

The District UMW Spring Event will be held at Braddock Street UMC at 9:00 a.m.

**Ms. Kim Bobo**, Executive Director of Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy is the guest speaker.

More information will be coming your way. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance.

**Judy T. Smith, Winchester District United Methodist Women Social Action Coordinator**

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## MISSION ENCOUNTER

Happy New Year to all and hopefully you are well and warm and cozy.

This is a reminder to save the date

Saturday, September 8, 2018, for Mission Encounter.

Classes to be offered prayerfully will be as follows:

Spiritual Growth Study: Seeking Health and Wholeness (Part 1)

Geographic Study: The Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church

Issue Study: What About Our Money?

This event offers a wonderful opportunity for your whole congregation to come alive to mission by participating.

Save the date and pray for a well attended event.

Blessings.

**Lillian B Sloane and Violet Carter, Co-Chairs Phone: 540-635-2623 [lsloane@centurylink.net](mailto:lsloane@centurylink.net)**

Committee members: Jeraldine Ridgway, Carolyn Woodrum, Linda Borrer, Judy Smith, Mary Preston

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## HISTORIAN'S CORNER

**Amanda Smith**, an African-American woman, was an ex-slave domestic worker. She was influenced by meetings at the home of Phoebe Palmer and began preaching in colored churches of the New Jersey-New York area in 1869. Sometimes she was opposed by ministers who felt that it was improper for a woman to conduct services or preach. However, there were more who felt otherwise. With the encouragement of a white employer, Ms. Smith attended one of the "holiness" camp meetings devoted to spreading Christianity. Though uneasy at first about speaking before white audiences, she quickly won respect by her spiritual fervor. In the Fall of 1870, she began evangelism work full time. Influenced by her parents' concern for Africa and its spiritual needs, she sailed to Monrovia, Liberia, in 1881. While there Ms. Smith adopted a native Gredebo boy. She returned to the US in 1890. Amanda Smith was an internationally acclaimed evangelist who helped expand the accepted role of women in both the African Methodist Episcopal and Methodist churches. She preached and sang in England, Scotland, Italy, Egypt, India and Africa adapted from Conduct Becoming to a Woman



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## FROM YOUR DISTRICT TREASURER

### 2017 district pledge:

No, we didn't meet it, but we came close, very close. Thanks to the combined efforts of all of you, the Winchester District sent to the Conference a total of \$52,069.92, which is about 96.4% of the \$54,000 goal. We haven't come this close to meeting our pledge in a long, long time.



Thank you, thank you, THANK YOU!

### 1st quarter remittance:

This should be in my mailbox by March 8. If at all possible, please send in your unit's A&MD fee in the first quarter. This is what allows the district to pay its bills.

### Remittance forms:

Updated forms will be included in the president's packet given out at the prayer breakfast in March. If you need one before then, it will be on the district website soon ( [www.WinchesterDistrictUMC.org/umw](http://www.WinchesterDistrictUMC.org/umw) ); or just let me know and I will mail you one.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have questions.

**Mary Preston, Winchester District UNITED METHODIST WOMEN Treasurer**  
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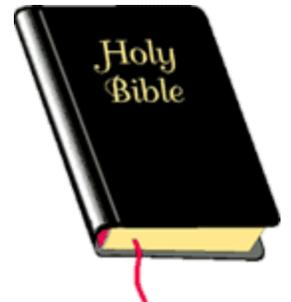
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## SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Peace and Love to you in the New Year. Greetings! I want to introduce myself to you as the new District Spiritual Growth Coordinator. I look forward to serving the United Methodist Women in my new role for the next few years. My predecessor, Sadie Nelson, left some big shoes to fill; I pray that I, dutifully, will be able to walk in those heels and not fall down!

Mark your calendars and plan to attend our **Annual District Prayer Breakfast on March 3rd, 2018** at 9am at the Best Western Lee-Jackson Conference Center in Winchester. Our guest speaker will be Lisa Nichols, Director of the Henry Fork Service Center, Rocky Mount, VA. The musical guests will be the United Voices from Agape UMC (former Austin Grove). Prayer Breakfast Tickets are available to order starting January 18<sup>th</sup> and the **deadline to order is February 16th**. The Ticket Order Form and Prayer Breakfast Flyer is included in this Purpose newsletter, posted on our District UMW webpage and Facebook page, and attached to the recent January email from me. The Prayer Breakfast Flyer for you to copy, announce, and post in your churches has all the details and a list of mission donation items that we will collect for Mobile Hope, CCAP, and the Henry Fork Service Center ministries. These organizations were chosen in response to your unit wishes and concerns (from Nov. 2017 zone meetings) to support local missions in our district.

**Food for Thought...** As we grow spiritually, we experience changes to our inner self. We become more conscious and aware of our evolution. As Christians, we inevitably find ourselves growing closer to God. Our perception of and the way we see the world around us also changes. We become more positive and optimistic, and our inner essence becomes calmer and more peaceful. God's peace grows and abides more within us. With this spiritual growth, we are able to better handle the negativity that comes into our midst. The comforting presence of Jesus ever growing. We focus less on the stress and mess and more on the joys and happiness in our lives. We are more comfortable handling the situations that confront us. If we truly believe and are faithful, we know that God is with us and will equip us to handle all concern and cares. We trust and know that we can let go and let God. *I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." Psalm 91:2*



**Cultivate the presence of God by spending time with Him each day. In doing so, you will find His wisdom, peace, joy, and favor abundant in your life.**

**Angela Lane**, Spiritual Growth Coordinator    Email: [angln46@comcast.net](mailto:angln46@comcast.net), Ph. 703.298.4068

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## NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT



We currently have an immediate opening for one position. **Membership, Nurture and Outreach**. Consider letting Jean Brown know if you know of someone out there who would be interested. Our position goal would be to welcome new people and new ideas and share the love thru gifts of mission to missions supported by United Methodist Women. The bonus is, if you accept this position, would be a connection with other units for ideas, events and certainly friendships.

**Jean Brown**, Nominations Chair    [jtjmbrown@gmail.com](mailto:jtjmbrown@gmail.com)    (540) 631-9185    cell: (540) 660-2847



# Winchester District United Methodist Women Annual Prayer Breakfast March 3, 2018

**WHERE:** Best Western, Lee-Jackson Conference Center  
711 Millwood Avenue, Winchester, VA. 22601

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m. until Noon

**COST:** \$13.00

**THEME:** “Sacred Spaces: Encounters with God and Neighbor”

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Lisa Nichols, Director of the Henry Fork Service Center

**MUSIC MINISTRY:** United Voices, Agape UMC

## **\*Deadline to order Prayer Breakfast tickets is February 16, 2018\***

Order your unit tickets from Special Events Treasurer, Cathy Brown. Mail the Ticket Order Form (see form instructions) to Cathy at 2273 Senseny Road, Berryville, VA 22611. You must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for your tickets to be returned.

Donation items will be collected for **CCAP** (Congregational Community Action Project) in Winchester, Fredrick, and Warren Counties and **Mobile Hope**, Leesburg, VA. These organizations were chosen in response to your unit wishes and concerns (from Nov. 2017 Zone Meetings) to support local mission work in our district.

**CCAP** is a cooperative ministry of 45 area churches and one synagogue that joined together to serve the Winchester, Frederick County and Front Royal area by providing aid and assistance to people in need. CCAP maintains a complete food pantry, operates a clothing room for all sizes, and offers financial assistance in areas such as rent, utilities, and prescription drugs. **Mobile Hope** supports children and young adults (age 24 and younger) living in Loudoun County who are homeless, have uncertain housing, or are at risk. Mobile Hope offers food, clothing, personal hygiene and other items to children in need from its mobile bus staged at designated Leesburg locations that vary each week.

**Items to bring:** laundry & dish detergent, dryer sheets, Clorox wipes, wet wipes, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues; shampoo & conditioner, razors & shave cream, mouthwash, tooth brushes & tooth paste, soap, deodorant, feminine products, hair brushes & combs, wash cloths & hand towels, diapers sizes 3-6 mostly, pull-ups, baby wipes; canned vegetables (peas/carrots/beans), canned fruit in juice, macaroni & cheese, rice, pasta, spaghetti sauce with meat, canned tuna/chicken/meat, hearty soups, beef stew, oatmeal pancake mix, syrup, breakfast bars, small boxed cereal, peanut butter & jelly/jam, 100% juice boxes, powdered drink mix, snacks (popcorn, crackers, protein bars), shelf-stable milk, Chef Boyardee products; new socks boys & girls, new underwear boys & girls, new boys tee-shirts.

*These items can also decorate your table as a creative centerpiece.*

**Food Lion and Wal-Mart gift cards** (and checks) are welcomed and will be given to the **Henry Fork Service Center** in Rocky Mount, VA, a United Methodist Women supported ministry. This center seeks to make God’s love visible by being a positive Christian presence in the neighborhoods south of Rocky Mount. The Henry Fork Center provides age appropriate activities for children ages 2-14 to include Christian education, academic enrichment, nutrition, and recreation opportunities.



## TICKET ORDER FORM

### 2018 WINCHESTER DISTRICT UMW PRAYER BREAKFAST

*“Sacred Spaces: Encounters with God and Neighbor”*

Saturday, March 3, 2018 9:00 am

Best Western Lee-Jackson Conference Center  
711 Millwood Ave, Winchester VA

UMW UNIT/CHURCH	
CONTACT NAME	
PHONE NUMBER	
EMAIL	
PLEASE SEND	_____ TICKETS at \$13.00/ea.

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: WINCHESTER DISTRICT UMW

**\*\*ENCLOSED IS A SELF-ADDRESSED AND STAMPED ENVELOPE WITH THE CHECK\*\***

MAIL TO: CATHY BROWN

2273 Senseny Road, Berryville, VA 22611

PHONE: 540-955-1085 EMAIL: vamom4@hotmail.com

**RESERVATION/ORDER DEADLINE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2018**

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 28, 2018.

## **THE DISTRICT UMW SPRING EVENT**

will be held at Braddock Street UMC at 9:00 a.m.

**Guest Speaker --Ms. Kim Bobo,**

Executive Director of Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy.

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**"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it."(Genesis 2:15**  
**Newsletter articles due to me by Monday April 2, 2018 for publication Tuesday April 10, 2018**

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