



United Women in Faith

# The Voice

A Newsletter for  
Cumberland River District (CRD)  
United Women in Faith (UWFaith)



"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ..." - 2 Peter 3:18

**We are building for the future...**

## Message from Your CRD UWFaith President

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**B**uilding for the future, is our focus this year, in more ways than we knew.

We are now in the Tennessee Western Kentucky (TWK) Conference, under a new leadership team from the Tennessee Conference and the Memphis Conference.

District officer training brought nine districts together in Dickson for a morning of fellowship and meeting the Conference officers. What was not initially planned was a brief discussion about the news release from national about the changes in the organization, primarily the name change.

We are now the **United Women in Faith**. There are a lot of questions to be answered and many of these will be addressed at the 2022 Assembly.

Assembly will be held in Orlando, Florida, May 20 – 22. As we get more information, we will share it with you through your unit presidents and e-Blast messages.

One of my goals this year is to have a Presidents' Brunch to learn how we can help each other in building our units back to how we were

before the Covid pandemic. We are all struggling and with innovative ideas coming from National, we need to help each other figure out effective ways to accomplish this goal.

Tentative plans are for the brunch to happen on **June 4**. Please mark your calendar to save this date if you are a unit president. If you are not able to make this brunch, you need to send a representative to take your place.

Pam Tate, President  
Cumberland River District UMW



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District UWFaith

### Assembly 2022



Assembly will be held in person and virtually. Registration closes April 11. Anyone interested in attending in person or virtually need to register through this site:

<https://ww2.eventrebels.com/er/Registration/StepRegInfo.jsp?ActivityID=36844&StepNumber=1&PromotionCode=IP&v=NzAxMmRhZmEtMTE4YS00YjZkLWlxZDktMDFhNDE5MDYwOThm#:~:text=United%20Methodist%20Women%20Assembly%202022%20Registration>. Just copy and paste this web address into your search box in your computer browser.

# Tennessee Western Kentucky Conference Officers Training Pictures



District officers had an enjoyable time meeting each other and sharing information during the TWK UWFaith Conference Officers Training. The Dickson UMC UWFaith hosted the conference. The district officers heard from the Conference officers about each officer's role and how to accomplish their job responsibilities along with the news of our new name. Picture: (l-r): Meredith Bingham, Caroline Martin and Beth Brown.



President of the TWK UWFaith Conference opens the training meeting at the Dickson UMC by welcoming all who took time to attend this special event.



CRD UWFaith district officers listening to Caroline Martin, who is on the UMW National Office committee, talk about the history of United Methodist Women and their missions and various name changes throughout the years. She also talked about how our new name came about. Pictured: Front row (l-r): Georgia Maclain, Beverly Mintmire, Pam Tate, Mary Helen Marigza and Evelyn Tade, Second row: Cynthia Bennett.



The TWK UWFaith Conference held a training session for the nine districts in the conference. District officers from all over the TWK Conference attended. There was an informational discussion around the name change from United Methodist Women to United Women in Faith. The goal is for our new name to encourage women from all faiths and generations to join in and become a part of our mission.

## "Finding Peace in an Anxious World:" 2022 Mission Study

This year's CRD UWFaith study focused on the book "Finding Peace in an Anxious World," edited by Erin James-Brown.

This Spiritual Growth Study uses the book of Proverbs and "The Serenity Prayer" as a guide to help us find our way through anxiety, worry, and fear and move towards God's peace that surpasses all understanding.



Sandra Moore is the guest speaker for the CRD UWFaith 2022 Mission

Our guest speaker, Sandra Moore, president of the John Wesley UWFaith unit, spoke about each part of this prayer: serenity, courage and wisdom. She used "The Serenity Prayer" as a scaffold to explore ways to discover peace through scriptural and spiritual disciplines so we are rooted in God and energized to live fully as followers of Christ.

After Sandra's presentation all the attendees formed discussion groups to come up with ideas on how we can become less anxious, worried and fearful by using serenity, courage and wisdom in our everyday lives.

This study was held at the Springfield First UMC on March 19. The Springfield UWFaith unit hosted the event and served juice and light breakfast foods before the study began and box lunches afterwards.

Everything was delicious. Thank you for your delightful hospitality.

A big shout out to our CRD UWFaith Education & Interpretation coordinator, Kimberly Henry and Vice-president, Evelyn Tade for pulling this event together.



Here are pictures taken at the 2022 Mission Study. (L-r) Evelyn Tade and Kimberly Henry are getting ready to start the study. Beverly Mintmire is getting the registration table ready. Notice the sunflowers in honor of those suffering in Ukraine. Pam Tate opens the meeting with information about what is coming up in the CRD UWFaith and information about the 2022 Assembly. Lisa Mayhew and Cathy Hays enjoy a conversation before the study begins. The bottom picture is showing the discussion groups talking about serenity, courage and wisdom.



## Connell Memorial UMC United Women in Faith

On Sunday, February 17, Connell Memorial UMC United Women in Faith celebrated with a Birthday Bucks Party!

The group had cupcakes for everyone who were celebrating their special day of birth. The money raised will go toward missions.

Connell UMC is currently working on their Spring Fling. It is scheduled for April 2 and will be sponsored by the United Women in Faith, aka United Methodist Women.



The Connell Memorial UWFaith held a get-together that raised money of missions. They held their annual Birthday Bucks Party, and everyone had a fun time celebrating in person. Pictured (l-r) on the front row is Ellie Butler Elaine Goad Lori Cordell and Tracy Brooks back row left to right Linda Bruner Jennifer Brown and Cathy Saunders

## Belmont UWFaith Present Special Missions Recognition Award

On March 13, United Women in Faith of Belmont UMC honored long-time Belmont members, Bill and Beverly Lovell, with the Special Missions Recognition Award. The Lovells have exemplified dedication to Christian mission in their years of service, both here and abroad.

Bill is a retired UMC pastor who served churches in the Tennessee Conference. Raised by missionary parents in the Belgian Congo (now known as the Democratic Republic of Congo), Bill speaks the Otetela language fluently and has served as a translator and host on many occasions when visiting dignitaries from the DRC itinerated in the Memphis and Tennessee Annual Conferences. Bill holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Emory and Henry College (Emory, Va.), and Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Theology degrees from Duke University Divinity School, respectively.

Beverly was born and reared in Durham, N.C. She is a graduate of Duke University and holds graduate degrees in Social Work and Special Education from the University of North Carolina and Middle Tennessee State University. Prior to her retirement in 1998, Beverly was a social worker and taught in Metro Nashville Public Schools.



Bill and Beverly Lovell received the Special Missions Recognition Award by the UWFaith at Belmont UMC.

Post retirement, the Lovells have continued their commitment to Christian mission in numerous ways, including their ongoing dedication to Africa University, scholarship (Bill has written two books, the “Otetela Hymnal” and the “100th Anniversary of The Methodist Church in Central Congo, 1912-2013),” and their deep commitment to Belmont’s Golden Triangle Fellowship. Since the inception of the GTF, the Lovells have spearheaded fundraising, tutoring, transportation, and other means of support for this immigrant community, raising awareness throughout the entire Belmont UMC congregation. Additionally, Beverly’s dedication to children and youth Sunday School in the GTF community has been remarkable and invaluable.

Belmont UMC and UWFaith salute Bill and Beverly Lovell!

## Hermitage UWFaith Prayer and Self Denial Program



Deaconess Whitney Simpson spoke to the Esther Circle during their Prayer and Self program in March.

**H**ermitage United Women in Faith’s Esther Circle held their Prayer and Self Denial meeting on March 15. They had an incredibly special guest speaker, Deaconess Whitney Simpson, who will be consecrated at Assembly 2022.

The Prayer and Self-denial offering for 2022 was designated for support of the Deaconess and Home Missioners program, which is owned by the UWFaith. Deaconess and Home Missioners are lay persons who are called by God to be in a lifetime relationship in the United Methodist Church for engagement with a full-time vocation in ministries of love, justice and service. Our dollars helped pay Whitney’s tuition for biblical studies.

Whitney’s ministry was born out of difficulties in her health and life. She approaches wellness from a wholistic philosophy, not simply physical health. Mind, body, emotion and spirit are all part of her wellness practice.

She works with many people with many types of need including traumatized and brutalized individuals. Whitney is an advocate for peace and human equality. As her dedication to ministry continues, she has been led to do podcast and author books. She shares her ministry and seeks to reach as many as she can by putting love into action.

## Hermitage UWFaith Crafting Circle

**H**ermitage United Women in Faith has begun a Crafting Circle. This circle is for women who enjoy crafts and learning how to craft.

The group is making items for others as well as themselves. They have a short program on the group’s focus areas and then do crafts.

It is an excellent way to have FUN along with Christian fellowship!

These meeting normally take place at HUMC on the fourth Sunday of each month at 4:00 p.m. The March 27 meeting had to be moved to April 3, due to church space issues.

The Crafting Circle will hold its June 26 meeting working on a project to benefit the eighty children who will be a part of Project Transformation at Mathews Memorial. They will need extra hands to help with this, so if interested make plans now to come.



The Crafting Circle is open to anyone who is interested. Invite your family and friends. You do not have to be a member of the Hermitage UMC. So, come join us in our Fun for Missions!

## **Need to Know:**

### **2022 Calendar for Cumberland River District United Women in Faith**

#### **Cumberland River District**

Locations are subject to change; details about these events will be made available through e-Blast messages.

- June 4 President's Brunch (location to be announced later)
- June 18 Faith Lift at Key Stewart UMC
- Oct 8 District Annual Meeting at Crieviewood UMC

#### **TWK Conference**

Locations will be announced when available

- April 29 – May 1 Spring Retreat at Beersheba Springs
- July 22 – 24 Mission u (location to be announced later)
- August 20 Conference Social Action Day
- Sept 17 Conference Annual Meeting at Brentwood UMC
- Sept 30 – Oct 2 Fall Retreat at Lakeshore

#### **National**

- May 20 – 22 Assembly in Orlando, Florida

### **2022 Cumberland River District United Women in Faith District Officers**

President:	Pam Tate
Vice President:	Evelyn Tade
Treasurer:	Beverly Mintmire
Secretary:	Mary Helen Marigza
Nominating Chair:	Gloria Johnson
Communications:	Deborah Matheson
Social Action:	Cynthia Bennett
Education & Interpretation:	Kimberly Henry
Spiritual Growth:	Georgia Maclin
Membership, Nurture & Outreach	
Outreach:	Cathy Hays
Program Resources:	Gay Parks

## Helpful Links from the National UW Faith Office

- United Women in Faith webpage link: <https://uwfaith.org/>
- United Methodist Women is now United Women in Faith press release link: <https://uwfaith.org/press/2022/united-methodist-women-is-now-united-women-in-faith/>
- United Women in Faith Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/uwomenfaith/>
- Response Magazine link: <https://online.fliphtml5.com/eiek/knab/>
  - The March/April 2022 Issue of Response Magazine is free this time!

If you need to contact any district officer, please send your communications to that officer's attention at [CRDUMW@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CRDUMW@GMAIL.COM).

Anyone needing a CRD UWFaith message sent out to CRD officers and/or members, please contact Deb Matheson using the email address of [debrookstonemath@gmail.com](mailto:debrookstonemath@gmail.com)

Please let us know what you like and if there are any topics from the District you would like to see in your "The Voice" newsletter. Send your comments and/or ideas to the district email address at [CRDUMW@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CRDUMW@GMAIL.COM).

The next edition of "The Voice" will go out Friday, June 10. Please send your articles and photos to Deb Matheson at [debrookstonemath@gmail.com](mailto:debrookstonemath@gmail.com) by Friday, June 3.

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