



Upcoming District Events/News...

East Central District Book Club

October 14, 2025 Education for Mission

ROUGH SLEEPERS Dr. Jim O’Connell’s urgent mission to bring healing to homeless people. Tracy Kidder Random House (2024) Authored by Pulitzer Prize-winning, New York Times bestselling author Tracy Kidder.

Please register at [ECD Calendar of Events](#)

NEWS FLASH!!!

The 2026 Reading Program Book List is here!

[2026 Reading Program Book List](#)

District Annual Meeting

Don’t miss this one! In-Person or Live streamed - Register Today!

This year’s District Annual Meeting will be held at Asbury United Methodist Church on October 18, 2025. In addition, we will be live streaming the meeting to allow the largest number of people attend and vote during the meeting. See page 11 for additional details and registration information.

Register Now at [ECD Calendar of Events](#)

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President's Note



Hello ladies and welcome to fall! As I write this article, I am in Maryland and we have had beautiful fall weather but I know in Florida that you have to pretend it's fall! I love my family here but it's exhausting for me, so I'm happy to be here but I need a nap! We all need to remember we are better when we take care of ourselves first!

Here are some changes you need to be aware of. The Intersectionality of Race and Gender Workshop at FUMC Winter Garden that was scheduled on Sep 27, 2025 has been postponed to the spring. We will let you know when a new date has been set and I hope to see you all there. Starting this year, the Unit Survey will be due in January 2026 and the reporting period will be for all of 2025.

The hot topic for the East Central District is the District Annual Meeting on October 18th. We will be meeting at Asbury United Methodist Church in Maitland. Our theme will be "Keep hope and turn to God!" You can bring your own lunch or purchase a Heavenly Ham Box Lunch. All the details are on a 2-page flyer later in the newsletter. It will be a great time of Fellowship, Food, and Friendship! You can attend in-person or the meeting will be live-streamed, as well. Please register on our website at: [Annual Mtg Registration](#). I hope to see you there!

The Conference Annual Meeting will be held on November 8, 2025 at a new venue, the FUMC Plant City. The guest speaker will be the General Secretary/CEO of United Women in Faith, Sally Vonner and the theme is "Inspire, Influence, Impact." Registration will open October 1st. I will be this year's registrar, so everyone make me look good and register by October 31st. I will be sending out the link shortly!

I am going close with the sadness of the events of this week. Yesterday, was the Anniversary of 9/11 and we hope we all took a moment and said a prayer for those that are still affected by the events of 9/11. Families that lost love ones and firefighters that have illnesses from what they ingested that day. We will never forget!

Earlier this week, a young man with a family was shot and killed while giving a talk to students and whether we agree or disagree with our brothers and sisters in christ, we should always deal with each other with love and grace!

I am going to use a quote my pastor, Mark Lilly, put on-line today because I thought it was really appropriate, "If we don't learn to humanize one another again—and decisively silence the voices that thrive on division while choosing instead to hear the ones building bridges—we will never heal."

Janet

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic,
Love one another, be compassionate and humble. -1 Peter 3:8



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Vice-President's Note

On Saturday, August 2, 2025, the East Central District sponsored the documentary *Push-Out, The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools*. Broadway United Methodist Church in Orlando hosted the event and several members and guests from across the district attended. The movie, comprised of a series of interviews, highlighted the educational, judicial, and societal disparities facing young black girls. Inspired by a book of the same name, written by Monique W. Morris, ED.D., the documentary exposed how the misunderstanding of African American girls has led to their increased involvement in the criminal justice system and the disruption of their education through an alarmingly high drop-out rate. The movie was very informative and provoked both meaningful discussion and personal sharing among those who attended. The East Central District would like to thank the members of the Broadway United Women in Faith for their hospitality!

Paula Foley
ECD Vice-President





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Message from the Secretary...

Last Call for East Central District Annual Meeting Recognition!

The East Central District annual meeting is rapidly approaching. A big thank you to all the units who have already sent me their forms. There is still time. Please send me your Mission Today Forms, Mission Study forms and Charter for Racial Justice certificate forms by September 20. There is a copy of each form in this issue of the Trumpet Sound. Units will be recognized in the annual meeting booklet as well as during the meeting. The meeting will be live streamed this year so we will utilize the screen for recognition as well as the booklet. However, that means we need your information as soon as possible to prepare for the meeting. Each unit president and secretary should have received a request for information and the forms in an email in March and August.

We also want to honor all our members who have gone home to the Lord at the meeting. Please send me their names, years born and deceased. If possible send a picture so we can honor these faithful servants.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at Asbury UMC on October 18.

Linda Welander

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Message from the Secretary...

Mission U

On July 18, women from all over Florida traveled to Orlando for a weekend of spiritual growth, renewal, sisterhood, mission opportunities, and education, as well as music, activities, and fun. This year's theme was *Practicing Hope Together*.

Activities began at 4:00 pm Friday, with music, worship and our speaker, Rev. Uchimura. After a wonderful meal, we had our first class, using the book Practicing Hope, by Tabatha Holley. Each learning session includes activities, discussion, learning, and fun.

On Saturday, many of us began our day with an optional morning devotional, then breakfast. After breakfast, we had our second class, then an optional elective activity, such as making cards, a Hymn Sing, scriptures of hope, or movement of hope. After an excellent lunch, we had our third class followed by another optional elective activity. We concluded our large group activities with more music, a Spiritual Enrichment and Healing Plenary followed by dinner and an intergenerational plenary where we were treated to a skit performed by the youth who attended their own classes during the event. We concluded our day with District Gatherings where 22 East Central District members met and had fellowship.

Sunday, we began again with the Morning Prayer Watch, followed by breakfast and our last class. The event concluded with worship, music and fun. If you were unable to attend this year, make your calendars for next year at the same place, date to be announced later.





Committee on Nominations

"Remember, it is a sin to know what you ought to do and not do it." James 4:17

I have this Scripture verse starred in my Bible because I know that I am prone to drag my feet and make excuses for things I don't really want to do, or that I feel unqualified to do. But, I have found that the question shouldn't be "do I want to do this?" but rather "what is God's will for me to do?"

We limit ourselves and God when we make excuses for not doing the work that God invites us to do. Whether it be at the local level, the District level, or even at the Conference or National levels, there are many opportunities to serve in the United Women of Faith ministries. Are you even aware of what those opportunities are?

I have heard it said that "God doesn't call the most qualified, he qualifies the ones who are called." All of us feel under qualified and sometimes overwhelmed with the work of ministry, but it is what helps us to recognize that it is God who is giving us the strength and power that is needed. When we say "yes" to God, we can do great things together with God and our sisters and brothers.

If the excuses we typically give are "I'm too young" or "I'm too old" or "I'm too busy" or "I'm too ...," ask yourself how then are you denying yourself, your church, your fellow United Methodist Women, and your God of your gifts and talents, your presence and your treasures? There are lots of opportunities, a place for all of us, to contribute and participate.

The Nominations team would love to hear, and explore, how God is calling you to serve. No excuses!

Peace and love
Gillian Wolfe

faith

action

sisterhood

United Methodist Church Vision Statement

Recently, the Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church unveiled a new Vision Statement. This vision reflects the Church's deep commitment to embodying God's dream for the world.

The vision states:

The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.

The vision encourages United Methodists to embody the following principles:

- **Love Boldly:** Passionately love God and, like Jesus, embrace and include people of every age, nation, race, gender and walk of life.
 - *Inspired by Matthew 22:37-39 and John 13:34-35*
 - **Serve Joyfully:** With a Christ-like heart, journey alongside the most vulnerable, offering care and compassion with joy.
 - *Inspired by Psalm 100:1, Nehemiah 8:10, John 13:14-15 and 1 Peter 4:10*
 - **Lead Courageously:** Follow Jesus' example by resisting and dismantling all systems of evil, injustice, and oppression, striving for peace, justice and reconciliation.

Inspired by Joshua 1:9 and Ephesians 6:10

"This is a Kairos moment in the life of The United Methodist Church. This new vision is not simply a statement or a plan, it is a catalyst for transformation," said Bishop Tracy Smith Malone, President of the Council of Bishops. "It is a vision that will help the Church embrace the divine opportunities before us, to follow where God is leading us, and to more fully engage in our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

Calendar of Events



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2025 Calendar of Events East Central District

October 18, 2025 **District Annual Meeting**
Ashbury UM Church, Maitland

November 8, 2025 **Conference Annual Meeting**
First United Methodist Church, Lakeland, FL

There is more detailed information on our website at [UWF East Central District Calendar of Events: ECD Calendar of Events](#)

2025 Calendar of Events Florida Conference

August 2	Finance Committee/Budget approval	Zoom
August 6	Mission u Committee	Zoom
September 12	Program Committee	Zoom
September 15	Leadership Team meeting	Zoom
September	Social Action/Racial Justice event	Zoom
October	Racial Justice Committee	Zoom
November 8	UWF Conference Annual Meeting	[tbd]
November 14	Program Committee	Zoom
November 17	Leadership Team meeting	Zoom
December	Advent event	Zoom

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January	Leadership Development/Goals Setting	[tbd]
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UWF Florida Conference: [Florida Conference UWFaith](#)

EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

WHO is invited?

All UWFaith members in the East Central District.

Why should I attend?

It's fun!

It's a chance to meet members from other units in our district.

It's informative. Learn about our district activities and vote on new officers and changes to our Standing Rules.

This is one of the few times we get to meet in person so we would love to have a huge crowd.

Do I need to bring anything?

Bring a beverage container. You may bring your own lunch or order a box lunch online.

Coffee and muffins will be provided at registration, and tea and lemonade will be available at lunch.

How do I register?

You can register on our website by clicking the link below:

<https://www.flecduwfaith.org/events-1/2025-east-central-district-annual-meeting-2>

Let's make this our best Annual Meeting Yet!



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EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

October
18, 2025
10:00 am

Scan me to register



Asbury UM
Church
220 W Horatio
Ave
Maitland FL

[Click here to
register now!](#)

Meeting
will
be live-
streamed!

The District Annual Meeting is a time to gather together and reflect on the accomplishments of the ECD Units and members. We celebrate the blessings we have received and honor those that have passed on. There is food, fellowship, and friendship! Then we look to the future and hold our annual business meeting which includes elections for next year's District Officers! Come and celebrate with us!

You can bring your own lunch or order a Heavenly Ham Box Lunch. Detailed information on page 2!

Drinks will be provided, please bring your own non-disposable cup!



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EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING BOX LUNCH DETAILS

You may bring your own lunch
or
order a Heavenly Ham Box Lunch for \$12.00

Once you register for the Annual Meeting,
you will receive an email to make your box lunch
selection and instructions on where to send payment.

Salad Box Lunch (includes cookie)

Cobb Salad

**Cobb Salad
(Veggie)**

Garden Salad

Sandwich Box Lunch (includes chips & cookie)

Ham Classic

**Turkey Classic
(roasted or
smoked)**

**Roasted Tomato
& Cheddar**

Ham Salad

Chicken Salad

Gluten Free Box Lunch (includes GF Brownie)

GF Cobb Salad

GF Garden Salad

**GF Ham Classic
Wrap (Incl. chips)**

**GF Turkey Classic
(Roasted or Smoked)**

Wrap (Incl. chips)

**GF California
Veggie Wrap (Incl.
chips)**

Drinks will be provided, please bring your own non-disposable cup!

Assembly 2026

United Women in Faith Assembly is an amazing experience where United Women in Faith members come together and have a time of fellowship, faith, and fun.

The 2026 Assembly will be held in Indianapolis, IN from May 15-17, 2026 and the theme is “Dream It, Believe It, Do It”.

Early Registration will be held from Sep 2, 2025-Nov 30, 2025 and the Early Bird Registration Cost is \$365.00

To get additional details, click >> [UWfaith.org Assembly 2026](http://UWfaith.org/Assembly2026)



What's Assembly 2026 all about?

It's a celebration of who we are and what we can achieve together.
Assembly is our chance to unite, recharge, deepen our faith, and make a difference.

What awaits you at this empowering event?

OPPORTUNITIES TO:

- Be nurtured by deep Soul Care experiences.
- Be equipped through cutting-edge workshops.
- Be inspired by top women experts in their field.
- Become influencers through networking connections.
- Make an impact through action for justice.

It's time to talk, time to dream, and time to build because when women of faith put our love into action, we are unstoppable.

Come be transformed at Assembly 2026!

For more information contact: Janet Blume, ECD President
janetblumeumw@gmail.com



uwfaith.org/assembly



2026 ECD UWFaith Calendar—Response Needed

We will begin planning the 2026 calendar soon and I want you to know that we read your feedback on our event surveys. There were comments that you would like our events to be held closer to your units. We would love to make that happen but we rely on units allowing us to hold our events at your Church's.

We need hosts for the following events:

- ◆ Mission Study (March 7th or 28th)
- ◆ Social Action/Creation Care Event (May 2nd or May 9th)
- ◆ District Annual Meeting (Sep 26th or Oct 3rd).

These dates are general timeframes as we cannot make final decisions on dates until we have the ECD UM Church dates and the UWFaith Florida Conference dates, as we do not want our dates to conflict with their dates which should be available in mid to late August.

The District Leadership Team will do all the program planning but your Church may need to provide refreshments, help with registration the morning of the event, provide tech personnel or janitorial services after the event. We cover the cost of tech personnel and janitorial services.

So if you would like to host an ECD Event, please contact :
Janet Blume at janetblume.umw@gmail.com.

I look forward to working with you in the future!

ECD Important Dates

Education & Interpretation Mission Today Report

Due by September 15th

Send to: ECD Secretary, Linda Welander

Email: lindawelander.umw@gmail.com

Mission Study Recognition

Due by DATE

Send to: WHOM

Unit Officer List

Due by January 31st

Send to: ECD Secretary, Linda Welander

Email: lindawelander.umw@gmail.com

Money Matters

Due by DATE

Send to: ECD Treasurer, Maryann Mueller

Email: maryann.mueller.umw@gmail.com

Rainbow Givers & 5-Star Units

Due by DATE

Send to: WHOM

Trumpet Sound Local Unit News Articles

Due Dates: 2/15, 4/15, 6/15, 8/15, 10/15, 12/15

Send to: dianeabresky.umw@gmail.com

Reading Program Participants Program Resources

Due by September 10, 2025

Send to: ECD Secretary of Program Resources, Dottie Mathias

Email: dottiemathias.umw@gmail.com

Charter for Racial Justice Certification

Due by September 15th

Send to: ECD Secretary, Linda Welander

Email: lindawelander.umw@gmail.com

Deceased Members List Membership, Nurture & Outreach

Due by September 15th

Send to: ECD Secretary, Linda Welander

Email: lindawelander.umw@gmail.com

Treasurer Date Reminders

1st quarter – Friday, April 5th

2nd quarter – Friday, July 5th

3rd quarter – Friday, October 4th

4th quarter – Friday, December 6th

Charter for Racial Justice Local Certification United Women in Faith

District _____ Local UMW _____
Date _____ City _____
Social Action Coordinator _____

Actions by Local UWFaith to implement the Charter policies.

Certificate Level I -6 items; Level II 7-12 items; Level III 13-20 items

1. Provide every member with a copy of the Charter.
2. Devote one unit meeting each year to the Charter.
3. Select and recommend/show videos relating to the Charter to use in circle meetings or unit meetings.
4. Send a unit member to the Children's Week in Tallahassee and present a brief report about it at the unit meeting.
5. Send postcards to legislators about current social issues supporting people of color.
6. At least one member reads a Social Action book and reports, briefly, on it to the Unit.
7. Read and share articles from Response on racial justice at unit meetings.
8. Have a special emphasis day, month, or Sunday in your church on the Charter.
9. Host a tasting party, cultural fair, or other similar event.
10. Help local organizations serving children to diversify their toy collections by buying books and toys that feature people of color.
11. Collect newspaper articles related to racism, both positive and negative. Share with members at unit meetings.
12. Create a skit, poem or story that illustrates an incident related to the Charter that you have witnessed. Present it to the unit.
13. Unit member(s) attends worship in a church with an ethnic/cultural background different from her own and reports about this visit to her unit.
14. Hold a Racial Justice Bible Study (for example the study available through the uwfaith.org)
15. Purchase at least one book annually from the Reading Program list that is written by (or about) an author from a minority sub-culture or another culture.
16. Invite a knowledgeable speaker to a unit meeting who will present information about other countries and cultures.
17. Utilize the Conference Resource Bank to plan local unit programs on Racial Justice.
18. Present a program such as "Justice for Our Neighbors" covering one of the broad issues about immigration.
19. Coordinate an activity with the FL Bishop's Anti Racism Task Force.
20. Submit a picture or an article to the local newspaper as a follow-up to a racial justice activity. (Possibly with a mention of the UWFaith years of work implementing the Charter for Racial Justice.)

MISSION TODAY ANNUAL REPORT

To qualify as a MISSION TODAY UNIT, the unit must participate in at least **eight** of the following criteria, four or five of which must be marked with an asterisk (*). **Certificate Types: Gold: 17 to 19 criteria met; Silver: 9 to 16 criteria with 5*; Bronze: 8 criteria with 5*; Participation Certificate: 5 to 7 criteria with a least 4*.**

Program Year being reported _____ **Date** _____

Unit/Church/City _____

Submitted by: _____ **Office** _____

1. * Made and met our **Unit Pledge to Mission**.
2. Was a **Five Star Unit** by contributing through all five channels of Mission Giving.
3. * Used the **Daily Prayer Guide** at every unit meeting.
4. * Used at least two programs from the UWF **Program Book** during the year.
5. * Had at least one member subscribe to *response Magazine or response Podcasts*.
6. Had a regular **Response Moment** at circle/unit meetings where an article is highlighted.
7. Had at least two members complete Plan I of the **Reading Program**
8. * Had a minimum of four members attend, or the unit conducted or co-sponsored at least one **Mission Study** during the year.
9. Had at least one member, other than conference or district officers attend **the Conference Mission u event**.
10. * Had at least one member, other than a conference or district officer attend a **district/conference training or spiritual growth event**.
11. Had at least two members, other than a conference or district officer, attend the **district and/or conference Annual Meeting**.
12. Reached out to **persons in mission** (Deaconess/Home Missioner Regional Missionary, Global Mission Fellow, etc.) or **National Mission Institution** in at least one way.
Example: _____
13. Had at least one member sign up to receive Social Action e-mails for Climate Justice and Racial Justice.
14. * Implemented the **Charter for Racial Justice** in at least one way.
Example: _____
15. Had at least one member participate in the online **Faith Talks**.
16. * Honored **God's Creation** (environment) in at least one way. Example: _____
17. Helped address the **needs of women, children, and youth** in at least one way.
Example: _____
18. * Added at least **one new member**.
19. Connected with the larger organization by inviting at least one **conference or district officer to speak at a meeting** during the year.

East Central District Book Club

UWFaith 2025—2026

Join the discussion of these books on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00. Sign up to join in for the discussion at www.flecduwfaith.org/events to receive the zoom information. Reading the book adds to the discussion but is not required.

October 14, 2025 Education for Mission

ROUGH SLEEPERS: Dr. Jim O’Connell’s urgent mission to bring healing to homeless people. Tracy Kidder Random House (2024) Authored by Pulitzer Prize-winning, New York Times bestselling author Tracy Kidder.

Rough Sleepers shares the powerful tale of one doctor, Jim O’Connell, who made a difference by helping to create a program to care for Boston’s homeless community, addressing one of American society’s most difficult problems instead of looking away. Kidder spent five years following O’Connell and his colleagues as they worked with thousands of homeless patients, offering medical care, socks, soup, empathy, humor, and friendship to some of the city’s most endangered citizens. Named a Best Book of the Year by NPR, Book Page, and the Chicago Public Library.

November 11, 2025 Nurturing for Community

THE LIGHT WE CARRY: OVERCOMING IN UNCERTAIN TIMES MICHELLE OBAMA CROWN (2022)

In this follow-up to her acclaimed memoir, former First Lady Michelle Obama shares practical wisdom and powerful strategies for staying hopeful and balanced in today’s highly uncertain world. She opens a frank dialogue with readers, considering the questions many of us wrestle with: How do we build enduring and honest relationships? How can we discover strength and community inside our differences? What tools do we use to address feelings of self-doubt or helplessness? What do we do when it all starts to feel like too much? A New York Times and USA Today bestseller.

December 9, 2025 Education for Mission, Youth book

THE LUCKY ONES LINDA WILLIAMS JACKSON CANDLEWICK (2022)

Youth Books This compelling historical fiction account tells the story of 11-year-old Ellis Earl Brown who lives in the Mississippi Delta in 1967. Ellis Earl works hard in school and has big dreams, planning to grow up to become a teacher or a lawyer so his mama won’t have to work as a maid and there will always be enough food in the icebox. But when Mama tells Ellis Earl that he might need to quit school to help support the family, he wonders if happy endings are only possible in storybooks. A gripping story about racism, poverty, and the power of community to help lift people up.

Happy Reading,

Dottie Mathias,
East Central District Secretary of Program Resources
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Reading Program

UW Faith 2025—2026

A new Reading Program year has started!

The reading program goes from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. You may read any of the books on reading lists from 2022 to 2026. The 2026 book list will be in the November/December Response Magazine.

Reading Program Questions

Why should I be part of the reading program?

Reading leads to more understanding of others and their life experiences. You learn a wider perspective of the world and of the current issues. The books teach us about global and local missions. They highlight the mission emphases of United Women in Faith and they help us grow spiritually.

Where do I get the list of books for the reading program?

Go to www.uwfaith.org/resources. Look under Reading Program where you can download the 2025 reading catalog. This is also where you can find the Reading Program Book List, which has all of the books listed from the past 5 years that are eligible for the Reading Program in 2025. In the November/December issue of Response magazine the 2026 book list will be published.

Where do I get the books?

Many of the books can be found at your public library. You can purchase the books in stores or on line. Purchasing the reading program books from www.bookshop.org/shop/uwfaith earn 10% back to United Women in Faith to support our mission.

How does the reading program work?

You have a year (July 1 to June 30) to read.

The books are listed in five categories: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.

- To be a Plan 1 reader you need to read one book from each category.
- Plan 2 you read two books from each category.
- Plan 3 you read two from each category and 5 additional books from any category.
- Plan 4 read 20 books, two from each category and 10 additional books from any category.

Reading Program (cont'd)

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How do I keep track of books I have read?

www.uwfaith.org/resources has the reading form to printed out. Record the books as you read them in the category on the book form. In June give this form to your unit leader and they will send your name and the plan you achieved to the district. You will receive a certificate for your accomplishment. Reading is rewarding.

I am not a book reader so how can I be part of the reading program?

You can listen to podcast, www.uwfaith.org/resources Listening to two Faith Talks counts as Spiritual Growth. Listening to two podcasts of Voices From the Field counts as Education in Mission.

Some of the books are on audio, so they are read to you.

Some of the books have been made into movies and watching it counts the same as the book would.

Reading the children and youth books are a good way to start reading and counts as a book read for the category.

Response magazine comes out 6 times a year and reading all the issues counts as Nurturing for Community.

How do I promote the reading program in my unit?

- Talk about it. Share the books.
- Get reading program books from your local library and have them out for members to look at and read at a meeting. Works best using the children books.
- Have a book highlighted at each of your meetings. A good way to get members to participate and share.
- Start a library of the reading program books at your church.
- Have a book club.
- Ask me to come talk about the reading program at a meeting.

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UW Faith Unit News

First UMC of Winter Park UWFAITH Unit News

Ruth Circle celebrated the beginning of summer with a short business meeting followed by a pot luck lunch featuring a wide array of delicious salads and desserts. Our program reinforced UWF's precepts.

Diane Wilson shared a devotion based on 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 *"Keep alert; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Let all that you do be done in love."* She emphasized that the core principle of our faith is love.



Sharon Stieg reminded us about the vision, mission and purpose of our organization, United Women in Faith:

- Vision — Turning faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world.
- Mission — To connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership
- development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence, and impact local and global communities.
- Purpose — To 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; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

In June, Ruth Circle visited Residing Hope Children's Home in Enterprise Florida (Formerly United Methodist Children's Home).



There was a wonderful tour of the Campus that included Independent living housing, the Montessori school, and a group home.

After the tour, we hosted a joyful Ice Cream Social for the children. It was such fun to meet the young people and listen to their accomplishments and dreams.

In July, Ruth Circle celebrated the staff of the Trinity Christian Academy (TCA) with a teacher appreciation lunch. TCA is housed in our Reeves campus and currently serves 120 children. TCA's curriculum uses innovative play-based learning with a Christian foundation.

Ruth Circle welcomes new members. We would love to have you join us for fun, fellowship and service. For more information, email info@fumcwp.org.

Submitted by: Kate Kinsley

Community of Faith Davenport UWFAITH Unit News

United Women of Faith – August Update

In our August meeting, United Women of Faith focused on connection and community outreach. Ten women gathered to create over **100 beautiful handmade bracelets** that will be sold at the **October Community of Faith Monthly Marketplace**. Proceeds will support local outreach and ministry projects.

After the meeting, several women stayed behind to lend a helping hand in assembling **flood buckets** for the *Buckets of Hope* initiative—an effort to provide essential supplies to those affected by natural disasters.

We are so proud of the creativity and compassion shown by our group and look forward to continuing to serve together!

Submitted by: Pam Lapinski



A Note From Your Communications Coordinator...

What is your unit doing to show LOVE IN ACTION?

Send in your article telling us how you are showing your Love in Action in 2025 so we can share it with others!

The Trumpet Sound will be published bimonthly with the following Due Dates:

- ◇ October 15, 2026
- ◇ December 15, 2026

Due date for upcoming articles for November Newsletter is October 15th.

Here are some ideas for articles:

- ◇ What is your unit doing to show Love in Action for women, children and youth?
- ◇ How is your unit serving in missions?
- ◇ Have you used the UWFaith Program Book for a unit event?
- ◇ Have you done a program on Call to Prayer and Self-Denial?
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