

Jimmie Sartin, President

Barbara Franklin, Editor

HORIZON NEWS



Leadership Team 2024

Left to right: (Front row) Dorothy Martin, Nominations Committee; Earnestine Varnado, Nominations Coordinator.; Angie Weens, Secretary; Jimmie Sartin, President; Debra Stamps, Treasurer; Marilyn Griffin, outgoing Social Action Coordinator, (Back row) Cynthia Magee, MNO Coordinator; Yvette Lott and Yvonne Howell, Co-Vice-President. (Not pictured) Barbara Franklin, Communications Coordinator, Cassandra Smith, Nominations Committee and Regina Carraway, E&I Coordinator.



United
Women
in Faith

Brookhaven District UWF

Conference UWF

2024 Calendar of Events

2024 Calendar of Events

January 20th - District Leadership Meeting.
Brookhaven District Office

April 20th - 9:30a District Leadership Meeting.
Brookhaven District Office

August 17th - District Mission u - Location TBA
District Leadership Meeting immediately following

October 12th - District Annual meeting - Location
TBA
District Leadership Meeting immediately following

2024 Mission u Committee Meeting February 3, 2024.
10:00 A.M. (Virtual)

Soul Care Retreat (Spiritual Growth) March 1-2, 2024,
Camp Wesley Pines, Gallman, MS

2024 Southeastern Jurisdictions Chattanooga, TN
April 19-21, 2024 Registration QR Code or click
under this link

World Federation and Uniting Church Women
Date TBA

Mississippi Annual Conference & UWF Luncheon
June 20-22, 2024, Millsaps College, Jackson

UWF Mission u, July 19-20, 2024 TBA

U W Leadership Team Meeting, August 2-3, 2024



2024 Brookhaven District UWF Officers

President:

Jimmie Sartin
50 Rural Center Ln
Columbia, MS 39429
601-441-5235
jimmiesartin71@hotmail.com

Co-Vice President:

Yvonne Howell
350 Scott Dr
McComb, MS 39648
601-248-0907
gtyhowell479054@gmail.com

Co-Vice President:

Yvette Lott
363 Montgomery Rd
Summit, MS 39666
601-249-5645
nptwin@yahoo.com

Social Action:

Dianne Boyd
1649 Blackberry Trl SW
Bogue Chitto, MS 39629
601-248-8829
dianneboyd8829@gmail.com

Secretary:

Angie Weems
5009 Magnolia-Pisgah Rd
Summit, MS 39666
601-810-9126
angieweems@hotmail.com

Treasurer:

Debra Stamps
3011 Lee Ave
Crystal Springs, MS 39059
601-892-5609
debrastamps@bellsouth.net

Communications Coordinator:

Barbara Pittman Franklin
99 Hemmingtown Rd
Foxworth, MS 39483
601-620-8889
b2franklin@yahoo.com

Membership and Nurture:

Cynthia Faye Magee
78 Otto Magee Rd
Tylertown, MS 39667
601-876-4352
fayemagee1@yahoo.com

Spiritual Growth:

Ruby Lovett
101 W Piazza St
Crystal Springs, MS 39059
601-287-2202
Ruby_lovett@yahoo.com

Education and Interpretation:

Regina Carraway
4140 Mt Gilead Rd SE
McCall Creek, MS 39647
601-551-9870/601-597-4280
reginacarraway@hughes.net

Nominations Committee:

Earnestine Varnado
986 N Cherry St
Magnolia, MS 39652
601-783-3756.
or 601-341-3445

Dorothy Martin
731 Pearl River Ave
McComb, MS 39648
601-551-1627

Cassandra Smith
67 Game Reserve Rd
Columbia, MS 39429
601-731-4239

varnadoeav@aol.com dorothymartin114@gmail.com drulia863@gmail.com

Mission Is God's Activity in the World and It's Achieved Through You and Me.
UWF Invite Women To Join and Participate by Using the Gift(S) and Grace(S)
That God Has So Graciously Given Each of Us.

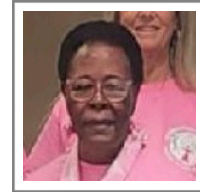
“The Harvest Is Plentiful, but the Laborers Are Few.” Matthew 9:37-38

Deaconess Earnestine Varnado

Greetings United Women in Faith,

“Life is Hard, God is Good, Let’s Dance”!

What a funny, I mean probably not actually) way to greet United Women in Faith. It’s all about JOY. My Joy is for everyone.



We’re into a New Year and faced with new challenges. The districts have been realigned and we will be working faithfully through that. When situations arise that are beyond our control, we must remind ourselves that God is greater than any situation. With grateful hearts, we affirm the goodness of God and work through these situations. We look forward to reaching out to and working with the new churches that will now be a part of this district and welcoming those UWF and embracing them. We are here to serve women, children, and youth; therefore, we need to be in touch with all UWF in this newly realigned district.

We’ve had our first Leadership team meeting of 2024. As our Spiritual Growth Coordinator stated in our opening devotion, “We’re asking for God’s wisdom in our lives and in our work as UWF”. So, as we begin this year, we are planning for our district events, and we encourage you to make plans to be a part of each. You will hear about these events from each of our Coordinators. The events are, Mission u, and our District Annual Meeting. I would like to also encourage you to attend the Conference Soul Care Retreat (formally Spiritual Growth Retreat) at Camp Wesley Pines on March 1 & 2.

As we embark upon this new year, let’s pray for one another. James 5:16 tells us to “Pray for one another”. I pray, affirming God’s presence and power. I yield to the wisdom of God as I pray, let go, and trust the highest and best outcomes are already on their way.

Welcome our new Leadership Team Members:

Ruby Lovett: Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Regina Carraway: Education & Interpretation

Dianne Boyd: Social Action

Thanks to the work of our Nomination Committee: Deaconess Earnestine Varnado, Dorothy Martin, and Cassandra Smith.

Blessings,

Jimmie Sartin: District Leadership Team President

When I read this, it made me smile. Passing it on to you...

What a Wonderful Way to Explain It....

A sick man turned to his doctor as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said, "Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side."

Very quietly, the doctor said, "I don't know."

"You don't know? You're a Christian man and don't know what's on the other side?" asked the patient.

The doctor was holding the handle of the door; on the other side came a sound of scratching and whining, and, as he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness. Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and, when the door opened, he sprang in without fear. I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing ... I know my Master is there and that is enough."

As your District VP, I am looking for a church who would be willing to host our Annual Meeting in October. The last four meetings were held at Centenary, Pisgah, Jefferson Street, and Johnston Chapel. You would not be responsible for much--coffee, juice, light breakfast foods. Please let me know if you are willing. (601-248-0907)

Yvonne Howell

Vice-President



Hello, My Sisters in Faith!

I am Ruby Lovett, your newly elected Spiritual Growth Coordinator for the Brookhaven District. I count it an honor and privilege to be able to serve you in this capacity.

I would like to start with a few questions for you to ponder: How is it with your soul? Are you at peace in your mind, body and spirit? Are you staying in relationship with God through scripture reading, prayer, quiet time to allow Him to speak to you, praise & worship of Him and fellowship with fellow Christians, etc.? This affects your whole being! Soul care is a vital part of daily living.

The MS Conference is hosting our Soul Care Retreat 2024 on March 1-2. This is an opportunity to give care to your holistic being, and since this retreat is taking place in our district, please make every effort to attend. Please make note that you must complete **online pre-registered** to attend. No on-site or paper registration will be accepted. Please see pre-registration information below.

To pre-register:

Go to the MS United Methodist Women in Faith website.

Click on "Home."

Scroll down to "Recent Updates."

Note: On my PC, it was at the top right side.

Click on "MS Conference United Women in Faith Soul Care Retreat."

Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on "Registration Form-Soul Retreat 2024" in red letters.

Note: This is part of what you will see on the website. THIS IS NOT A REGISTRATION FORM!!!!!!

Registration Form - Soul Care Retreat 2024

Mississippi Conference United Women in Faith

Friday, March 1 - Saturday, March 2, 2024

Camp Wesley Pines, Gallman, MS

THEME: "LOVE ONE ANOTHER"

Leader: Rev. Kitsy Marie Dixon, Associate Pastor at Spanish Fort United Methodist Church, Spanish Fort, Alabama

"A new command I give you; Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

John 13:34.

FRIDAY: March 1 - Registration: 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday: March 2 - Registration: 7:45 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Meals:

Friday, March 1 - Dinner: 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Saturday, March 2 - Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. and Lunch: 12:15 p.m.

The First 96 women who register will be housed in Durr Wise. Others will be in cabins.

Note: Bring Bible, towels, sheets, pillow, blanket, jackets, personal items, and snacks to share.

These are your attendance options:

I Plan to attend the Soul Care Retreat - \$76.50

I Plan to attend the Saturday session and eat lunch -\$27.00

I Plan to attend the sessions only (no meals) - \$22.00

I Plan to attend the Saturday session only (no meals) - \$17.00

Note: Follow the instructions on the registration form for mailing in your registration dollar amount.

The United Women in Faith national website provides many opportunities for you to continue to grow spiritually. Please visit the website to find the reading list, prayer calendar, book studies, opportunities to participate in author talks (our own, the Rev. Dr. Erin Beasley, daughter of the Rev. Dr. Zach Beasley, will be co-sponsoring a book talk on February 29th. Please sign up for this event.), etc.

Peace and blessing,

Ruby Lovett,

Brookhaven District Spiritual Growth Coordinator

ruby_lovett@aol.com

662-897-0587

Greetings,

Welcome to 2024! Your Brookhaven Leadership Team has already met for its first meeting of 2024. As you read through the Horizon you will see some familiar names, but also some new names on the Leadership Team. We are so excited to bring new faces/ideas to our team and it is our prayer that as we plan events, choose host churches, select mission projects, and speakers that God will use each one to bring your local unit closer and more involved.

Please make sure that you are sharing the Horizon with others in your unit-especially those that may not utilize email. If you are not currently receiving the Horizon and have an email please be sure to send me your email address so I can add your name for the next issue.

Keep an eye out for more information regarding Soul Retreat (formerly called Spiritual Growth Retreat), 2024 Social Action project details, Mission U, and other upcoming events.

Looking forward to an exciting year!

Blessings,

Angie

Brookhaven District Secretary

angieweems@hotmail.com

601-810-9126



Ladies,

First, I would like to thank the Brookhaven District for exceeding its 2023 pledge goal. We, the Brookhaven District Leadership Team, thank all units that helped with this accomplishment.

Here are some important dates to keep in mind.
Remittance forms and quarterly due dates are as follows.
1st quarter is due February 29th
2nd quarter is due May 31st
3rd quarter is due August 31st
4th quarter is due November 30th

Your unit can become a Five Star Unit by contributing to all points on the STAR:

1. Pledge to Mission
2. Special Mission Recognition
3. A gift to Mission
4. A gift to Memory, and
5. World Thanks Offering.

Many units would qualify if their distributions supported each of the five points on the STAR. Please review your allocations to ensure you are eligible.

To be recognized at the Annual Conference, both Remittance and Candle Burning forms must be submitted by June 30, 2024. This ensures that everything is submitted on time and printed in the annual bulletin.

Please continue to stay safe and healthy! My prayer is for our Father to calm our fears, release our doubts, comfort our souls, and protect our families daily.

Blessings,
Debra Sturgis-Stamps
Brookhaven District Treasurer
601-892-5609
3011 Lee Avenue
Crystal Springs, MS 39059



Brookhaven District UWF Annual Meeting





Brookhaven District UWF Annual Meeting





St. Paul UWF
Women's Conference
"Embracing Change
and Transformation"



MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
NECROLOGY REPORT FORM
August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024

District: _____

Name of Church: _____

Unit or Circle: _____

In Memory of: _____ (Print Name)

Date of Death _____ (Age): _____

Please write a SHORT biography of the woman listed above. List positions held, contributions and achievements made in the organization of United Women in Faith. Make copies of this form if you have more than one woman who passed away during this time period.

DO NOT USE MORE THAN THIS SPACE. SPACE IS LIMITED IN THE "IN MEMORY" SECTION OF THE ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM BOOK.

RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO: Cynthia Faye Magee 78 Otto Magee Rd. Tylertown, MS 39667 or email fayemagee1@yahoo.com

Information from this form is used to compile the IN MEMORY section listed in the program book for the Annual Meeting in October. ****Return this form to me BEFORE JULY 15TH, 2024**** so that it can be forwarded to the Conference Membership, Nurture, and Outreach officer in time to be included in the program book..

THIS FORM CAN BE SENT TO ME AT ANY TIME. Do not wait until the last minute.

Name of person submitting form: _____

Phone # _____ e-mail _____



New Zion UWF
Soul Care Retreat





New Zion UWF
Soul Care
Retreat



Time Line of Women in Methodism

This is just a start, there are many, many, more!!

Circa 1770 Mary Evans Thorne is appointed class leader by Joseph Pilmor in Philadelphia. She is probably the First Woman in America so appointed.

1768 Barbara Heck, known as the mother of American Methodism, urges Philip Embury to start preaching in New York and designs John / Street Chapel in New York City.

1787 Despite objections of some male preachers, John Wesley authorizes Sarah Mallet to preach, as long as "She proclaimed the doctrines and adhered to the disciplines that all Methodist preachers were expected to accept".

1827 Isabella Bomefree, a slave, who later changes her name to Sojourner Truth, is emancipated when slavery is abolished in New York State. That same year, she co-founded Kingston Methodist Church. In 1843 she feels "called in the roots of the United Methodist Family tree digging deeper "

1834 Sophronie Farrington, the first single missionary, arrives in Liberia.

1835 Phoebe Palmer, evangelist, and Mother of the American holiness movement, conducts weekly prayer meeting in her home.

1849 Charity Opherel is granted a preacher's license by the United Brethren Church.

1851 Lydia Sexton is recommended as a "pulpit speaker" by the United Brethren General Conference.

1857 The United Brethren General Conference passes a resolution that no woman should be allowed to preach.

1862 Amanda Hanby Billhelmer becomes the first United Brethren in Christ Woman to serve as a missionary when she begins service in Sierra Leone with her husband.

1863 Fanny Crosby, a life-long Methodist , blind from infancy, writes her first hymn. She writes more than , 9,000 hymns, for example "Blessed Assurance, "To God Be The Glory".

1869 Margaret Newton Van Cott was the first woman in the a Methodist "Episcopal Church to receive a local preacher's license.

1875 Ann Howard Shaw acquired a local preacher's license in the Methodist Episcopal Church. And in 1884 the ordination was ruled out of order.

1888 Five women, including Frances Willard, are elected delegates to the Methodist Episcopal General 'conference. Male reserves later replaced those women.

The denomination establishes a deaconess program for lay women. Deaconesses serve the Church in any capacity not requiring full clergy rights in ministries of love, justice, and service.

1889 Ella Niswonger is the First Woman to be ordained by the United Brethren Church.

1904 Minnie Jackson Goins of Kansas becomes the First African American Woman to be ordained Elder by the United Brethren Church.

1920 The Methodist Episcopal Church grants women the right to be licensed as local preachers.

1922 Eighteen Women are seated as the first female lay delegates to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church,.

1968 The Methodist and the Evangelical United Brethren churches unite to form the United Methodist Church. The merged church affirms full clergy rights to women.

2019 UMW celebrated 150 years since eight denominations came together and began the women's missionary societies. in 1869, the Women's Foreign Missionary Society first organized in Boston, in response to a lack of women's health care in the country of India.

I hope this information gives us perspective.

Respectfully Submitted

Regina Carraway
Adams United Methodist Church
District Nominations Committee



MS Conference United Women in Faith Soul Care Retreat

Theme: “Love One Another”

Leader: Rev. Kitsy Marie Dixon


March 01-02, 2024

Friday and Saturday (in person)

Camp Wesley Pines

Gallman, MS

- **Sisterhood:** Our new retreat model allows authentic, spiritual, safe-space connections with other women.
- **Relevance:** Insightful speakers and inspiring doers offering new, relatable content connected to faith, social justice, sisterhood and more.
- **Growth:** Unique and meaningful experiences to stretch your thinking and increase your awareness of the Divine’s presence in your life.
- **Women-led:** Exciting new spaces for women, made by women

Remember there is no on site reservation and no paper forms. Contact Dorothy Carter (662-305-5641) or your district secretary or district communications coordinator. Lori Polk (662-315-7142) is available, if you need assistance. The link is 

[Registration Form-Soul Care Retreat 2024](#)

