

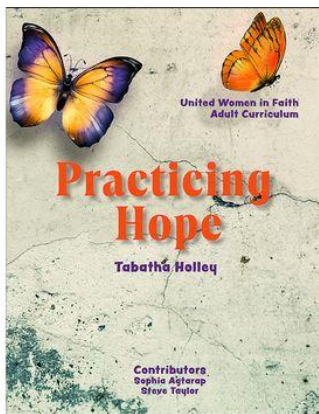
*The Voice of the  
Harpeth River District  
UWF Newsletter*



*"Carrying Our Faith Forward"*



## *District Mission Study*



Saturday  
August 23, 2025  
9:00 am  
Columbia First UMC  
  
District Leadership Team Meeting  
to follow

### **Come & Explore Practicing Hope**

What is it? Where is it?  
How can we grow hope?  
How does hope, faith  
& joy go together?

Be sure to Pre-Register!!  
Form is on the website.

## *District Annual Meeting*

Saturday  
September 20, 2025  
Registration @ 8:30 am  
Meeting @ 9:00 am  
at  
Nolensville First UMC

(District Annual Meeting Registration Form **deadline September 5, 2025**. Form is on the website.)

## From the President

Dear Sisters in Christ,

I hope this finds you all doing well and enjoying your summer, albeit a very hot and humid one! I want to thank the unit presidents who attended the President's Roundtable on June 21st at Thompson Station UMC. Eight out of the 15 units were represented, and we had a wonderful discussion of the many, many, many projects we are supporting along with the gifts and time we are offering. In my notes I tried my best to keep a list of the many projects and came away with well over 60! And that was not all the ones mentioned! On my drive home I felt so blessed to be a part of such a caring, empathetic, and driven organization and the women behind all of these good works! "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." – Ephesians 2:10



I wanted to share one event mentioned by Franklin First members Debbie Miller and Marina Rawls, which is a "Behind the Dress" tea held in August. Members wear, bring, or share a photo of a dress that has held a significant meaning to them. Some of the ladies last year had teenagers model the dresses as well. They said a wide variety of dresses, including wedding gowns, dresses inherited from family members, dresses from other countries, etc. are modeled or displayed, and the stories behind them are shared. What a wonderful way to reminisce and reflect on special memories with other women.

The TWK Conference Charter for Racial Justice event held on Saturday, July 12th at the historic McKendree UMC in downtown Nashville was one of the best conference events I have attended. Conference president Karen Saunders and her committee did a commendable job presenting the acclaimed documentary film, *Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in School*, based on Dr. Monique W.



Beth Stockwell, District President  
Stacey Hagewood, District Social Action

Morris's book of the same name. About 50 ladies, including a number from Harpeth River, attended to view the film, and had deep conversations about it and what they learned during table discussions. Each table shared their observations, and the overall response was that as United Women in Faith members we need to be "advocates" for young black girls as they navigate difficult situations.



Our next district event will be our District Mission Study on Saturday, August 23rd at Columbia First UMC. Janet Pierce has graciously offered to be our speaker, and I am confident she will do a wonderful job. If you did not attend Mission u, or your unit is not having their own Mission Study, I urge you to attend this event. It is a deep look at "hope" and how Christ teaches us to embody hope during these very difficult and challenging times. It also will count as 2 book credits for the category Spiritual Growth.

Our last district event is the Annual Meeting to be held at Nolensville First UMC on Saturday, September 20th. Registration starts at 8:30 AM with the meeting beginning at 9:00 AM. The meeting will include music, a guest speaker, election and installation of officers and appointed leaders, a business meeting and communion. We anticipate this to last about 2 hours. Then, we will have a lovely lunch afterwards provided by the ladies of Nolensville First UMC.

I look forward to seeing you at these two events!

Blessings,

Beth Stockwell

*From the Treasurer*

I want to let you know that we collected \$362.00 at the Woven in Faith event held at Brentwood UMC on March 22, 2025. This collection was sent to Red Bird Mission. Our speaker for Woven in Faith was the former executive director of Red Bird Mission, Kari Collins. We had a great turn-out to hear Kari and our District Superintendent Rev. B. J. Brack. Rev. Brack told us about his recent mission experience in western North Carolina with the Bishop and cabinet members from the 3 conferences Bishop David Graves serves.

Thank you for your support of United Women in Faith and all our mission partners.

Debbie Miller  
Treasurer

*From the Social Action Coordinator*

Interrupting the School-to-Prison Pipeline and Ending Mass Incarceration are two social action initiatives of United Women in Faith. Several members of Harpeth River District units attended the July 12th screening of **PUSHOUT: The Criminalization of Black Girls in School** at McKendree UMC in Nashville. The film is powerful and eye-opening! The group followed the viewing with an inspiring discussion and lovely lunch. Thank you to the TWK Conference United Women in Faith and McKendree United Methodist Church for hosting.

As a follow-up, here are some ways you may be able to support Interrupting the School-to-Prison Pipeline and Ending Mass Incarceration in Middle Tennessee.

- Consider being a tutor during or after school in your community. Contact a nearby elementary school or after school care program to see how you may be able to help.
- Organize a group to do a Bible Study on the School-to-Prison Pipeline using resources provided at the UWFaith website: <https://uwfaithresources.org/prodDetail.cfm?productID=10393&catid=2210>
- Family Reconciliation Center is a guest house in Nashville located near both Riverbend Maximum Security Institution and Debra K. Johnson Rehabilitation Institution - state prisons for men and women. Families can stay at the guest house FOR FREE when visiting loved ones who are incarcerated at these prisons, in area jails, or while living in transitional communities. Statistics show that visitation helps reduce recidivism significantly and the FRC guest house is a wonderful place of hospitality. More here: <https://www.familyreconciliationcenter.org/>

- Learn more about other ways you can serve and advocate here: <https://uwfaith.org/what-we-do/serve-and-advocate/mass-incarceration/>

Stacey Hagewood  
[shagewood@gmail.com](mailto:shagewood@gmail.com)

*From the Spiritual Growth Coordinator*

Once we, too, were foolish and disobedient. We were misled and became slaves to many lusts and pleasures. Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated each other. But— When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. Because of his grace he made us right in his sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life. Titus 3:3-7 (NLT)

“The room is filled with a sense of awe and wonder as new believers come to understand the depth of God’s love and mercy towards them. They listen intently, despite their past sins and shortcomings. They have been saved by God’s grace through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. The atmosphere is one of humility, gratitude, and a deep sense of reverence for the incredible gift of salvation that has been freely given to them. A precious gift from God, given to us out of His infinite love, mercy, and grace.

“If salvation could be achieved through our own works, wouldn’t that diminish the magnitude of God’s love for us? It’s not about what we do, but about what God has already done for us through the sacrifice of His son, Jesus Christ. This verse challenges us to let go of the burden of trying to earn our salvation and instead to accept it as the beautiful gift that it is—a gift that solidifies our identity as children of God... It provides a sense of purpose, belonging, and eternal significance in a world often plagued by uncertainty and doubt... It is a transformation of the heart and mind that allows us to be renewed and refreshed in our relationship with God.” ([https://godsblessingcommentary.com/titus/titus\\_3\\_3-7/](https://godsblessingcommentary.com/titus/titus_3_3-7/))

**“...your life is of great value to God. He sent His only Son to redeem it, and He will show you the way home.”** *How the Woman at the Well Became the Well Woman* by Donna Rhodes, p. 258 (Nurturing for Community, UWF 2020 Reading Program)

Our Father, guide us with Your divine light through the shadows of despair and uncertainty. Illuminate our path with hope and strength as we navigate the darkness of our trials. Shine Your grace upon us, showing us the way to Your eternal brightness. In Your mercy, be our beacon of light, leading us to peace and comfort amidst the night. Amen.

Marina Rawls  
 Spiritual Growth Coordinator

*From the Program Resources Coordinator / Management*

So, you really don't want to read 5 books. Just **five books**. Well, there are other ways to receive credit!!

For the category Education for Mission -

Listen to 2+ episodes of "Voices from the Field" podcast for 1 credit.

Watch the movie *Small Great Things* and receive 1 credit.

For the category Leadership Development -

Watch the movie *Hidden Figures: The American Dream & the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race* and receive 1 credit.

For the category Nurturing for Community -

Read 6 issues of **response** magazine and receive 1 credit.

Watch the movie *The Hate U Give* and receive 1 credit.

For the category Social Action -

Watch the movie *Pushout* and receive 2 credits because it is a Bonus Book.

Watch the movie *The Nickel Boys* and receive 1 credit.

For the category Spiritual Growth -

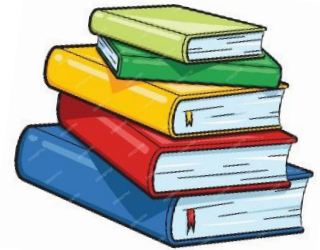
Listen to 2+ episodes of "Faith Talks" podcast for 1 credit.

Attend Mission u for 2 credits.

\*\* Attend the District Mission Study for 2 credits.

Read a Mission u study book for 1 credit.

Watch the movie *If I should Die Before I Live* and receive 1 credit.



If by chance you read a Bonus Book or watch a movie that is a Bonus Book, you will receive 2 credits!

Don't forget - you do **not** have to read 10 books before reading children or youth books. If you want, read only children &/or youth books!

Be sure to send me your Reading Program report by Aug. 15!

Keep on reading!

Bobbi Toombs

The Crazy Book Lady



Billie Sue

Douglas

Frances

Harry

Lynnette

Peggy

Red Bird Mission

Do you need prayer or know of someone that does?

Send the first name to: [pdj1169@gmail.com](mailto:pdj1169@gmail.com)



## 2025 Mission u

In case you missed it, the theme of Mission u this year was “Practicing Hope Together.” I’d like to share three thoughts from the discussions we had in the class I was in.

First, in 1-2 words or a short phrase, define hope. Easy, right? Well, not if you really get to thinking about it. Actually, it turns out to be a little complicated. Here are some of the responses from the class: Anticipation. Future oriented. Possibilities. Light at the end of the tunnel. Assurance.

Second, active hope. On page 37 in our study book, there is a transcript of a clip from the podcast *Finding Our Way* where Mariame Kaba shares her thoughts about hope. “Hope isn’t a ... substitute for action, but a basis for it. ... Like for me, hope doesn’t reside. Hope isn’t like a thing. It is also not an emotion. It’s not something that I have. It’s something that I do.”

Third, a mustard seed. We are all familiar with the parable of the mustard seed in Matthew 12:31-32. With this, I’m going to leave you with two questions:

- Is Hope the seed to Joy?
- Is Hope the seed to Faith?

Submitted by –  
Janet Pierce



Attendees from the  
Harpeth River District



### Important Announcement

After much thought and prayer, I have decided to step down as District President at the end of 2025. Vice President Conni Shabram-Beach has graciously agreed to fill the position. I will serve as district secretary until the end of 2026 and continue to serve as conference secretary. Additionally, Debbie Miller’s term as Treasurer concludes at the end of 2025, after serving the district for 6 years. All of us are very thankful of her service and dedication to the finances of the district and her guidance to the unit treasurers. I have enjoyed my time as president and want to thank everyone, especially Past President Peggy Owen, for the love and support.

As many of you may know, National UWF has made changes to the Handbook, and the 2025-2028 edition has outlined a new leadership structure. The following positions will be elected by the national, conference, district, and local unit organizations: President, Treasurer, Secretary, Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations, and the Communications Coordinator. Appointed leaders include Mission Coordinators (Education and Interpretation; Membership, Nurture, and Outreach; Spiritual Growth; and Social Action), Program Coordinator/Vice President, Program Resources Coordinator/Management, and Language Coordinator (if applicable).

Presently, the Harpeth River District is in need of a Treasurer; Membership, Nurture, and Outreach (MNO) Coordinator; Program Coordinator/Vice President; and several members for the Committee on Nominations. I continue to reiterate that those who serve as a leader are not alone on an island... The rest of the leadership team, as well as previous members, are all willing to assist you in your new role. These roles do not require a great deal of time and everyone does the best they can as part of a loving and supportive team to carry out the mission of the United Women in Faith.

Should you be interested, or just want to learn more about these positions, please contact Nominations Chair Judy Davis, who is more than willing to speak with you and share additional information with you. If you would like to call or text Judy, her number is 615-504-1361 or you can email her at: [jldavis71391@att.net](mailto:jldavis71391@att.net) Please write as the subject: UWF OFFICER INTEREST.

The leadership team members will be elected and appointed at our Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 20th at Nolensville First UMC. I ask that you prayerfully consider serving in any capacity.

Blessings,

Beth Stockwell

Harpeth River District President



### **Small-Scale Grant Opportunity for Districts and Units Working to Interrupt the School-to-Prison Pipeline**

**Deadline to Apply: September 1, 2025**

The Office of Racial Justice invites United Women in Faith Districts and Units to apply for funding to support their local work to interrupt the school-to-prison pipeline and/or end mass incarceration.

#### **Goal of Funding Support**

To advance United Women in Faith's efforts to interrupt the school-to-prison pipeline and end mass incarceration by providing small-scale seed funding to support district and local unit projects.

#### **Available Funding Support**

Consideration will be given to funding requests of \$100 - \$1,500. Funding is limited. Please budget responsibly and request only the amount needed. Requests for funding support in excess of \$1,500 will not be considered.

## Criteria for Evaluating Applications for Funding Support

Your project should have a **clear goal** connected to interrupting the school-to-prison pipeline and/or ending mass incarceration. Goals may be at any level, from changing the practice of an individual school to shifting federal juvenile justice policy. Project goals should demonstrate a healthy mix of ambition and realism. Your project should **include the voices of directly-impacted people** in the leadership and/or decision-making process. Depending on your specific context, this may include students at risk of pushout, currently- or formerly-incarcerated people, or others.

We believe we do our best and most sustainable work when we work together. With that in mind, United Women in Faith groups are welcome to apply for funding to support **collaborative work** in coalition/partnership with other local organizations, as long as the work involves substantial and active participation from the United Women in Faith Unit or District, as well.

Groups that receive funding will be asked to report on their results, including:

- What was done;
- Who was involved;
- How the community was impacted;
- How funds were spent;
- What next steps are planned; and
- What was learned.

## Timeline

- **Application deadline - September 1, 2025**
- Groups notified of funding support decisions - By October 15, 2025
- Groups confirm plan to move forward (or not) - By November 1, 2025
- Selected group(s) receive funding - By December 15, 2025
- Implementation of project - Calendar Year 2026
- Report on results due - By February 1, 2027

[Click Here for Application Directions and Link](#)





## June's Trivia Answers

1 - 5

Book I - Chapters 1-41

Book II - Chapters 42-72

Book III - Chapters 73-89

Book IV - Chapters 90-106

Book V - Chapters 107-150

2 - 150

3 - Chapter 119 with 176 verses.

4 - Both - Psalms is the name of the book and Psalm is the title of each chapter.

5 - It might indicate that there should be an instrumental interlude at this point in the singing of the psalm. {Psalm 3:2 (NRSV) footnote}

6 - Ruth & Naomi

7 - Boaz {Ruth 4:1-12}

8 - Luke {Acts 1:1-5 (NRSV) footnote}

9 - Faith is the sole condition of salvation. {Romans 1:16-17 (NRSV)}

10 - He raised Lazarus from the dead. {John 11}



## Book Report

### Suggestions for 2024

### Education for Mission

#### ***THE DEATH and LIFE of AIDA HERNANDEZ: A BORDER STORY***

Aaron Bobrow-Strain

This book tells the story of a Mexican teen mother, Aida, journeying through the U.S. immigration system and the obstacles she faces. Aida was born in Mexico in 1987. When Aida was 8 years old, her mother took her and her siblings to live in Arizona, where she grew up undocumented. After her deportation, Aida found herself in a Mexican city marked by violence, in a country not hers, and separated from her son. To get back to the United States and reunite with her son, she embarked on a harrowing journey, enduring detention centers, immigration courts, and more.

## Leadership Development

### ***I AM a GIRL FROM AFRICA: A MEMOIR of POWER, COMMUNITY and HOPE***

Aelizabeth Nyamayaro

When she was eight years old, a severe drought hit Nyamayaro's village in Zimbabwe. Unable to move from hunger and malnourishment, she encountered a United Nations aid worker who gave her a bowl of warm porridge and saved her life—a transformative moment that inspired her to dedicate herself to giving back to her community, continent, and world. Nyamayaro's incredible memoir takes readers from the near-death experience of an African girl to a lifelong dedication to real change. It is a story of persevering through great odds and finding one's true calling while delivering an important message of hope, empowerment, and interdependence.

## Nurturing Community

### ***A LITTLE PIECE of LIGHT: A MEMOIR of HOPE, PRISON and LIFE UNBOUND***

Donna Hylton

Donna Hylton's early life was a nightmare of abuse. In 1986, she took part in a horrific act and was sentenced to 25 years to life for kidnapping and second-degree murder. This tells the tale of her journey back to life as she faced the truth about the crime that locked her away for 27 years, as well as the family she found inside prison that ultimately saved her. Alongside this generation's most infamous criminals, she learned to fight, then thrive. Since her release in 2012, she has emerged as a leading advocate for criminal justice reform and women's rights.

## Social Action

### ***THE NICKEL BOYS / LOS CHICOS DE NICKEL***

Colson Whitehead

When Elwood Curtis, a Black boy in 1960s Tallahassee, is unfairly sentenced to a juvenile reformatory called the Nickel Academy, he finds himself trapped in a chamber of horrors. Elwood's only salvation is his friendship with fellow "delinquent" Turner, which deepens despite Turner's conviction that Elwood is hopelessly naive, the world is crooked, and the only way to survive is to scheme and avoid trouble. Based on the real story of a reform school that operated for 111 years and warped the lives of thousands, *The Nickel Boys* dramatizes another strand of American history through the story of two boys unjustly sentenced.

## Spiritual Growth

### ***LAND of SILENCE***

Tessa Afshar

Before she stole healing by touching the hem of his garment, Elianna was a young girl crushed by guilt. After her only brother is killed in her care, Elianna tries to earn forgiveness by working for her father's textile trade and caring for her family. When another tragedy places Elianna in sole charge of the business, her talent for design brings enormous success, but never absolution. Then illness strikes, isolating Elianna from everyone and stripping everything she has left. No physician can cure her—until she hears whispers of a man whose mere touch can heal.

## BONUS: Social Action 2025

### ***THE SUN DOES SHINE: HOW I FOUND LIFE and FREEDOM on DEATH ROW***

Anthony Ray Hinton

In 1985, Hinton was arrested and charged with two counts of capital murder in Alabama. Stunned, he knew it was a case of mistaken identity. But with no money and a different system of justice for a poor Black man in the South, Hinton was sentenced to death by electrocution. He spent his first three years on Death Row in agonizing despair and anger. But as Hinton realized and accepted his fate, he resolved not only to survive but find a way to live, becoming a beacon to his fellow inmates, 54 of whom were executed mere feet from his cell. Hinton won his release in 2015.

## BONUS: Spiritual Growth 2025

### ***THE WOMEN of the BIBLE SPEAK: THE WISDOM of 16 WOMEN and THEIR LESSONS for TODAY***

Shannon Bream

American journalist and attorney Shannon Bream enables readers to walk closely with 16 women of the Bible, many of whom were central figures in numerous Biblical tales, for example, Queen Esther's bravery at a vital point in history which saved her entire people. The Bible contains warriors like Jael, judges like Deborah, and prophets like Miriam. The first person to witness Jesus' resurrection was Mary Magdalene, who promptly became the first Christian evangelist, eager to share the news that would change the world forever. Bream offers a deeper understanding of each, and wisdom and insights that can transform readers' lives today.



**B**egin the day with

**L**ove

**E**xpect blessings

**S**hare goodness

**S**hine like the Son

**I**nspire someone

**N**ever forget that

**G**od is with you always.

**BLESSING**

## *~ ~ Unit News ~ ~*

### *Bethesda ~*

The ladies of Bethesda UMC have had a very active and fulfilling year. We've continued our partnership with our adopted school, Bethesda Elementary, by sending cards to the teachers throughout the year, delivering cookies on Valentine's Day, providing lunch as they wrapped up the school year, and planning another lunch during in-service as they prepare for the new school year.

We made a trip to Decatur, Alabama, to volunteer at the UMCOR warehouse. It's always a rewarding experience as we work hard to meet whatever needs they have. On the way home, we kept our tradition alive by stopping at Longhorn for lunch together.

We have prepared Christmas boxes and collected school supplies for UMCOR. In addition, we have supported various missions, including Mt. TOP youth staff, the College Grove Food Pantry, Both Hands, Ronald McDonald House, Friends of Bethesda Library, and the Legacy Fund.



### *Brentwood ~*

On July 8, the Brentwood United Women in Faith entertained a Salad Supper. We had a great crowd, great speaker and collected \$1,734.00 in gift cards for 3 food pantries in Nashville. The speaker was Rev. Beth Pattillo; her topic was Hope, Hallelujah and Happy Endings.



Sitting, right: Rev. Beth Pattillo



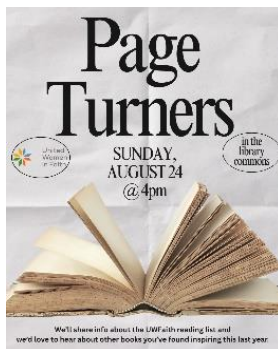
## Centerville ~

We have a group of women we call Blessed Stitches, that meet once a week to work on pillowcase dresses and prayer buddies. We put these in the UMCOR Christmas Shoe Boxes every year along with other items. We also keep prayer buddies available year-round for Women Are Safe and other organizations.

On July 23, we had a "Sister Social". We met at a local restaurant, The Local Place, for brunch and fellowship.



## Christ ~



The United Women in Faith at Christ UMC will host their next meeting in the church's Library Commons on Sunday, August 24 at 4pm. The group will discuss and share books from the United Women in Faith book list and encourage attendees to bring a book that really inspired them - a real PAGE TURNER - and share about it with the group. All are welcome! The church is at 508 Franklin Road, Franklin, TN.

## Coleman Memorial ~

Our Coleman unit of the United Methodist Women meet every third Monday of each month. We have taken on the "Blessing Box" as our project each month to supply needed items for those who visit the box across from our church. For example, we supply the box with items that folks cannot purchase using EBT cards: toilet tissue, paper towels, personal hygiene products, and cleaning products, to name a few. We also try to live up to the PURPOSE of UMW by supporting women, children, and youth throughout the year. We recently hosted a July picnic with ladies from our sister church. We are very active in our church and with our neighbors in our community.



### *Columbia First ~*



We are now collecting golf-size pencils and erasers for the end of pencils for jail and helping with personal items for the blessing box.

### *Lawrenceburg First ~*

The UWF of Lawrenceburg FUMC approved its budget for 2025 for \$8,720.00. This allows us to provide for our Community Missions, Youth/Children fund (\$1,000), a \$1,000 scholarship for a graduating senior, our church's Food Pantry, Reading Program Awards, and many other activities.

We installed our UWF Executive Committee officers in February at our Unit meeting and had a guest speaker from the Center of Hope, followed by a reception in our parlor. We were able to give \$375 to the Center along with a donation. February was also our two-weekend Yard Sale where we cleared \$4,312.50 - this will help to fund our numerous projects during the year.

In March we hosted the first noon Lenten Service for our county and lunch. We provided a "brown bag lunch" of either chicken salad/pimento salad sandwich, chips, cookies, and a drink.

We will begin our meetings again in August to prepare for the rest of 2025!

### *Nolensville First ~*

The Nolensville First UWF had a speaker from Quilts of Valor, a nonprofit which makes and presents handmade quilts to war veterans, some of whom are members of our church. Each honoree is wrapped in their quilt at the presentation.

A member of the UWF is part of the group of quilters donating time and materials to construct the quilts. Our speaker, Robert St. John, has a computerized long arm which he programs with his designs to machine quilt the quilts.



## Thompson's Station ~

Thompson's Station has had several different programs this past year. One of our programs related directly to our church's 152-year-old history.

Sophie Reilly Hatton served as the first Sunday School teacher in the early days of our church, which was founded in 1873. She served as the first female state librarian for Tennessee around 1878. She was married Brigadier General Robert Hatton who served in the Civil War and was killed at the Battle of Seven Pines. While only the basics were known about Sophie, one of our church members had the opportunity to go and explore items belonging to her whenever the family cleaned out a cabin in Georgia. There, our member found diaries, clothes, and memorabilia which had belonged to Mrs. Hatton. From these materials, she was able to piece together a more in-depth look at this interesting lady. She and her friends came and presented "Finding Sophie Reilly Hatton" to our women's meeting complete with Civil War attire. It was a wonderful presentation.

Pictured are Martin Frost, Dottie Meadows, and Nancy Wood. Dottie is dressed in mourning attire.



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## District Officers

President	Beth Stockwell	All Access Member
Vice President	Conni Shabram-Beach	Franklin First UMC
Secretary	Vacant	
Treasurer	Debbie Miller	Franklin First UMC
E & I Coordinator	Beverly Duke	First UMC Lawrenceburg
MNO Coordinator	Vacant	
Social Action Coor.	Stacey Hagewood	Christ UMC
Spiritual Growth Coor.	Marina Rawls	Franklin First UMC
Program Resources	Bobbi Toombs	Nolensville First UMC
Communication Coor.	Janet Pierce	Centerville UMC
Nominations Chair	Judy Davis	Thompson's Station UMC
Nominations Committee:		
	Peggy Owen	Centerville UMC
	Frances Warpool	Bethesda UMC

## Our Vision

Turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world.

## Calendar

### August

Aug. 8 (Fri.)		5 Star Giving Award Deadline	
		<b>District</b> Mission Study Registration Deadline	
Aug. 15 (Fri.)		Memorial Report Deadline	
		Reading Program Report Deadline	
		TWK Conference Fall Retreat Scholarship Deadline	
Aug. 22 (Fri.)		TWK Conference Spiritual Life / Fall Retreat Registration Deadline	
<b>Aug. 23 (Sat.)</b>	<b>9 am</b>	<b>District Mission Study</b>	<b>Columbia First UMC</b>
		<b>with Boxed Lunch available – please preregister</b>	
		<b>District Leadership Team Meeting to follow</b>	
Aug. 29 (Fri.)		<b>Unit</b> Mission Study Participation Report Deadline	

### September

Sept. 5 (Fri.)		District Annual Meeting Registration Deadline	
Sept. 6 (Sat.)		3rd Quarter Remittances Due	
Sept. 5-7 (Fri.-Sun.)		Spiritual Life / Fall Retreat – Conference Event	Lakeshore, Eva, TN
<b>Sept. 20 (Sat.)</b>		<b>DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING</b>	<b>Nolensville First UMC</b>
	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Registration</b>	
	<b>9 am</b>	<b>Meeting Begins</b>	
Sept. 27 (Sat.)	10 am	Conference Annual Meeting	Gordon Memorial UMC

### November

Nov. 7 (Fri.)	Local Unit Officers Reporting Form Deadline
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### December

Dec. 6 (Sat.)	4th Quarter Remittances Due
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\*\* ALL forms/reports are available on the website: [hrumw.weebly.com](http://hrumw.weebly.com)  
Please submit ALL forms/reports, even if you have nothing to report. Thank you.