

**First-Centenary
United Women in Faith
November 2025**



President's Message

Happy beginning to the “Season of Thanksgiving and Giving”!

There is so much to do! I feel that, and I hope I won't let myself be so busy that I forget the deeper meaning of this time of year. During Thanksgiving to Advent to Christmas I'm hoping to take each task and event as an opportunity to channel the Christian spirit for myself and those around me.

One of the things that is bringing me joy right now is knowing that we have an amazing group of younger women who are ready to lead United Women in Faith into the future. I hope you will come to our **Christmas Dinner** to see them installed as our new leadership team.

Another personal joy for me is seeing the growth of Restorative Practices training in our schools. F-C UWF has supported this initiative as part of our membership in CALEB for several years, and we are making a difference in children's lives. That's one of the things we'll celebrate at the **CALEB Gala**.

Wishing you peace and joy as we begin the Season of Thanksgiving and Giving.

Donna Palmer
President

REGISTRATION LINK:

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you're invited to

THE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Wrapped in Wonder:

SHARING HOPE AND LOVE FOR ADVENT

CHRISTMAS DINNER

DECEMBER 9TH • 6PM

OAK STREET CENTER

Save the Date!



Dear Holston Clergy and Laity,

We invite you to *Save the Date* for your upcoming District Day with Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett.

This year's theme is: ***Together in New Beginnings***

Bishop Wallace-Padgett will be casting vision and leading conversations about what it means for our local churches, districts, and Holston Conference as a whole to look to the future, explore new ways to minister to our communities, and continue our shared mission of developing Passionate Spiritual Disciples and Passionate Spiritual Leaders.

In addition to hearing from and spending time with our Bishop, Holston Conference staff will share tools, resources, and practical ideas to help your church live into these new beginnings.

But most importantly, we want to hear from you.

During our time together, we'll break into small groups to discuss:

- *What are you most excited about in and for your church?*
- *What are you dreaming for your church, and what resources could your district and conference staff provide to help?*
- *What deep needs exist in your community, and what new beginnings could you explore to meet those needs?*

Remaining District Day Dates

- November 17 – Scenic South District
- November 18 – Smoky Mountain District

Be on the lookout for more details from your district office, including the specific time and location of your gathering.



Creation Care Circle

- Contact Rev. Caroline Archer if you are interested in visiting. carcher@firstcentenary.com

Chris Bowles Circle

- Meeting 11/18/25 @ 10:30 am in the Morgan Classroom.

Susannah Wesley Circle

- Christmas gathering on 12/15/25 - location and time TBD
- Call Judy McCready if you are interested in visiting, (423) 883-9922

Interested in learning more about our small groups? [Click here](#) for more information!

CALEB Updates

Upcoming Events:

What is a Community Land Trust? A Conversation With Faith Leaders.

11/18/25 from 6-7 pm ([SIGN UP HERE](#))

The Buzz Group has been working collaboratively to explore how a CLT model could be tailored to address local housing challenges. To provide a deeper understanding of how this approach works in practice, our consultant from Grounded Solutions Network—a national leader in shared-equity housing models—will present best practices, outcomes from other cities, and steps to establish a sustainable model here in Chattanooga.

CALEB Gala

Legacy and Calling: Building Community Power **12/11/25, 5:30 pm at The Chattanooga**

Celebrate the legacy that grounds us and the calling that moves us forward. CALEB's 2025 Gala brings together neighbors, leaders, and organizers for a night of connection, reflection, and collective power. Interested in attending? Please reach out to Donna Palmer or Hayley Little (info down below).



Interested in learning more about CALEB?

Reach out to Donna Palmer (dsbpsych@gmail.com) or Hayley Little (hayleyklittle@gmail.com) for more information!



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You can now recycle at First-Centenary:

- Paper
- Aluminum
- #1 and #2 Plastics

Reduce. Reuse. Recycle.

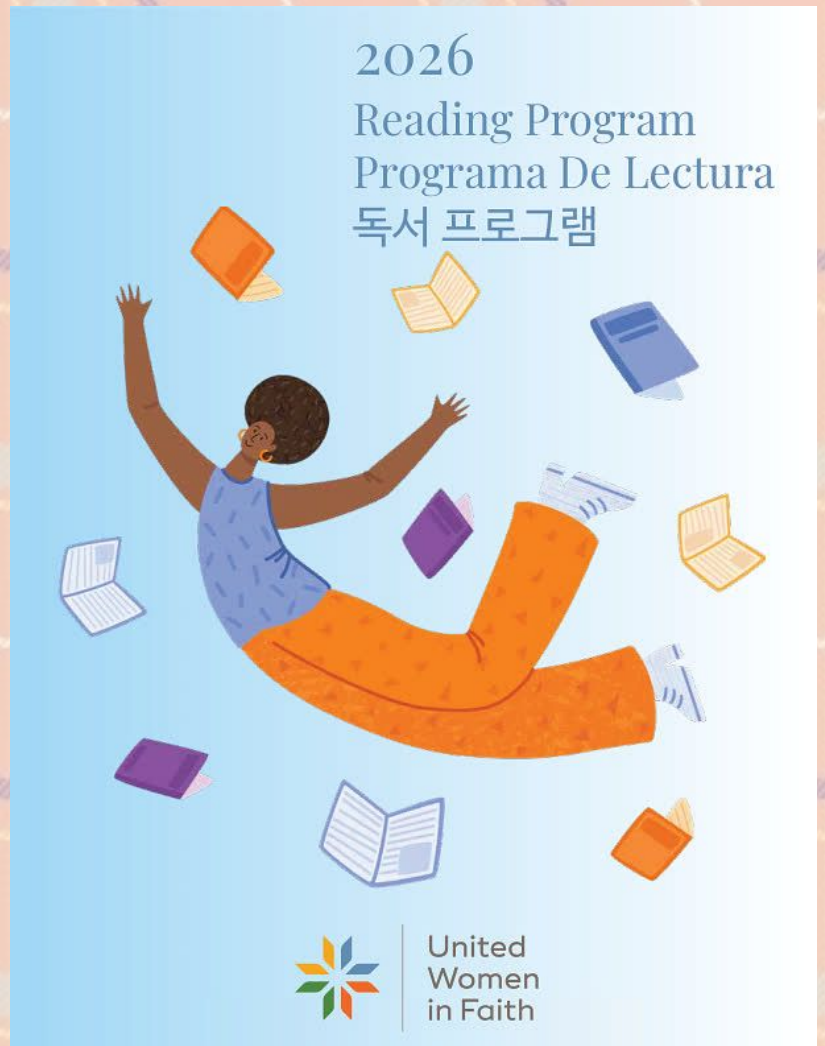
We're excited to announce that First-Centenary is expanding our recycling efforts!

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Look for designated bins around the church and help us care for God's creation by disposing of these items responsibly.

**The 2026 Reading Program
has been released and is
available on the Reading
Program webpage!**



The Reading Program is a beloved tradition with a powerful future. Through the Reading Program, members and friends of United Women in Faith read and grow together, engaging contemporary books on spiritual growth, social action, leadership development, nurturing for community, and education for mission. We are for readers (and listeners) of all ages, with titles available for adults, youth, and children. We have programs available in English, Korean, and Spanish.

Visit <https://uwfaith.org/resources/reading-program/> to learn more and to download the 2026 Reading Program today!



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The United Methodist Church

Living**FAITH** Seeking**JUSTICE** Pursuing**PEACE**

Did you know that the UMC has a long history of social justice work? Have you ever wanted to get involved in that work but didn't know where to start?

If so, check out this incredible resource:

The General Board of Church and Society of the UMC provides a newsletter full of insights into social justice issues, inspiring stories, and actionable steps to make a difference in our churches, communities, country, and the world. It's a meaningful way to stay informed and connected to efforts for justice and peace that's driven by our United Methodist Social Principles.

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