



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





President's Message

Just a word or two this month.

We are now part of a much larger Scenic South District, taking in most of the old Hiwassee District. We have both a challenge and an opportunity to foster our sisterhood and support the ministries of UWF.

Our first Annual District meeting is tentatively set for November 1. The theme, very fittingly, is **Make New Friends, Keep the Old. One is Silver. The Other is Gold.**

Please keep this date open, and make every effort to attend.
Details to follow.

You will soon be hearing about our Christmas dinner and annual meeting. This is always a wonderful event. Put it on your calendar: Tuesday, Dec. 9.

With love and appreciation,
Donna

**TOGETHER IN
NEW BEGINNINGS**

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

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.

But most importantly, we want to hear from you.

- *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?*

- 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.

Fundraising Opportunities for Assembly 2026!



United Women in Faith Assembly 2026 will be taking place in Indianapolis, Indiana May 2026. If you'd like to attend Assembly next spring, but money is an issue, you can help raise money by helping with parking. We want to send as many members as we can.

Click the link below to sign up one of the following dates:

11/14 from 6:30-8

11/29 from 1-2:30

12/13 from 1-2:30

[**CLICK HERE to learn more about Assembly 2026**](#)

[**SIGN UP HERE**](#) (please list your name and email next to the date(s) you want to work)

CALEB Updates



Upcoming Events:

Communities Not Corporations Town Hall:

Wed 10/8/25 6:00-7:30pm

3922 Volunteer Dr., Chattanooga, TN 37416

[Sign up here](#)

We are hosting a town hall for community members to come together and discuss how corporate power affects their local communities, as well as what we can do together to prioritize our communities and hold big business accountable. This is our state and we can decide how it works together!

Interested in learning more about CALEB?

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



REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE

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!

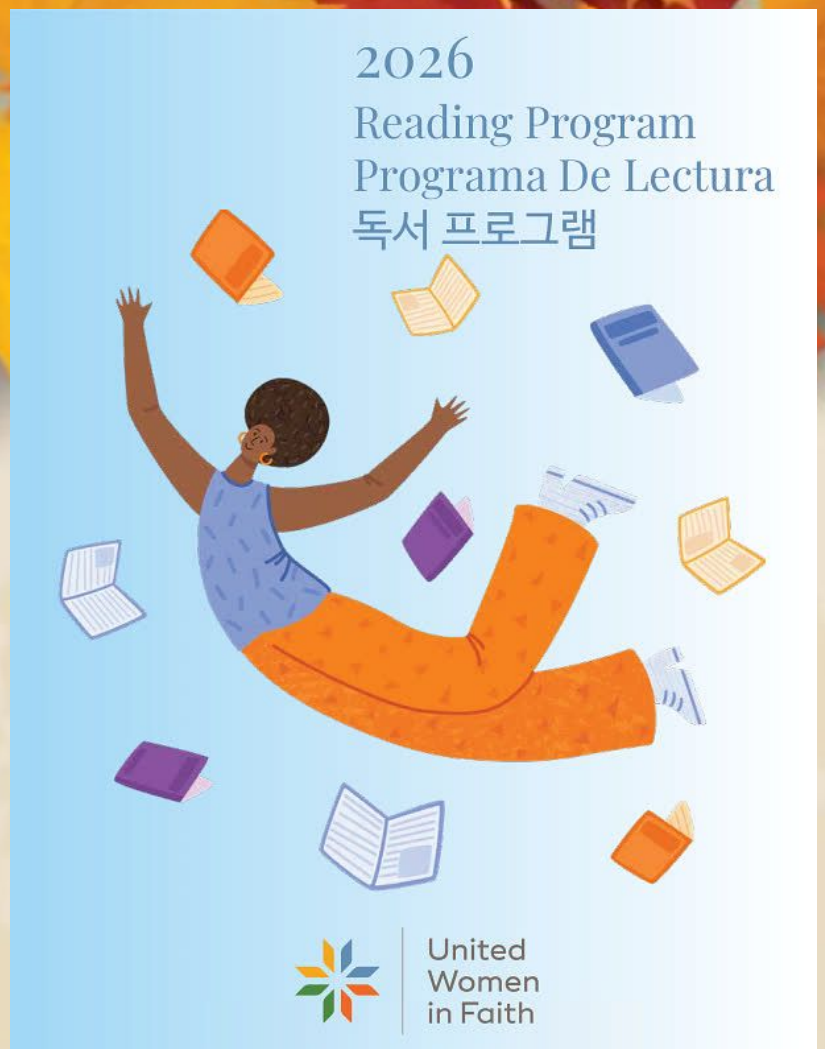
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Look for designated bins around the church and help us care for God's creation by disposing of these items responsibly.



**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!



CHURCH & SOCIETY

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.

If you'd like to join this community and receive the newsletters, you can [sign up here](#)



Creation Care Circle

- Meeting 10/8, 6:30 pm

Chris Bowles Circle

- Meeting 10/28 from 10:30am -12:00 pm in the Morgan Classroom.

Susannah Wesley Circle

- Meeting Monday, 10/27, 6:00 p.m. at Pauline Martin's home.
- 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!



Suggested Readings & Learning Opportunities

Soul Care is Transformative for Justice

Read Sally Vonner's [Sept/Oct Response](#)

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