



# **First-Centenary United Women in Faith February, 2024 Newsletter**

## **Coming to Chattanooga for the first time Southeastern Jurisdiction**

The Rev. Janet Wolf is an elder in The United Methodist Church and has served as a pastor of rural and urban congregations. She is a college and seminary professor, community mediator, learner, and partner for transformative justice. In July 2012, she was appointed to work with Marian Wright Edelman and the Children's Defense Fund on nonviolent direct-action organizing to dismantle the cradle-to-prison pipeline, work that includes the organization's Freedom Schools and the annual Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry. She is the author of "To See and To Be Seen," a chapter in *I Was in Prison: United Methodist Perspectives on Prison Ministry*, edited by James M. Shopshire Sr., et al., and numerous other writings. She is the author of the book, *Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship*.



**There's still time to register  
<https://sejuwf.org/>**

*"The time is always right to do what is right."*

*Dr. Martin Luther King*

### *President's Message*

*Our United Women in Faith history is full of women stepping forward to do the right thing.*

*Sometimes it's easy to idealize these women and to think that we are incapable of such bold faith and action.*

*Don't fall prey to that kind of thinking. Look within yourself, reflect and pray. What great or small thing are you being led to do in God's service to women and children?*

*Talk with me or others on the Leadership Team. There are so many ways to serve within our Sisterhood!*

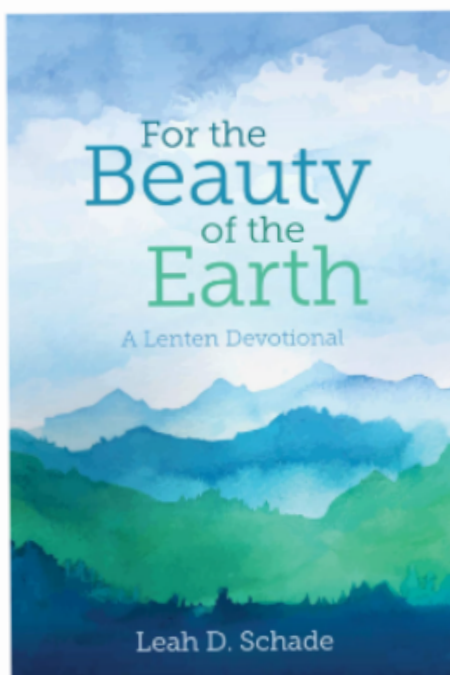
*Step forward.*

*Looking forward to a great year and*

*Growing in Grace,*

*Donna Palmer*

## Circle News



### **For the Beauty of the Earth A Lenten Devotional**

**Creation Care Circle will lead a study group  
as part of Primetime Wednesdays during  
Lent.**

**Drawing on the beloved hymn “For the  
Beauty of the Earth,” each week of this 40-  
day Lenten devotional focuses on a different  
aspect of the splendor of nature, how God  
nurtures our spirit through creation, and how  
we must protect our precious home.**

# **United Women in Faith Officers 2024**

**President: Donna Palmer**

**Past President: Martha Payne**

**Secretary: Pat Strange**

**Treasurer: Sally Richardson**

**Mission Coordinators:**

**Membership, Nuture, and Outreach**

**Denise Bell,**

**Deborah Seke,**

**Page Houseman**

**Social Action: Caroline Archer**

**Nominations Committee:**

**Chair Cheryl Powell**

**Jessica Johns**

**Jeannie Robinson**

**Communications: Donna Palmer**

**Local Church Responsibility: Dianne  
Lizarraga**

## Chris Bowles Circle



The Chris Bowles Circle of UWF (United Women in Faith formerly known as United Methodist Women or UMW) will meet for brunch and fellowship in the Morgan Classroom on Tuesday, February 27th at 10:30. We hope that members of the Martha and Mary Circle will join us. Chris Bowles invested her life in serving God through outreach to others: inspiring us, praying for us and serving us. It is our hope that, with our combined efforts, we may study, fellowship and serve to the glory of God and to the of honor of Chris. All women are welcome. If you are not in a Circle or need to be in a daytime group, please join us on the 27th to learn more. Sally Richardson and Martha Payne will host the gathering. RSVP to Sally @ [cavesallyr@gmail.com](mailto:cavesallyr@gmail.com) or 423 785 7748



## **Susannah Wesley Circle**

**The Circle met in January at Judy McCready's home for a lovely meal and fellowship. Pledges were collected and prayer requests were shared.**

**The next meeting will be on March 18, 6:30, at the home of Kathy Lauter for a program and dessert. Details to follow.**

**For more information about the Circle**

**contact Judy at**

**[juditht.mccready@gmail.com](mailto:juditht.mccready@gmail.com)**



Step forward by making your pledge to United Women of Faith



### Mission Giving Pledge Card

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For the coming year, I pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_

to be paid: ☐ monthly ☐ quarterly ☐ other

**United Women in Faith MEMBER: Please fill out and return this card to your unit treasurer.**

As a member of United Women in Faith, I celebrate and commit to supporting United Women in Faith's local, national and global outreach.

**Mission Giving Makes Mission Happen!**



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You'll find these cards at the Welcome Desks and on the UWF table. You can return your card to the UWF mailbox at the church or send to Sally Richardson,  
9112 Edgewater Rd. Chattanooga, TN 37416

## **Our Purpose**

**United Women in Faith seeks 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.**