

PASS IT ON WITH PURPOSE

Fall 2025



Shenandoah River District United Women in Faith

SOME REMINDERS

Oct. 25 – Conference UWF Annual Meeting, 2 p.m., Trinity UMC, Richmond (**in person only**)

Nov. 8 – **All zones mtg. (north)**, 9:30 a.m., Marshall UMC (**email reminder already sent out**)

Nov. 15 – Deadline to send to dist. president list of unit officers for 2026

Dec. 1&2 – UWF Christmas meal, 12 noon, Camp Overlook, Keezletown (**flyer with complete info. attached**)

Dec. 24 – 4th qtr. remittances due to district treasurer (**sooner would be better!**)

FROM YOUR DISTRICT PRESIDENT

Just some tidbits this time.

First, note the box to the left. We all need reminders, and this is yours for things coming up between now and the rest of the year.

Please note especially **Nov. 15 – Deadline to send to me your list of unit officers for 2026.** This is vital! We have not had a district directory for over two years, and that's mainly because I do not have everyone's current information. And please don't say, "Same as last year because many units did not send a list last year or the year before. My goal is to put together a directory before this year is done, but I need current information from **EVERY** unit to do it!" 😞

About president's packets: Units in the northern area will receive theirs at the zone meeting next month. Units in the southern area will get theirs next month as well via their zone leaders.

Love and prayers,

Mary Preston

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NEW DISTRICT OFFICERS

We will have eight new officers next year:

- *Treasurer – Patti Brown (Agape UMC)
- *Spiritual Growth Coord. – Rita Biggs (Front Royal UMC)
- *Secretary of Program Resources – Angela Lane (Agape UMC) [*Angie & Patti just swapped jobs!*]
- *Communications Coord. – Donna Myers (Manor Memorial UMC)
- *Zone 1 leader (north) – Jessie Roth "J. R." Goyne (Leesburg UMC)
- *Zone 3 leader (north) – Lisa Strahley (Marshall UMC)
- *Committee on Nominations – Donna Dailey (Market St. UMC)
- *Committee on Nominations – Cheryl Hassler (Manor Memorial UMC)

A complete list of officers, along with their contact information, will be in your packet.

OUTGOING OFFICERS

Grateful thanks to those who will be leaving us at the end of the year: Susan Chesley (Co-VP – north), Jean Brown (Zone 3 leader – north), Bobbie Cochran (Zone 1 leader – north), and Karen Daley (Nominations).

TWO DISTRICT OFFICES VACANT NEXT YEAR: Co-VP (north) and Nominations Comm. (south)

If you didn't attend the district annual meeting earlier this month and you didn't get the meeting's program that was emailed to you, then following is what you missed. Unfortunately there were a few omissions, and we apologize. Those omissions are included here.

DECEASED MEMBERS SINCE SEPTEMBER 2025

Asbury: Pat Messner
Braddock St.: Ruth Strickler and Mary Lou Zickefoose
Brucetown: Betty Biddison
Kernstown: Suzanne Conklin
Manor Memorial: Martha Ann Steptoe
Otterbein: Fern Cline and Betty Painter
Stephens City: Pat Florence
St. James: Anne Lee Newman



AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Living Into Our Purpose awards:

Gold: Asbury, Bridgewater, Braddock St., Brucetown, Front Royal, Harmony, Keezletown, Kernstown, Leesburg, Manor Memorial, Market St., Mountain Valley, and Otterbein

Silver: Montague Ave., McGaheysville, and Stephens City

Bronze: Bluemont

6-Star units: Agape, Asbury, Brucetown, Front Royal, Greenwood, Harmony, Kernstown, Leesburg, Manor Memorial, Montague Ave., Otterbein, and Stephens City

5-Star units: Market St.

Rainbow Givers: Pat Beckwith (Kernstown), Charlotte Childress (Brucetown), Betsy Creamer (Leesburg), Ann Knicely (Asbury), Angela Lane (Agape), Teresa Lee (Brucetown), Joyce McKay (Market St.), Donna Myers (Manor Memorial), Mary Preston (Harmony), Pauline Skiles (Montague Ave.), Lillian Sloane (Front Royal), Linda Whitacre (Montague Ave.), and Pat Wingert (Otterbein)

Legacy Fund contributors: Asbury, Braddock St., Greenwood, Kernstown, Leesburg, and Market St.; plus many individuals and/or others who either sent their donations directly to New York on the "Day of Giving" or contributed anonymously

Units that participated in Candle Burning: Agape, Asbury, Braddock St., Brucetown, Front Royal, Greenwood, Harmony, Hillsboro, Kernstown, Manor Memorial, Montague Ave, Otterbein, and Stephens City

Reading Program:

*Everything was up – number of participating units, number of readers (child and adult), number of books read, and number of plans completed. *Way to go, ladies!*

*Brucetown as a whole read the most books (125). Not-so-close seconds were Leesburg (76) and Bridgewater (72).

*The individual who read the most books was Teresa Lee (Brucetown), who read 46 books.

CONGRATULATIONS TO EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK THIS PAST YEAR!