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# *HORIZON NEWS*



*Mrs. Jimmie was President of the Brookhaven District  
(now District 7) Leadership Team for over 10 years.*



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## Brookhaven District UWF

### 2024 Calendar of Events

January 20th - District Leadership Meeting.  
Brookhaven District Office

April 20th - 9:30a District Leadership Meeting.  
Brookhaven District Office

August 17th - 9:30a District Mission u - New Zion,  
Crystal Springs

District Leadership Meeting immediately following

October 12th - District Annual meeting - Location  
TBA

District Leadership Meeting immediately following



## Conference UWF

### 2024 Calendar of Events

2024 Mission u Committee Meeting February 3, 2024.  
10:00 A.M. (Virtual)

Soul Care Retreat (Spiritual Growth) March 1-2, 2024,  
Camp Wesley Pines, Gallman, MS

2024 Southeastern Jurisdictions Chattanooga, TN  
April 19-21, 2024 Registration QR Code or click  
under this link

World Federation and Uniting Church Women  
Date TBA

Mississippi Annual Conference & UWF Luncheon  
June 20-22, 2024, Millsaps College, Jackson

UWF Conference Mission u, July 19-20, 2024, Meridian

UWF Conference Leadership Team Meeting, August 2-3, 2024



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May: Mental Health Awareness Month

Health is a state of wholeness in Body, Mind and Spirit. Our overall health is a component of all of the above.

3 John 1:2 “Dear friend, I pray that you are prospering in every way and are in good health, just as your whole life is going well.”

Deaconess Earnestine Varnado



***(This is the last submission received from Ms. Jimmie).***

***United Women in Faith,***

***“Life is Hard, God is Good, Let’s Dance”!***

What a funny, I mean probably not actually) way to greet United Women in Faith. It’s all about JOY. My Joy is for everyone.

We’re into a New Year and faced with new challenges. The districts have been realigned and we will be working faithfully through that. When situations arise that are beyond our control, we must remind ourselves that God is greater than any situation. With grateful hearts, we affirm the goodness of God and work through these situations. We look forward to reaching out to and working with the new churches that will now be a part of this district and welcoming those UWF and embracing them. We are here to serve women, children, and youth; therefore, we need to be in touch with all UWF in this newly realigned district.

We’ve had our first Leadership team meeting of 2024. As our Spiritual Growth Coordinator stated in our opening devotion, “We’re asking for God’s wisdom in our lives and in our work as UWF”. So, as we begin this year, we are planning for our district events, and we encourage you to make plans to be a part of each. You will hear about these events from each of our Coordinators. The events are, Mission u, and our District Annual Meeting. I would like to also encourage you to attend the Conference Soul Care Retreat (formally Spiritual Growth Retreat) at Camp Wesley Pines on March 1 & 2.

As we embark upon this new year, let’s pray for one another. James 5:16 tells us to “Pray for one another”. I pray, affirming God’s presence and power. I yield to the wisdom of God as I pray, let go, and trust the highest and best outcomes are already on their way.

Welcome our new Leadership Team Members:

Ruby Lovett: Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Regina Carraway: Education & Interpretation

Dianne Boyd: Social Action

Thanks to the work of our Nomination Committee: Deaconess Earnestine Varnado, Dorothy Martin, and Cassandra Smith.

***Blessings,***

***Jimmie Sartin: District Leadership Team President***



**Leadership Team placed white rose and draped Jimmie's chair at the last District Officers meeting.**

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*Greetings United Women in Faith! I pray that all is well with your soul.*

As the District Leadership Team met a few weeks ago to plan for our summer and early fall programs and events, we definitely felt the absence of the late Mrs. Jimmie Sartin. A black bow was tied on the chair where she would normally sit to preside over the meeting, and a white rose was placed on the table in front of her seat in remembrance of her earthly departure from us.

One of my last times being with Mrs. Jimmie was at our Conference Soul Care Retreat at Camp Wesley Pines in March. The retreat was a soul-stirring, spirit-filled event! Those in attendance experienced praise and worship through uplifting songs led by Pastor David L. Jackson and the Word powerfully proclaimed by Reverend Kitty Marie Dixon. The theme was "Love One Another." Rev. Dixon reminded us that we have a God whose hands are big and strong enough for us to cast all our cares into His hands. The Handwashing Service, which was symbolic of Jesus washing the disciples' feet, and the Communion Service were very meaningful for me, not to mention the fellowship with my Sisters in Faith! We had eight ladies to attend from District 7.

If you missed the Soul Care Retreat, you have another opportunity to be in fellowship with your sisters across the state while exploring "what it means to draw closer to God and one another." The MS Conference Mission u will be held on July 19-20 in Meridian, District 3. The book that will be studied is titled, Welcome Home by Neomi Fletcher. Our District 7 Mission u, using the same book for the study, will be held at New Zion United Methodist Church in Crystal Springs on August 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am 'til 11:30 am. The book can be purchased online. Please plan to attend one or both of the studies!

Also, please continue to visit the United Women in Faith National Website to find the reading list, prayer calendar, book studies and opportunities to participate in author talks.

Stay connected and be blessed!

Peace and blessing,

Ruby Lovett,

**Brookhaven District Spiritual Growth Coordinator**

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## ***Greeting from the desk of the t Vice-President***

### Work as a Team

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”  
Hebrews 10:24-25

People who have learned to work together in a team accomplish much more than people who do everything alone. When you are part of a loving and respectful team who share a single dream and goal, the rewards and the victory are great.

The District 7 (formerly Brookhaven District) UWF Leadership Team did meet Saturday, May 18th. It was the first meeting without our president, Jimmie Sartin. While we missed her terribly, the team continued the work they started back in January. As vice-president of this leadership team, it is my job now to fill in in the absence of our president. I am grateful for each and every member of this team. The District 7 UWF Leadership Team is truly a loving and respectful team who share a common vision...turning faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth.

Yvonne Howell

Vice-President



## ***District Secretary***

The District 7 UWF leadership team met in mid May to continue planning District Mission u and District Annual Meeting. It was hard to walk into the district office for our meeting knowing Mrs. Jimmie wouldn't be there (she was always the first one there although she probably had the furthest drive). Couple of the ladies had the forethought to bring a beautiful bow and single white rose that we placed at Mrs. Jimmie's seat. The rest of us took our "usual seats" (you all know how we are about sitting in the same pew every week-well we're just as bad at our meeting) and we began planning the remainder of 2024. Ruby, our Spiritual Growth district officer, started us with a wonderful devotion from Proverbs 18:21 entitled "Life or Death-You Choose". Our tongue provides opportunities to give life or death. Be a person of praise/encouragement; not criticism and negativity. Ruby urged us to be encouragers and I challenge you with the same task. Reach out to your sisters and brothers around you with love and encouragement.

As most of you know, the Mississippi districts have been reorganized. Brookhaven District is now "District 7" and we're excited to have expanded our district. Yvonne and I are working on letters to send out to all churches in the district urging the ladies to remain faithful in UWF, reactivate your local unit, or perhaps even create a local unit for the first time. With this expansion of the district this is an excellent opportunity to connect with your sisters in other churches. Please be open/responsive to the letter and encourage your ladies and other churches/individuals to join UWF for the below upcoming events.

Mrs. Earnestine reminded/taught us that Mission u is written with a lowercase u because the emphasis is on Mission. What a wonderful visual image!!! I urge all of you to attend **District Mission u at New Zion Crystal Springs on August 17th**. Registration will begin at 9:00 and the study at 9:30. We will be diving into Neomi Fletcher's Welcome Home: Adult Curriculum. If you are planning to attend Conference Mission u and are interested in leading this study for the District, please reach out to our E&I officer Regina Carraway at [reginacarraway@hughes.net](mailto:reginacarraway@hughes.net) or 601-551-9870.

I'm not sure "excited" is the right word for how I feel about our planned speaker for the District Annual Meeting in October. Perhaps "disturbed" is a better word-but I do know knowledge is power and we all need more knowledge on this topic!!

Our social action project for 2024 focuses on raising awareness of Human Trafficking and to teach us more about this alarming topic that is raging out of control around the world....even right here in Mississippi. Please make your plans to attend this informational (perhaps life saving) meeting. If your church would be interested in hosting the October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting please contact Dianne Boyd at [dianneboyd8829@gmail.com](mailto:dianneboyd8829@gmail.com) or 601-248-8829.

Mississippi Summer is upon us again! I hope everyone is drinking plenty of water and enjoying what summer has to offer (beyond the sweat)-watermelon, ice cream, and trips to visit loved ones!! With your busy calendars be sure to mark district meetings August 17<sup>th</sup> and October 19<sup>th</sup> along with Conference Mission u July 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> in Meridian and Conference Annual Meeting in October (more to come on those meetings when we receive the Conference newsletter, The Beacon).

Stay cool,

*Angie*

Angie Weems

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***Greeting from the desk of the Brookhaven District Treasurer***

United Women in Faith is trusted with pledges and donations from individual members and local member organizations who have a heart for mission. We support programs in the United States and around the world that benefit women, children and youth - thereby impacting entire communities. As an agency of The United Methodist Church, United Women In Faith abides by the Social Principles and Discipline as determined by General Conference, giving only to projects in accordance with those guidelines.

Through your generosity, I am happy to report that our 2024 first quarter totalled \$1,040.00. Your second quarter funds are due **May 31, 2024**.

United Women in Faith's Mission Giving – which is unrestricted funds – supports the total program of the organization. There are five avenues for Mission Giving: **Pledge to Mission**, **Special Mission Recognition**, **Gift to Mission**, **Gift in Memory**, and **World Thank Offering**.

Please be mindful that to be listed in the bulletin and recognized at the 2024 UWF District and Annual Meetings all reports are due **July 15, 2024**. This includes Candle Burning and Mission Giving for becoming a Five Star Unit.

If you have any questions or need any Remittance forms please feel free to contact me.

Blessing,  
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**EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION (E&I) COORDINATION LEADER**

Holds primary responsibility for interpreting the impact and importance of Mission Giving as an act of faith and commitment. Leader empowers women to understand, interpret and participate in United Women in Faith's mission with women, children and youth, and outreach of the church, as well as engage in raising funds for mission and outreach. She will:

- a. Understand and interpret United Women in Faith mission projects and concepts of mission, working closely with the finance and program committees to ensure that members are well-informed about what happens to their gifts and what ministries are made possible through their Mission Giving;
- b. Promote and interpret the need for Mission Giving to fund the total mission program of United Women in Faith, including ministries with women, children and youth, leadership development, spiritual growth, service and advocacy, and transformative education;
- c. Develop and promote strategies for engaging in and growing Mission Giving at all levels of United Women in Faith, including promotion of the Five Channels of Mission Giving;
- d. Inform United Women in Faith members of transformative education and leadership development opportunities such as Mission u and Leadership Development Days;
- e. Promote mission studies, local mission opportunities, Mission u, leadership development events, spiritual growth retreats, Assembly, Ubuntu Days of Service, annual meetings and other events underwritten by Mission Giving;
- f. Promote and utilize United Women in Faith print, online and audiovisual resources to tell the mission story, and ensure these resources are available for mission programs and projects;
- g. Work with district mission coordinators for education and interpretation, provide resources and conduct training at least annually;
- h. Serve on the conference Board of Global Ministries, or equivalent body, and work with the conference secretary of Global Ministries on mission education and interpretation (The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church 2016, ¶633.2); and i. serve on the following committees: leadership team, Program, Finance, Membership and Mission u.

*Regina Caraway, E&I Coordinator,*  
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MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH  
NECROLOGY REPORT FORM  
August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024

District: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit or Circle: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_ (Print Name)

Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_ (Age): \_\_\_\_\_

Please write a SHORT biography of the woman listed above. List positions held, contributions and achievements made in the organization of United Women in Faith. Make copies of this form if you have more than one woman who passed away during this time period.

DO NOT USE MORE THAN THIS SPACE. SPACE IS LIMITED IN THE "IN MEMORY" SECTION OF THE ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM BOOK.

RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO: Cynthia Faye Magee 78 Otto Magee Rd. Tylertown, MS 39667 or email [fayemagee1@yahoo.com](mailto:fayemagee1@yahoo.com)

Information from this form is used to compile the IN MEMORY section listed in the program book for the Annual Meeting in October. **\*\*Return this form to me BEFORE JULY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2024\*\*** so that it can be forwarded to the Conference Membership, Nurture, and Outreach officer in time to be included in the program book.. **THIS FORM CAN BE SENT TO ME AT ANY TIME. Do not wait until the last minute.**

Name of person submitting form: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_



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**MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE OF UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH  
2024 Mission u (Friday, July 19 - Saturday, July 20)**

**COST:**

**Registration fee: \$65** (each participant)  
**AFTER July 5: \$80** (late fee \$15)

*Lunch and refreshments will be provided.*

**Mission u LOCATION:**

Popular Springs United Methodist Church  
3937 Poplar Springs Drive  
Meridian, MS 39305

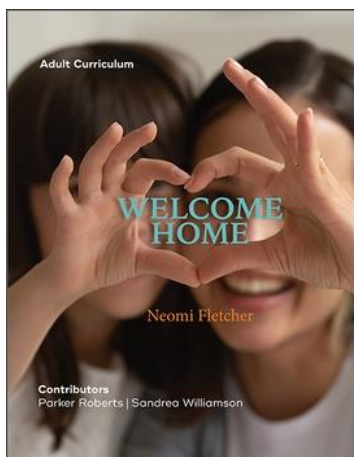
**Please make your own hotel reservations with:** Fairfield by Marriott, 148 Hwy 11 and 80, Meridian, MS 39301, phone 601-453-3863, rate: \$119 double room plus tax and \$124 single room plus tax. **Reservation deadline is Thursday, June 20, 2024.**

**STUDY:**

*The Kin-dom Is Among You  
Drawing Closer to God and One Another*

Jesus told His followers the kin-dom was among them (Luke 17:21). What does that mean? Who does Jesus say will inherit the kin-dom? How do we transform ourselves and our communities in ways that bring us closer to the kin-dom and the kin-dom closer to us? Dive into these questions and more at Mission u 2024 as we examine Scripture together and join in worship, fellowship, and action.

**Study Leaders: Rev. Sandra Brown, Rev. Linda Dixon, Rev. Cheryl Farr, Rev. Linda Williams**



*Welcome Home* by Neomi Fletcher is the book for the class.  
**You must purchase your own copy** from the United Women in Faith Resource website:  
<https://uwfaithresources.org/prodlist.cfm?catID=2176> or call 1-888-409-8137.

If you have any questions about registration or Mission u, please contact Mary Simpson at:

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text/leave voice message at 601-880-3127.

**Friday, July 19, 2024**

Registration            4:00 -5:45 PM  
Opening Worship      6:00- 7:00 PM

**Saturday, July 20, 2024**

Registration            8:00-8:45 AM  
Sessions 1-4            9:00-11:15 AM  
Lunch                    11:30-12:30  
Sessions 5-8            12:30-4:15 PM  
Evaluation              4:15 -4:30 PM  
Closing/Healing Service    4:30 – 5:30 PM

**\*Bring: Jacket or sweater, Bible, and book.**

United  
Women  
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2024 Mission u Registration Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to **MSUWF** and mail with registration form to:

Jennette Moore, Registrar

7691 Highway 14

Goodman, MS 39079

Home 662-472-2213 or cell 601-946-7904

Or you may pay online at [VANCO: CLICK HERE TO PAY YOUR REGISTRATION FEE](#) or Scan QRCode: **If paying online, mail or email your registration form to: [jhmoore@netdoor.com](mailto:jhmoore@netdoor.com)**

- **EACH person must fill out a registration form.**
- Registration must be postmarked no later than **Friday, July 5 2024**. Late fee will apply after this date. Late registration must be postmarked no later than **Friday, July 12, 2024**.
- Onsite registration will not be accepted.

**Check if you are UWF Officer:**

Local Position \_\_\_\_\_

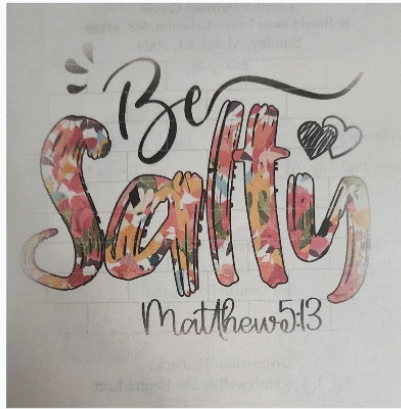
District Position \_\_\_\_\_

Conference Position \_\_\_\_\_

**Check if you are:** \_\_\_\_\_ Clergy \_\_\_\_\_ Deaconess \_\_\_\_\_ Lay Servant**(CEU credit, must participate fully in scheduled activities to receive .8 unit of credit.)**

Scholarship recipient? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

First timer? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No



On Sunday, March 24, 2024, the New Zion UWF participated in the first of hopefully many "Sisterhood Days". The day was held with a welcoming spirit by Sister Joyce Hartwell-Weary and exciting ice breakers presented by Sister Bentia Lott, scriptural reflection by Sister Denise Boyington and hands-on salt art instructions by our Artist Sister Boyington. Then refreshments of fruits, meatballs, sandwiches and southern lemonade and sweet tea. All present enjoyed the fellowship of



**Sisterhood.**



Soul Care Retreat held at Camp Wesley Pines on March 1 & 2. Some district ladies with the retreat leader, Rev. Kitty Marie Dixon, second from right.



New Zion-Crystal Springs UWF 2nd Quarter Health Care Forum on Mental Health with on focus on Stress Management.





### Reuben McDowell

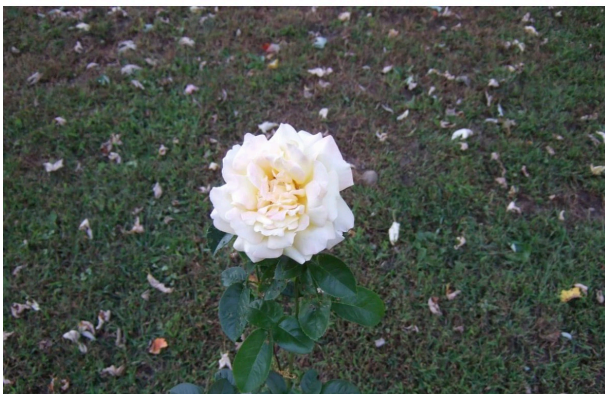
Apr 13 • 🌐

Just found out about the passing of this sweet lady. Mrs [Jimmie Sartin](#) was one of the best. Cancer survivor, encourager, friend. When I first started teaching at Jefferson Middle School in 1992, she was working there. A fine Christian lady who will be greatly missed. Pray for her family please.

### Peter Samuel Irvin ► Jimmie Sartin

May 11, 2013 • 👥

Happy Mother's Day, LOUISE!!!!...Lots of LOVE and Greetings!





< Dale Mitchell Barnes  
Apr 13 · 🌐

And, now, [Jimmie Sartin](#), you are in Heaven looking at us with love from there. You will be greatly missed, for sure. The Lord, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are saying, "Well done, Sister Sartin! Well done!"

❤️ In His Love...

Jimmie Sartin  
Apr 11 · 🌐

**Wherever I am, I  
am safe in the  
love of God!**

Above is Ms. Jimmie's last post to Facebook. It actually popped up on my timeline the morning after her passing. It gave me comfort as it should to all those who knew and loved her that she is indeed safe in the love of God.

Well done indeed Ms. Jimmie! ❤️❤️

This is my first publication without Mrs. Jimmie Sartin in the 10 years that I have been editor for the Horizon. Thank you Angie Weems, District Secretary, for keeping the flow going, communicating with everyone, and all you do. Thank you Mary Pittman, New Zion President, for your encouragement when I had moments of "oh Lord what are we going to do." She was my president x 2 and we sometimes had mini meetings within meetings. I will definitely miss her calls, texts, emails and our many conversations talking district women and books during VFW auxiliary meetings. Ms. Jimmie has gone from labour to reward. She worked so hard in everything she was involved with and it was a lot!

Farewell Ms. Jimmie, take your rest and receive your crown.



Barbara