

## Upcoming Events

- 1/30 District Mission Study  
"Latin America"  
9:30 AM to 1:30 PM  
St. Luke UMC, Sanford
- 2/28 Fairway District Gathering  
"Celebrating Connections"  
3 to 4:45 PM  
Jonesboro UMC  
W. Main St., Sanford
- 3/12 District Spiritual Growth  
Study: "Happiness"  
9:30 AM to 1:30 PM

*"United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church."*

## Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about our events, missions & materials.

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## Fairway District UMW Newsletter

January 2016

## Spiritual Growth

**Happy** New Year! A possibility for all!

At this time each year we bless our friends and family by greeting them with "Happy New Year!" We all want to be happy and for everyone we encounter to be happy. Do you have the tools to be happy so that you can lead others to happiness? One vital tool is to know and believe you were created for happiness!

On Saturday, March 12th, from 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM (registration begins 9:00 AM) at Kipling UMC in Fuquay, we will have time to explore happiness in more ways than we knew possible! Whether we happy selves think we already know the answers or we're looking out from depths of despair, there will be blessings and new considerations to take away.

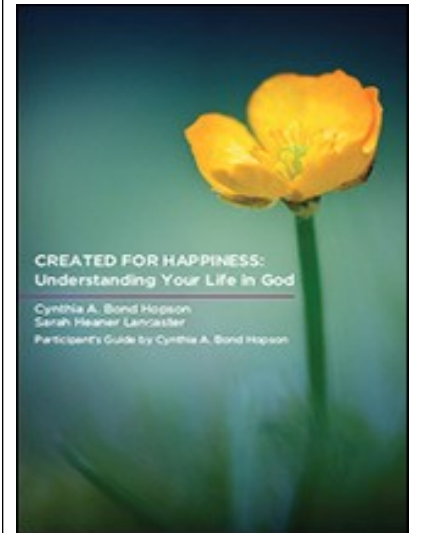
Joyce Herring, a UMW Conference officer and Mission U presenter this past summer will be leading our Spiritual Growth Retreat. Our study will be based upon "**Created for Happiness: Understanding Your Life in God**". It is available online from our UMW site for \$10 ([www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/happiness-study](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/happiness-study)). Of course bring your Bible and you will need to bring a bag lunch. Drinks and dessert will be furnished.

We are **HAPPY** that Kipling UMW, a very active unit in eastern part of Fairway District, will host us led by Donna Alexander. We are grateful and hopeful that many easterners will find it easier to participate in this annual event. We look forward to seeing you at this place of **Happiness**, knowing we enjoy growing together at this event each year:

Kipling UMC, 55 Kipling Church Rd., Fuquay-Varina, NC  
<http://kiplingumc.org/directions/>

- Janice Britson, Spiritual Growth Coordinator

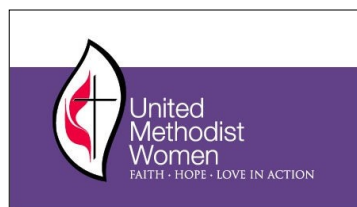
*"In this alone can you find the happiness you seek; in the union of your spirit with the Father of spirits; in the knowledge and love of Him who is the fountain of happiness, sufficient for all the souls he has made."* - John Wesley



*"United Methodist Women is turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world."*

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## Mission Study

### "Latin America: People and Faith"

Led by Nancy Van Antwerp

January 30, 2016

9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

St. Luke UMC, Sanford, NC

(See below for lunch option)

We are fortunate to have Nancy Van Antwerp to lead us in this study. She led this study at Mission U in 2015. Nancy is a UMC Deaconess who has been appointed to serve the NCCUMC Outreach Ministry. She has traveled extensively in Latin and South America and will bring a personal perspective to this study.

How much do you know about our neighbors south of the U.S.? I was privileged to go with my church group on a mission trip this past summer to the Highlands of Guatemala. While there I realized how little I knew about them and developed a great admiration for their culture and heritage.

**Latin America: People and Faith** is an overview of the richness of Latin America and its people for readers on the North American continent. The study examines the history of the region from pre-Colombian times until colonization and the struggle for independence. It also explores the current challenges of the nations, along with their rich art, culture and the ongoing contributions of women. The role of religion is woven throughout the pages and will help the reader understand how Latin America has been influenced by various religions and faith traditions. The role of women in Latin America society is

examined, and we also hear the challenges women encounter. The work of the church in Latin America and its impact is explored.

It is not clear whether we will have copies to buy at the study so it might be wise to order the book at [www.umwmissionresources.org/products/latin-america-people-and-faith](http://www.umwmissionresources.org/products/latin-america-people-and-faith)

A Kindle edition is also available at: [www.amazon.com/gp/product/B00TUENJZAie=UTF8&creativeASIN=B00TUENJZA&linkCode=xm2&tag=wwwunitedmeth-20](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B00TUENJZAie=UTF8&creativeASIN=B00TUENJZA&linkCode=xm2&tag=wwwunitedmeth-20)

**Bring your own bag lunch, drinks will be provided.**

**Alternatively**, you can order a chicken salad croissant or a vegetarian salad plate for \$10. Send your check for \$10 to our treasurer:

Alberta Settle, 166 Juniper Creek Blvd., Pinehurst, NC 28374

Alberta must receive your check **no later than** January 26th!

Hope to see you at St. Luke on January 30, 2016 for this interesting and enriching study.

Happy New Year!

- Rossie Lindsey, **Interim** Fairway District UMW E & I  
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(Please note that I am the "Interim". We are still searching for someone who is passionate about missions who will lead the Fairway District UMW as the Education and Interpretation Coordinator. I am more than willing to help anyone who assumes this responsibility in whatever what she needs. Just LET ME KNOW who you are!)

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## Unit Highlights

### Kipling UMW, led by Donna Alexander

Kipling UMC is halfway between Lillington and Fuquay-Varina, just off US 401. Its UMW unit has around ten members, but they've found many ways to be "Faith and Love in Action". They co-manage a community food pantry and serve a local nursing homes memory care unit quarterly with homemade ice cream and visits. This Christmas they presented extra gifts to food pantry patrons - laundry baskets filled with house-keeping items. In February they offer a church-wide Valentine's banquet, and in March will host our Fairway District Spiritual Growth Retreat.

### Buckhorn UMW - Ruby Cotten, President

Ruby states their unit tries to be "the hands and feet of Jesus and live out the UMW Purpose". Buckhorn UMW had great success with a recent cookbook of over 500 recipes and a bazaar that quickly sold out ham biscuits and homemade soup. Resulting funds enabled them to do mission work that included outreach to the local schools. This year they developed a community Welcome Wagon that blessed them with three new members. Although they have less than ten active members, Buckhorn UMW is a 7-Star Unit.



## Call for Submissions

All Fairway District UMW units are invited to submit news, photos, book reviews or articles for inclusion in the quarterly newsletter. Submissions for the next newsletter are due by March 28th. Please forward submissions to Susan Jones by email to [skilgorejones@gmail.com](mailto:skilgorejones@gmail.com). If images are included, please send them as separate JPG files, not embedded in the article and include captions for any images.