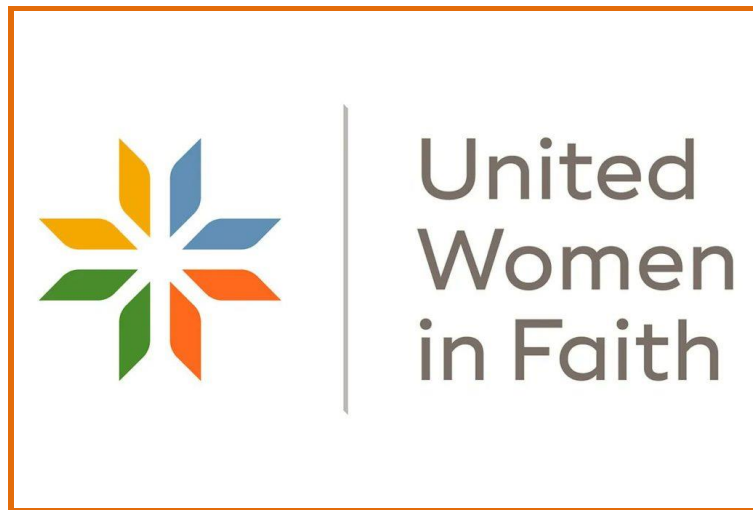


# 2025 Handbook

## Waleska

### United Women in Faith



#### **The Purpose of United Women in Faith**

To 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.

**Waleska United Methodist Church**

**Waleska, GA**



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## UWF Focus of Missions and Study for 2025

### Practicing Hope Together

#### Scripture Focus: Romans 8: 24-25

"For in hope we were saved. Now, hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience."

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## Waleska UWF - 2025 Calendar of Events

All women are welcome to attend any meeting. All meetings are held in the Waleska UMC Fellowship Hall. Quarterly Unit meetings are held on Saturdays and all others on Tuesdays.

Date	Time	Special Program Info
Jan. 7th(Tuesday)	10:00 AM	Pledge Service/2025 Calendar
Feb. 4th (Tuesday)	10:00 AM	
March 8th (Sat.)	9:30AM	'Call to Prayer & Self-Denial' Program & Potluck Brunch
Apr. 1st (Tuesday)	10:00 AM	
May 17th (Sat.)	11:00 AM	Tea Party
Sept. 6th (Sat.)	9:30 AM	Potluck Brunch
Oct. 7th (Tuesday)	10:00 AM	
Nov. 4th (Tuesday)	10:00 AM	World Thank Offering
Nov. 8 <sup>th</sup>		Host District Annual Meeting
Nov. 9th (Sunday)	11:30AM	Golden Soup Ladle Fundraiser
Dec. 6th (Sat.)	11:00 AM	Christmas Potluck Luncheon

## Waleska UWF - Local Programs and Missions – 2025

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- Cherokee Family Violence Center: Supply donated diapers and baby wipes on a monthly basis + additional funding at Christmas; See [www.cfvc.org](http://www.cfvc.org) for other needs.
  - Murphy Harpst Home: Christmas gifts and Point Store supplies year-round
  - Prayer Shawl Ministry: See Sylvia Robertson
  - Senior Citizen's Center
  - Reinhardt Student Emergency Fund: Waleska UWF treasury allocates \$50/year.

## North west District & North Georgia Conference 2025 Event Calendar

Date & Time	Program – Follow on Facebook	Conference / District
March 23	Lenten Day Apart-Austell UMC	District
May 2-3	Spiritual Growth & Social Action	Conference
June 12-14	Annual Conference	Conference
June 13	UWF Breakfast	Conference
August 14	Charter for Racial Justice	Conference - Virtual
September 13	District Mission Study- St. Andrews UMC	District
October 4	Conference annual meeting	Conference - Virtual
November 8	District annual meeting- Waleska UMC	District

## UWF - District / Conference Missions

### Supplemental Giving

These are mission institutions within North Georgia Conference - \$25 each.

Clark Atlanta University	New Bethlehem Community Center, Augusta
Paine College, Augusta	Murphy Harpst Children’s Centers, Polk County

# UWF Mission Today Unit Requirements

Mission Today Unit: Complete 10 items (5 must be an asterisked item)

Silver Mission Today Unit: Complete 12 items (5 must be an asterisked item)

Gold Mission Today Unit: Complete all 17 items

**WUWF will strive to complete all requirements for Gold Mission Today Unit each year.**

- \*1. Use the Prayer Calendar at each general meeting of the unit to pray for people in mission and for our mission work with women, children and youth.
- \*2. Make and meet its pledge to mission. Waleska UWF designates 60% of pledges for District mission work and 40% for local/community unit and mission needs.
- \*3. Add at least two (2) members to its roll.
- \*4. Have at least two (2) members subscribed to Response magazine.
- \*5. Use at least two (2) programs from the *Program Book* during the year.
- \*6. Conduct at least one (1) mission study a year.
- \*7. Support the Charter for Racial Justice Policies in at least one way during the year. Some suggested plans of action:
  - Plan a joint unit meeting with a unit of different racial/ethnic background, using programs from the Program Book.
  - Develop bi-racial/cultural or multi-racial/cultural Koinonia groups
  - Hold a joint Vacation Bible School
  - Hold pulpit exchanges
  - Share joint worship services on special occasions
  - Encourage the church to sponsor a refugee family
8. At least one (1) member of the unit (other than Conference or District officers) will attend the Conference or District Mission Education Event.
9. At least two (2) members (other than Conference or District officers) will attend the District or Conference Annual Meeting.
10. Have at least one (1) person join the UWF Action Network to receive and respond to legislative information.
11. Write to five (5) people listed in the *Prayer Calendar* at least twice a year. Members can sign up during the January unit meeting or any time during the year.
12. Participate in the Campaign for Children in at least two ways. Possibilities for action:
  - Help Interfaith Children's movement ([info@interfaithchildrensmovement.org](mailto:info@interfaithchildrensmovement.org))

- Sponsor Children's Sabbath, promoted by the Children's Defense Fund
  - Get involved with children in mentoring, tutoring and "Big Sisters" programs
  - Write letters, e-mail, or call a congressional representative and/or others in government regarding children's issues.
13. Be a 5-Star unit, contributing to all five channels of undesignated giving.
  14. Contribute to a mission project, such as UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief), American Pathways, or other UWF National Mission Institutions.
  15. Include a "Response Moment" where an article from the *Response* magazine will be lifted up as a way to tell the mission story at each unit meeting.
  16. Have at least two people complete one of the Reading Program Plans and report on one of the books.
  17. Invite a District or Conference officer, other than that of a member of that unit, to one or more of the unit meetings during the year.

## UWF Five Star Giving to Missions

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The Five Star Giving to Missions involves the support and achievement of giving to missions through 5 undesignated channels. The award year runs from August 1<sup>st</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>. Waleska UWF has chosen to participate in this program. The channels for giving are:

**Pledge to Mission** – Supports UWF missions throughout the world. What will our pledge do: provide clean water and nourishing food, pay for medical care, build new churches, minister to the needs of children, print Christian education materials, give scholarships, train leaders in church and society, print and distribute mission documentation, support advocacy efforts for women and children, and provide leadership training for UWF. How to pledge: Pray about the needs of the world and about your involvement in UWF. Estimate the amount you can pledge to give through your UWF unit. Fill in a pledge card (just ask the Treasurer). Pay your pledges regularly. Pray and study about the mission work your pledge supports.

**Special Mission Recognition** – The SMR is an undesignated gift honoring mission's work of a special person through the Women's Division. Any unit may give a SMR in honor of a person, male or female, using a selection process they choose. An individual may also choose to honor someone for personal reasons. The recipient does not have to be a member of UWF. The recipient can be honored with a recognition pin and certificate.

**Gift to Mission (cards & baby certificates)** – Provides a special way to honor someone. Gift to Mission is a way to honor someone with an undesignated gift in her/his name. These funds support the total program of missions carried out through the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries. Gift to Mission cards are available from the Waleska UWF Treasurer or President. Some suggestions for using these cards are for a special thank you, congratulations of any occasion, missionary worker, or just a special day for thinking of someone (cards minimum gift - \$5) or for a new baby's arrival or baptism (baby certificates minimum gift - \$10).

**Gift in Memory or Memorials** – The death of a much-loved family member or friend is a difficult time. A UWF Gift in Memory honors their memory through making possible additional mission work in the United States and around the world. Consider the Gift in Memory as an appropriate memorial for a special person. Note: Cards are available – Gifts in Memory Cards (minimum \$5), Memorial Cards (Minimum \$40).

**World Thank Offering** – Provides an opportunity to respond to God's abundance and grace with spontaneous gifts of gratitude. Funds collected are used in the total mission program carried on through UWF in the U.S. and around the world. Participants are encouraged

to collect gifts in a special container that is kept at a center of activity at home or work. Family members may enjoy a daily ritual of sharing by dropping in an offering.

### **Five Star Plus Unit and Five-Minute Unit:**

Contribute to all 5 channels of giving and candle-burning to be a Five-Star Plus Unit:

**Candle-burning:** Candle-burning is based on TIME. You may honor or memorialize a special person that will be remembered while the candle burns. Contributions of at least \$10 may be made for any amount to support candle-burning for seconds, minutes, hours or days.

## **Waleska United Women in Faith - Reading Program - 2025**

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Waleska United Women in Faith would like to encourage all members to participate in Plan I of the UWF Reading Program. To complete the Reading Program Plan I, participants must read one book/study in each category or watch a movie made from one of these along with regular reading of the *Response* magazine. \*See below for details on how to obtain the *Response* magazine.

### **Plan I:**

- 5 books or movies each year
- 1 from each category
- Selections from 2017-2025 reading lists IF not included in previous reports
- Regular reading of *Response* magazine

There are five categories to be read from:

- Education for Mission
- Nurturing for Community
- Spiritual Growth
- Leadership Development
- Social Action

Our library is located on a book shelf in the Usher's Room off the Narthex. On the inside covers, books are labeled by category and program list year.

A list of books for the current years which are in our unit library or available at the public library is included for you in this handbook. You will be asked in June for a report of your reading. You may include books you plan to finish by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Fill out a report (see next page) and submit it to Tammy Powers, Secretary of Program Resources, when you have completed your reading.

Those completing a Reading Plan will be recognized by the District for their efforts and for their support of the United Women in Faith Reading Program. You will receive a

certificate and your name will also be listed in the Annual Meeting brochure for the Atlanta-Marietta District with your accomplishment.

*\*Response:* The magazine is published 6 times a year and can be read on your tablet, e-reader, phone or computer. Go to [www.uwfaith.org](http://www.uwfaith.org), scroll to the bottom. Under Resources, click on 'Response magazine' to read on-line. Copies are also available in the WUWF library.

**The purpose of the Reading Program for United Women in Faith is to encourage people of the church through their reading to become:**

- ...informed, understanding of, and motivated to obedient participation in God's mission today.
- ...sensitive to all human beings – their needs, interest, concerns and to corporate our social needs.
- ...alert to and knowledgeable about issues facing humankind today to which the Gospel speaks.
- ...aware of who one is and what one can do through self-understanding.
- ...educated and trained for involvement in Christian mission.

Report of Completion Requirements

(Send completed form to the Unit Secretary of Program Resources)

I have completed the required reading for PLAN I. The books/movies/studies I have read or seen are listed in the section below.

LOCAL UNIT	PRINT NAME
DISTRICT	ADDRESS
CONFERENCE	CITY, STATE, ZIP

Books/movies I have read/seen to complete the Reading Program's PLAN I are:

Category	Name of Book(s)/Movie(s)
<b>Education for Mission:</b>	
<b>Nurturing for Community:</b>	
<b>Leadership Development:</b>	
<b>Spiritual Growth:</b>	
<b>Social Action:</b>	

I have also read *Response* regularly.

# Reading Program Books

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Below are books/studies from the UWF Reading List available in our library.

## **Education for Mission:**

- Faith ED (2017)
- Hiding in the Light (2018)
- House in the Sky (2018)
- The Mission-Minded Guide to Church and School Partnerships (2019)
- One - Unity in a Divided World (2020)
- Gum Moon: A Novel of San Francisco China Town (2021)
- The Unstoppable Garrett Morgan (2022)
- Phoebe (2023)
- 30 Days with E Stanley Jones: Global Preacher for Social Justice (2024)
- Meeting God In Paul (2025)
- The Bookwoman's Daughter: A Novel (2025)

## **Leadership Development:**

- Called to the Fire (2017)
- 50 Women Every Christian Should Know (2018)
- Hollow Faith (2018)
- Eleanor— A Spiritual Biography: The Faith of the 20th Century's Most Influential Woman (2019)
- Which Way Lord (2020)
- Cinderella Liberator (2021)
- Failing Boldly (2022)
- Spiritual Leadership (2023)
- I Am a Girl From Africa: A Memoir of Power, Community and Hope (2024)
- The Power of Together (2025)

## **Nurturing for Community:**

- Slowing Time (2017)
- An Indigenous People (2018)
- The Book of Joy (2018)
- When Did Everybody Else Get So Old?: Indignities, Compromises, and the Unexpected Grace of Midlife (2019)
- How the Woman at the Well became the Well Woman (2020)
- A Living Gospel : Reading Gods Story in Holy Lives (2021)

- Lifesaving Church (2022)
- American Methodists and Women's Rights (2023)
- The Seed Keeper: A Novel (2024)
- All That is Secret (2025)

## **Social Action:**

- Snake Oil (2017)
- Born on 3<sup>rd</sup> Base (2018)
- Hospitable Planet (2018)
- Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community? (2019)
- We are all Fast-Food Workers Now (2020)
- For Such A Time As This (2021)
- Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom (2022)
- Women Rise Up: Sacred Stories of Resistance for Today's Revolution (2022)
- The Four Winds (2023)
- Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World (2024)
- Our Missing Hearts (2025)

## **Spiritual Growth:**

- Fully Awake and Truly Alive (2017)
- Adventure of Ascent (2018)
- The Pilgrim Messiah (2018)
- What We Need is Here: Practicing the Heart of Christian Spirituality (2019)
- The Soulmaking Room (2020)
- Right Here Right Now (2021)
- Dinner by Candlelight (Advent) (2022)
- Finding Peace in An Anxious World (2022)
- Until Unity (2023)
- The Cure for Sorrow: A Book of Blessings For Times of Grief (2024)
- We Go On: Finding Purpose In All of Life's Sorrows (2024)
- Forgiving What you can't Forget (2025)