

# United Women in Faith Features

## SEASONAL HIGHLIGHTS



Welcome to our DUMC United Women in Faith 4th Quarter newsletter. The last few months of 2022 were a busy time for our Circles as we looked for ways to fellowship with each other, help our community, celebrate our heritage at the Green and White Banquet, and to volunteer at the DUMC Holiday Festival.

See our seasonal highlights in this issue, and to learn more about our UWF Circles at Dunwoody United Methodist Church, please visit our church website at [www.dunwoodyumc.org/women](http://www.dunwoodyumc.org/women).

**UWF Mission:** 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.

**UWF Vision:** Turning faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world.

**UWF Purpose:** 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.

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*Circle members created no-sew blankets for the Dunwoody Police Department Christmas for Kids program*

## CIRCLES SERVING THE COMMUNITY

- **New Horizons in Christ, Tapestry, and Working Women’s Network** hosted a No-Sew Blanket event in October. This group of women made a total of 11 blankets which were donated to the Dunwoody Police Department. These blankets will be distributed to families in need during the Dunwoody Police Department Christmas for Kids (CFK) program in December!
- **New Horizons in Christ** collected food items for the Community Assistance Center
- **Family Living & Giving and New Horizons in Christ** purchased robes, blankets and wallets to donate to the Mary Hall Freedom Village. 77 wallets, 65 blankets and 64 robes were donated between the 2 circles. These items were packaged as gifts and were given to the clients of Mary Hall Freedom Village at their Christmas party. Mary Hall Freedom Village is a local organization that treats women who suffer from addictions or have been abused.

*We are connectational because together, we can do more to make a difference in our lives, communities and world, particularly for women, children, and youth.*

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

**COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE CENTER:** The CAC has been furnished with food, clothes, appliances, etc. by our UWF Circles. Many UWF members also volunteer their time working at the CAC.

**LEAST COIN:** Collected by each UWF Circle and goes to Church Women United for needs throughout the world. It is done in cooperation with all other church women of the world and signifies the least amount given as being important.

**MURPHY HARPST CHILDREN’S CENTERS:** Publix commitment cards are available to support the Centers. Gifts for the children are collected at the annual Green and White Banquet.

**SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT:** The District designates a social action project which DUWF will support through its gifts, time and prayers.

**WELLROOT FAMILY SERVICES WOMEN’S AUXILIARY:** Supported by donations at the annual Green and White Banquet

- **Bible Study** sends birthday cards to the Murphy Harpst Children’s Centers
- **New Horizons in Christ** collected food items for the Community Assistance Center
- **Heart and Home** had a benefit for Partners Against Domestic Violence
- Donations were collected at the Green and White Banquet for Wellroot Family Services and Murphy Harpst Children’s Centers during the Green and White Banquet



*Circle members collected gifts for the women of Mary Hall Freedom Village*



*Dunwoody UWF chairs Casseroles to Go for the DUMC Holiday Festival*

## HOLIDAY FESTIVAL FESTIVIES

Dunwoody United Women in Faith members support the Holiday Festival, which provides funds for the Habitat for Humanity house. The official DUWF project is Casseroles to Go. Circle members contributed 325 casseroles, along with selling casseroles during the event and manning freezer distribution for casseroles as they were sold.

In addition to chairing Casseroles to Go, Circle members volunteer their time throughout the festival, including serving as greeters and organizing Photos with Santa.



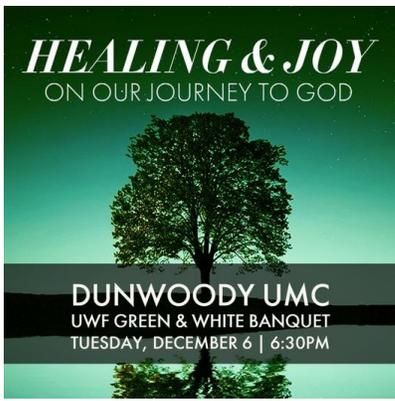
## DUMC HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

The Dunwoody United Methodist Church Holiday Festival is a one-day, indoor event that features a juried show of beautiful arts and crafts items by talented artisans, in addition to a wide variety of other venues. We offer Attic Treasures, Book Nook, Casseroles to Go, Children's Activities, Gourmet Shop, Photos with Santa and more. Our 80+ talented participating artists have been carefully selected from a long list of applicants.

With our growing reputation as one of the best indoor holiday festivals in the area, we are fortunate enough to attract vendors from all over Georgia and even as far away as South Carolina, Florida, and Virginia. Booths are located in the Fellowship Hall and Gym. This is a great opportunity to shop for "one of a kind" hand-made items.

It takes a multitude of volunteers of all ages to help make this annual event a big success, providing assistance for everything from set-up, parking, concessions and more.

All proceeds from the festival benefit Atlanta Habitat for Humanity. The money raised will support DUMC's 32nd Habitat build, which will benefit another deserving family in 2023.



## 52ND ANNUAL GREEN AND WHITE BANQUET

On December 6th, we celebrated our 52nd Annual Green and White Banquet. The evening honors our past, celebrates our Circles, and gives us a chance to fellowship during the Christmas season. A special thank you to Mary Frances Bowley for being our speaker, Janna Benston and committee for organizing the event, our wonderful DUMC kitchen staff for a delicious meal, and our clergy for their support. We were especially honored to spend the evening with our Spiritual Growth Circle, who retired in 2022, after many faithful years of serving Dunwoody UWF.

*We believe love in action can change the world.*



## 2023 YEARBOOK

### DEDICATION—

#### ESTHER RANDOLPH

Each year we recognize a member for their outstanding service to UWF, one who models the UWF purpose of “Knowing God, developing a creative, supportive fellowship and expanding the concepts of mission for women and children.” This year’s honoree, Esther Randolph is an unsung hero.

Esther has been the long-time president of the Spiritual Growth Circle. Her friends describe her as humble, positive, loving, kind and caring. She’s a good friend who is there for you. She’s taken friends to appointments, prepared meals and called just to check in. Esther has held her circle together seeing them through sad times and celebrating the joyful times.

Esther has been a member of DUMC for 42 years. She comes from a family of 12 children and began cooking and baking for her family at a young age. Esther has baked for the Holiday Festival Bake Shop for many years. Her Italian Cream cake is a favorite. For the past ten years, for ten days in a row, Esther and a dear friend have made Bread and Butter pickles and given them away to friends.

Esther was married to a Methodist minister. She has three sons, Rex, Mark and Rodney. Esther has five grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Esther has an entrepreneurial spirit. She was a realtor and managed rental properties.



*Top- This year’s honoree, Esther Randolph (right) with Dumwoody UWF President, Kristin Eaton (left) and Vice President, Janna Benston*



*Right- Esther pictured with her Circle, Spiritual Growth*

## BANQUET SPEAKER MARY FRANCES BOWLEY, WELLSPRING LIVING

Thank you to Mary Frances Bowley, founder of Wellspring Living, for being the speaker for the Green and White Banquet. Mary Frances shared her faith journey as well as her experiences from her ministry through Wellspring Living, an organization serving human trafficking victims.



*Above- Mary Frances Bowley, Founder, Wellspring Living*

*Right- Dr. Phil Schroeder, Rev. Garrett Wallace, Kristin Eaton, Mary Frances Bowley, Janna Benston, Rev. Kathy Brockman, Rev. David Melton*



## UWF BOOK CLUB

This group is open to all women interested in reading and discussing selections from the UWF Reading Program. This club brings together women from different Circles who have a mutual interest in reading.

The UWF Book Club meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 7 pm.

Book Selections for 2023:

- January- Pachinko by Min Jin Lee
- March- Together: The Healing Power of Human Connection in a Sometimes Lonely World by Vivek H. Murthy
- May- The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah

Interested in joining?  
Contact Angela Go at  
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## PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT– UWF READING PROGRAM

The Reading Program is a cherished tradition that brings together members to explore, share and discuss books. Enlightening subjects in diverse genres, including:

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

Interested in the Reading Program? Visit <https://uwfaith.org/resources/reading-program> for details. Better yet, join our UWF Book Club.



*UWF Book Club Members*

## CIRCLE SPOTLIGHT- NEW HORIZONS IN CHRIST

This is a group of women with grown children, grandchildren and aging parents. Monthly meetings are geared toward service projects to help families. Meetings are held on different days and nights depending on the service activity, but are generally in the morning. We also meet for a variety of social events throughout the year, and these typically occur in the evening.

Circle highlights for 2022 include participating in Food Stock, mailing stewardship campaign letters, collecting gifts for Mary Hall Freedom Village and food for the Community Assistance Center, making casseroles for and volunteering at the DUMC Holiday Festival, along with social gatherings.

For more information on New Horizons In Christ, contact Sharon Conway at [conway4@bellsouth.net](mailto:conway4@bellsouth.net).



*New Horizons In Christ*

## UWF CIRCLE INFORMATION

United Women in Faith of DUMC minister to the needs and interests of women in our church family. By doing so, we provide opportunities for both personal growth and service. There will be at least one mission study each calendar year, which will be open to all members of DUWF and the community at large. A nursery is provided (with reservations) at the church for the use of all Circles and any events held in the morning.

The present DUMC Circles are as follows:

**Bible Study-** This group provides members with a time to enrich their study of the Bible. Lessons presented by various leaders give them closeness of fellowship and help them in dedicating their services through UWF. The group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am in the Wesley Room. Typical Members: Senior women 70s +  
Contact: Betty Moreland (btmoreland@bellsouth.net)

**Family Living & Giving-** This group is composed of women who are experiencing empty-nests, retiring from careers, enjoying grandchildren, caring for aging parents, and supporting women who have already experienced those life-changing events. This active circle participates in many service projects within Dunwoody UMC and in the community at large. After a business meeting and program, the group enjoys a light lunch and social time. Typical Members: Married & Single women in their 60's & 70's  
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**Gracetime** -UWF circle for young adult women. We gather for fellowship and to spotlight unique and creative ways to give back. We meet the fourth Thursday of the month at 7pm. Contact DUMCYA@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/DUMCYA to check out our latest project and get added to our GroupMe. Typical Members: Young adult women.  
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**Heart and Home-** Our members are moms with children primarily college students or young adults. We strive to build supportive friendships with one another and to help each other as we nurture our faith and our families. We typically meet during the school year on the 3rd Wednesday of each month typically at 4:30 pm. Several times a year we do offsite or onsite service projects or volunteer work. We also support the church in a variety of ways, such as helping with the Holy 16 Week lunches and making casseroles for the Holiday Festival. Visitors are welcome. Typical Members: Mom's in their 40's to 60's with older children – predominantly college age and young adults.  
Contacts: Kim Bertschi (bertschik@gmail.com) and Janna Benston (jannabenston@hotmail.com)

**New Horizons in Christ-** This is a group for women with adult children, grandchildren and aging parents. Monthly meetings are geared toward service projects to help families. Meetings are held on different days and nights depending on the service activity, but are generally in the morning. We also meet for a variety of social events throughout the year, and these events typically occur in the evening. We have found that this flexible schedule helps our participation. Typical Members: Women in their 50's & 60's that are empty nesters with aging parents.  
Contact: Sharon Conway (conway4@bellsouth.net)

**Serving & Sharing-** A group of women who gather for fellowship, spiritual growth, and an opportunity to explore group projects which support the missions of our church. We enjoy thought provoking programs designed to increase our awareness of opportunities to enhance our spiritual life and to serve. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 pm in the Young Adult Suite at DUMC. We warmly welcome visitors and new members. Typical Members: Senior ladies in their 70's & 80's  
Contact: Ann Stone (annlstone@bellsouth.net)

**Tapestry-** This is a group for all women. Monthly meetings are geared toward service projects, education and spiritual growth, or service and fellowship. We meet once a month on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. Typical Members: The Tapestry Circle welcomes all ladies who seek to connect through fellowship, learning and acts of service.  
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**Working Women's Network-** This is a circle for women who did or do work outside the home or who find it more convenient to meet in the evening. We enjoy educational programs by outside speakers and participating in group projects. Members are involved in many areas of service within and outside of DUMC. Typical Members: Working and/or retired women in their 50's, 60's & 70's  
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