



United Women in Faith September 2025 Newsletter

Welcome to September's DUMC United Women in Faith newsletter. We hope that your summer was filled with memory-making moments and sun-shiny days! In the next few pages, you'll see our sisters doing exactly that.

As we reconvene, we wish you and your circle a fruitful and joyous season in fellowship and service. Please make sure to take pictures of all the goodness.

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.

To learn more about United Women in Faith, please visit www.uwfaith.org, and to learn more about our UWF Circles at Dunwoody United Methodist Church, please visit www.dunwoodyumc.org/women.

LOVE IN ACTION CAN CHANGE THE WORLD.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello, Beautiful Sisters in Christ!

As the school bells ring and backpacks are packed, we welcome a fresh season of growth and new beginnings! We're so excited to journey through the rest of the year together, finishing strong in faith, fellowship, and purpose.

Thank you for your selfless leadership and unwavering service to others—you are the heart of this ministry, and your light continues to shine brightly in our community. May this season bring renewed energy, joy, and blessings to you and your families!

With love and gratitude,
Kristin Eaton



A NEW
SEASON.

A NEW
START.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Back Pack Buddies of Metro Atlanta

BPBMA has a mission to provide weekend meals to food-insecure children in the Metro Atlanta area to enhance their mental and physical health. Each week, volunteers pick up nonperishable food from the BPBMA warehouse in Dunwoody and deliver to DUMC. Meals are then packed by volunteers to be taken to area elementary schools for students to take home for the weekend. There are specific times for some jobs and others have some flexibility. Contact **Bo Lane** for details: wblane@gmail.com

Helping Hands Volunteers

Do you have occasional availability and a heart to serve Dunwoody UMC? We often have behind-the-scenes, but very necessary tasks that require light-duty volunteer assistance! Join DUMC's Helping Hands Volunteers group to be invited to assist with various projects. Individuals who opt into this Helping Hands Volunteers group will be notified when a general need arises.

Register: [O - Helping Hands Volunteers | Dunwoody United Methodist Church](#)

Visitation Ministry

If you have an hour or so to spare each month to meet some of our members who may not be able to get to church, you will bring joy and friendship to those you visit, and you will be blessed to meet them and to get to know them. Our Visitation Ministry is currently looking for friendly visitors who are willing to visit their assigned person(s) at least once per month and to stay in touch with them by phone call or cards. We will provide all the training you need. If you are interested or have any questions, please reach out to [Rev. Kathy Brockman](#) at 770-542-1677.

you are cordially invited to attend
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NIGHT *out*, YA'LL!

Monday, October 6, 2025 • 6:00pm
Dunwoody UMC Fellowship Hall • \$25/person



KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
Katie Hart Smith

*The Power of Story:
Faith, Words, and the Journey
That Shapes Us*

SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to Betty Moreland!

The Simon Jones Goodwill Ambassador Awards are presented annually to two individuals, a member of the laity and a staff member, who exemplify the characteristics that made our longtime Director of Facilities, Simon Jones an incredible gift to Dunwoody United Methodist Church. One of the two people selected this year is our very own Betty Moreland. Betty truly exemplify Simon's legacy with her welcoming and caring heart and always having time to share her love of Jesus Christ with others.

Betty is known for being a wonderful example of serving others and sharing her love of Christ with others. A longtime church member and leader in so many church functions for years, she continues to help wherever she can and is a familiar and welcoming face to all. Betty is described by many as a blessing to our church.

Giving of her time, she is faithful to visit the sick and those unable to come to church, stays in touch with members and keeps track of prayer requests for her Crusader Sunday School class. Kind, friendly, caring, always promoting DUMC, Betty is faithful to the Christian spirit & selfless in her devotion. Involved with Bible studies, Altar Committee, New Friends monthly luncheon, President of her United Women in Faith Circle and more, she has even stated that DUMC is her life! And one nomination called her "Mrs. DUMC".

Betty gives her time and love over and over again at DUMC and has since she joined the Church in 1979. If you want something done, just ask Betty! Betty is always willing to help out with anything and does so in a loving and caring way.

Betty, we love you!





1997 Green + White Banquet

“Betty has been doing this job for as long as I can remember. She puts so much love and attention into everything she does. She has been so important to me since joining the UMW in 1996. Having godly women in my life has helped to form the person I am. She is truly a blessing to us all.” – Sharon Conway



1998 Green + White Banquet

CELEBRATING CIRCLE LIFE!



New Horizons enjoyed their time together as they helped prepare for Foodstock.



Tapestry hosted a night of fun at PuttShack! Congrats to Mary for being the Putt-Putt winner and thank you to Debbie and Dorothy for putting the night together.

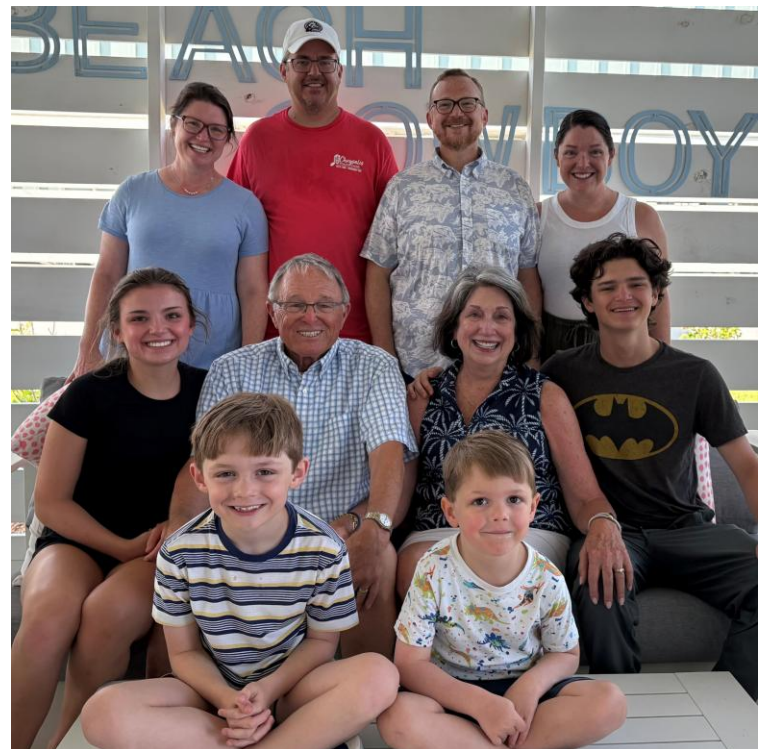
SUMMER OF FUN!



Kris Johnson and her husband explored New Zealand for about a month, renting a car to meander through the North Island starting in Auckland and weaving their way south to take a ferry from Wellington to the South Island where they continued to explore Mount Cook, the Fiordlands, Queenstown and finally, Christchurch.



Karen Porter, Nancy Lanier, Sharon Conway and Elizabeth Julian enjoyed 4th of July at the beach.



Family time in Cape San Blas, FL for **Carol Head**

SUMMER OF FUN!



Sharon Conway celebrated her 63rd birthday with family. Happy belated birthday, Sharon!



Cathy Harrison's daughter and her family lived in Belgium this summer, so she went to visit! "Lucky to see Holland, Belgium, France and Switzerland!" She also welcomed a new grandbaby, Rory James.



Kelly Ellis and her nonprofit, FIRST SERVE, donated their first stocked tennis cart to a nonprofit preschool.



SUMMER OF FUN!

"As a deaconess in the UMC, I am part of a world-wide group of diaconal ministers. We gather every four years. This year we met for the first time in Africa. The next one will be in the Philippines. There were almost 300 from 26 different countries at the weeklong conference at a Lutheran retreat center in Tanzania- full of worship, learning, site visits and lots of friendship building!

The UMC was well represented- 15 diaconal ministers (deacons, deaconesses, home missionaries) from US and 15 newly UMC consecrated D/HM from Africa (first group!!!-so exciting!) Before the conference, a group of us went on some safari days. After, a deaconess friend from California and I went to Ethiopia and connected with a UMC church there - planning a partnership. I love our connectional denomination!" – **Deaconess Jo Sheetz**



UWF CIRCLE INFORMATION

United Women in Faith of DUMC ministers 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.

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)

Circle of Joy. This group starts with lunch (BYO) and fellowship before their program begins (featuring a mix of speakers and group projects, which is followed by a short business meeting). They are involved in many areas of service within and beyond DUMC. They meet the 3rd Monday of the month in the Young Adult Suite. Contacts: Shirley Layne (shirley.layne@gmail.com) and Amlie Lewis (amile@att.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 Contacts: Cheryl Dunbar (ccjackets@yahoo.com) & Donna Houseal (donnahouseal@yahoo.com)

Gracetime . UWF circle for young adult women. They gather for fellowship and to spotlight unique and creative ways to give back. They 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. Contacts: Caroline Angstadt (carolineluehring@gmail.com) and Allie Benston (alliebenston@gmail.com)

Heart and Home. Members are moms with children primarily college students or young adults, who strive to build supportive friendships with one another and to help each other as nurture their faith and their families. This group typically meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 4:00 pm. Several times a year, they do offsite or onsite service projects or volunteer work. They also support the church in a variety of ways, such as helping with Holy Week lunches and making casseroles for the Holiday Festival. Visitors are welcome. Typical Members: Moms in their 40's to 60's with older children – predominantly college age and young adults. Contacts: Lauren Patton (slapatton@bellsouth.net) and Suzanne Huff (sbirdhuff@gmail.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. The group also meets for a variety of social events throughout the year, and these events typically occur in the evening, as the group has found that this flexible schedule helps 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. They enjoy thought provoking programs designed to increase awareness of opportunities to enhance our spiritual life and to serve. They meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 pm in the Young Adult Suite at DUMC. This group warmly welcomes visitors and new members. Typical Members: Senior ladies in their 70's & 80's Contact: Ann Stone (annlstone@bellsouth.net) or Betty Ringley (bringley1@gmail.com)

Tapestry. Tapestry is a vibrant community dedicated to fostering connections among women through service, spiritual growth, and fellowship. Tapestry meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM, usually in the YA Suite. They grow connections through crafting No Sew blankets, making sandwiches for The Sandwich Project and decorating for VBS. This group is open to all women, regardless of age, marital status, or professional background. They celebrate our diversity and believe that it enriches the community. Whether you're looking to deepen your faith, give back to the community, or simply make new friends, you'll find a place here. Join Tapestry for their next meeting and become a part of a supportive and inspiring Circle! Meeting time & place: Third Tuesday of each month, 7:00pm, Young Adult Suite Contacts: Kristin Eaton (keatonunc@yahoo.com) and Amanda Latham (amnlatham@yahoo.com)