

# United Women in Faith December 2025 Newsletter





Welcome to December’s DUMC United Women in Faith newsletter. As we celebrate a full year of meaningful ministry, we give thanks for the many ways our Circles have made an impact - providing essential resources, offering compassionate support, and sharing Christ’s love with those in need throughout our community.

We are deeply grateful for the faithful leadership of Kristin Eaton, whose grace, dedication, and steady guidance have blessed us in countless ways during her time as President. With joy and anticipation, we now welcome our new President, Angela Go, and look forward to the continued growth, service, and fellowship that God has in store for us in the year ahead.

**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](http://www.uwfaith.org), and to learn more about our UWF Circles at Dunwoody United Methodist Church, please visit [www.dunwoodyumc.org/women](http://www.dunwoodyumc.org/women).

**LOVE IN ACTION CAN CHANGE THE WORLD.**

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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Dear Friends in Faith,**

I hope this message finds you well and filled with the joy and gritty hope of the Advent season. First, please accept my heartfelt apologies for not being able to attend the Green and White Banquet – it is one of my favorite events of the season. I truly missed the opportunity to celebrate with you and share in that special time together. And the bacon – I missed the bacon.

As I reflect on my journey as president, I want you to know that *you are the very best part of United Women of Faith*. Your willingness to step in and offer help when I assumed this role has meant so much to me. I've appreciated getting to know each of you better, and I am deeply grateful for all the good you have done—not only for our church but for the wider community. Your faith in action has been inspiring.

James 2:14–17 reminds us that faith without works is dead. You have shown what living faith looks like—through service, compassion, and creativity. As we move forward, I encourage you to continue using your many talents, leadership, and innovative ideas to make an even greater impact. Together, we can bring positive attention to our organization and shine as a beacon of hope, light and love.

May this Advent season and the coming year be filled with **hope, peace, joy, and love** for you and your loved ones. Thank you for being a blessing to me and to so many others.

With gratitude and faith,

Kristin Eaton

Outgoing President, Dunwoody United Women of Faith

## SPOTLIGHT

We offer our deep gratitude to **Kristin Eaton** for her faithful and inspiring service as President of Dunwoody United Women of Faith. Kristin, thank you for leading us with such grace and unwavering commitment, and for serving with a joyful heart and leading with faith. Your steady guidance, compassionate spirit, and prayerful leadership have blessed our ministry and each one of us.

Because of your dedication, our community has grown stronger, more connected, and more grounded in Christ's love. We are grateful for the countless hours you've poured into this work and the example you have set.

**We are truly blessed by you.**

"Loved having her and getting to know her over the years. She has been a fantastic leader and although her life is very busy she makes time for the UWF and all of the ladies involved. She is the best." – Sharon Conway

Kristin,

Thank you for being both our UWF President and Tapestry Co-Chair. Your contributions to the UWF are so appreciated and we are lucky to have you as one of our Circle members! Congratulations on a great tenure as president and we look forward to continuing to grow with you!!!

Love,  
Tapestry





We love you, Kristin!





## BOOK CLUB INFO

Book Club always meets at 7:00 p.m., however the location has moved to the church library. (meetings are every other month, so there's time in-between to read.)

Angela Go is passing the reins to Amanda Masters as Angela is our new UWF president.

**January 19, 2026**

*The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times*

By Jane Goodall & Douglas Abrams

**March 16, 2026**

*The Personal Librarian*

By Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray

**May 18, 2026**

*Seventy Times Seven: A True Story of Murder and Mercy*

By Alex Mar

**July 20, 2026**

*God's Ghostwriters: Enslaved Christians and the Making of the Bible*

By Candida Moss



## CELEBRATING CIRCLE LIFE!



Heart & Home enjoyed a delicious dinner at Simply Thai. Owner and DUMC member, Kristen Monta shared her faith journey with us.



New Horizons hosted a “Sip, Scam and Safety” presentation by Mary Ann Gardner.



## CELEBRATING CIRCLE LIFE!



Tapestry hosted their annual “No-Sew Blankets” project where blankets are donated to the Dunwoody Police Department.



Tapestry busy making sandwiches for The Sandwich Project...Go Ladies!



## CELEBRATING CIRCLE LIFE!



New Horizons helped address 925 envelopes for the Stewardship Campaign during the planning meeting.



Family Living & Giving made 130 deli sandwiches for the Sandwich Project that provides sandwiches to homeless individuals, veterans, the elderly, and children in our community.



# CELEBRATING CIRCLE LIFE!



New Horizons enjoyed their time with each other at their Christmas Party



## CELEBRATING CIRCLE LIFE!



Tapestry celebrated Friendsgiving at Chupito's – a good time was had by all!



Tapestry brought the joy to Photos with Santa



# GREEN & WHITE BANQUET

The first meeting of a Woman's Missionary Society at the Dunwoody Methodist Church was in May 1933. The Society was organized with 11 charter members who worked mainly to improve the church building and parsonage.

Today, over 200 DUMC women strive to live the vision of the United Women of Faith (UWF) - "to turn faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world."

These faithful women gather annually at the Green & White Banquet for fellowship and recognition. The 2026 Yearbook was dedicated to Janna Benston.

Janna and her husband, Bill, joined Dunwoody Methodist Church 25 years ago, seeking a church home where they and their three children could grow in faith, serve others, and be surrounded by a loving community of Christian believers.

Janna has become an integral part of church life – offering her time, creativity, and servant's heart to every ministry she touches.

Janna, thank you for the impact you've made in so many lives!



# GREEN & WHITE BANQUET

This year's guest speaker, Diane Moffett, founded **One Lamb Initiative**, whose mission it is to nurture and embrace mental wellness in the faithful community of education, connection, and support.

While the initiative began at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church, their group's vision is for every place of faith to prioritize mental health.

If you would like to support the One Lamb Initiative at DUMC, please contact Kathy Brockman, [kathy.brockman@dunwoodyumc.org](mailto:kathy.brockman@dunwoodyumc.org).

## STEP OUT & SPEAK UP SUMMIT

Presented by the **Peace of Mind Partnership**  
at **Peachtree Road United Methodist Church**  
in partnership with **The One Lamb Initiative**

**FEBRUARY 1-2, 2026**  
**PEACHTREE ROAD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**ATLANTA, GA**

*A two-day gathering of faith, hope, and healing for  
churches, clinicians, and community members in support  
of suicide prevention*

### KEYNOTE EVENT

**FEBRUARY 1 AT 5:00 PM**

*Kay Warren*

*Author, Speaker, and Mental Health Advocate*



Kay Warren is an author, speaker, and mental health advocate who founded **Hope for Brighter Tomorrows** in 2024 to expand her ministry to hurting parents, and to encourage churches to care well for individuals and families affected by mental illness. A passionate voice for mental

health awareness and suicide prevention, Kay previously established the **Hope for Mental Health Community** at Saddleback Church, which she co-founded with her husband, Rick. Through her advocacy, writing, and compassionate leadership, Kay continues to bring hope and healing to families and faith communities around the world.

### TRAINING BLOCK: FEBRUARY 2

#### **safeTALK (Community Members)**

1:00 – 5:00 PM or 4:00 – 8:00 PM

A half-day, interactive training teaching how to recognize and respond to signs of suicidal thinking.

#### **CAMS-care (Clinicians)**

8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Led by Dr. Melinda Moore, this evidence-based training equips clinicians with practical tools to assess and manage suicidality.

#### **Faith Leader Workshop (Clergy & Lay Leaders)**

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

A practical, faith-based session helping clergy lead with compassion and guide congregations through crisis and healing.

*All trainings are free • CE units  
available for purchase (clinician track)*

*Join faith, clinical, and community leaders choosing  
connection over silence and hope over despair.*

**SCAN THE  
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REGISTER.**





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# 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](http://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)