



United Women in Faith

Addendum to the Spring 2022 Trinity Trumpeter: Spiritual Retreat & Assembly 2022



Welcome one another, therefore, just as
Christ has welcomed you, for the glory
of God.
Romans 15:7

The United Women in Faith of the Trinity District invite everyone to join us for our events and to share with us your stories of mission and love for Jesus.

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Trinity District Newsletter
May 2022
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Please note the two forms at the end of this newsletter: 1) Recommendation to the District Committee on Nominations and 2) Information on Prospective Trinity District Leadership (to be completed by someone interested in being a leader).

Trinity District Spiritual Retreat

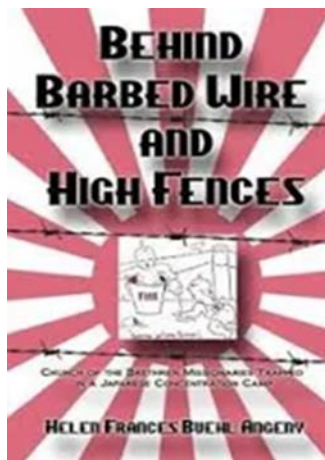
May 14th, 2022

Limon UMC, Limon Colorado

Elaine Allison:

On May 14th members of the Trinity District UWF joined in Limon for a Spiritual Retreat with 30 attending in person and 20 attending virtually. As part of the retreat, members of the Trinity District Leadership Team presented book commercials and briefly told about different books they had read. Commercials included:

"Before We Were Yours"	Frances Graves
"Fully Awake and Truly Alive"	Pat Blasi
"Tattoos of the Heart"	Netté Smith
"Just Mercy"	Judy Hill



Our guest speaker, Phyllis Hochstetler, is the daughter of Church of the Brethren missionaries Edward and Helen Angeny. Phyllis told us about her mother's book "Behind Barbed Wire and High Fences", which tells about the family's three-year captivity in a Japanese concentration camp in the Philippines during WWII

Phyllis is retired after 31 years as school teacher including two years at a United Church of Christ mission school in the Truk Islands of Micronesia. She resides in Colorado City, Co with her husband, Harry, of 54 years and they have three children and six grandchildren. Since retiring she volunteers with Brethren Disaster Ministries

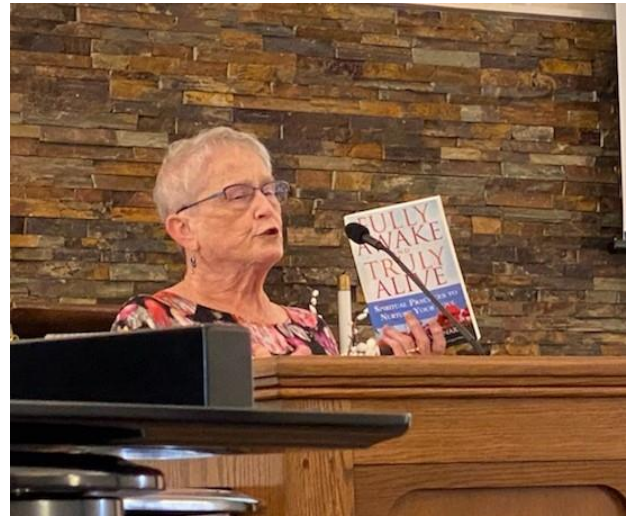


Guest Speaker Phyllis Hochstetler

The program also included a devotional by Denise Logan, a short video regarding the new name change, congregational hymns accompanied by Pat Perue and led by Denise Logan, & Communion, served by Pastor Sarah Rettig. Tech crew included Pastor Major Rettig and Elise Rudolph. After the morning program was finished, the Limon UWF Ladies served lunch to the group.



Pat Perue at the piano



Pat Blasi doing her book commercial on "Fully Awake and Truly Alive"



Nette Smith – one of the organizers

Miscellaneous pictures during
the Trinity District UWF Spiritual Retreat in Limon

Judy Hill:

Driving to Limon from my home near Joes to attend the Trinity District United Women in Faith Spiritual Day on a beautiful May Saturday morning, I prayed for an enriching gathering. The UMF women of Limon met us with gracious welcome and shared a generous coffee hour so the day began with anticipation for a fruitful day.

The personal presentation from the book "Behind Barbed Wire" on the experience of her parents as missionaries during World War II in China then in the Philippines was inspiring.

The story of the birth of their first daughter, Carol, really connected with me. The missionaries were detained in a POW Camp in the Philippines. On impending delivery the mother was taken to the hospital for her daughter's birth and was detained there several days. The journey to and from was made with raging war all around them. Carol was born January 19, 1942. I was born three days later

at home in the middle of Indiana coal mining country where dynamite blasts often shook our simple house. Both of us were fortunate to be born to loving parents and nurturing parents even in the midst of WWII.

Thanks to the Trinity District UWF Spiritual Day task force, my prayer for an enriching day was answered with an inspiring presentation, book commercials, UMW name change information as well as 2022 UMF Assembly invitation.

Trinity District Celebrates Assembly 2022 at Beaver Creek Youth Camp & Christian Retreat and In Person



On Thursday, May 19th members of the Trinity District UWF Leadership Team met at Beaver Creek Youth Camp near South Fork, Colorado in the middle of the Rocky Mountains. Originally the team was scheduled to go to Angel Fire, NM, however, due to the wildfires in New Mexico, the team received an email stating that all reservations were being cancelled. (Please keep the victims as well as the firefighters and other first responding teams in your prayers.) Gene Haning, camp manager, graciously consented to allow the team at Beaver Creek on very short notice. While at Beaver Creek we helped with some clean up efforts to get the camp ready for campers as well as shared kitchen duties and cooking for the group.



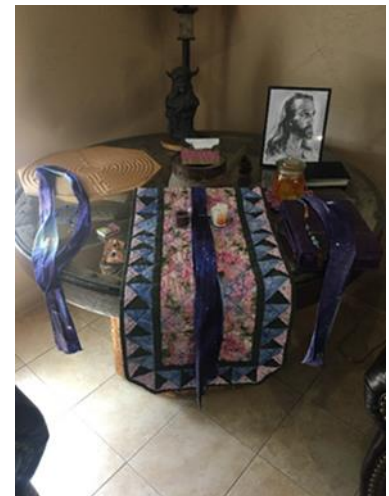
Elaine Allison, Glenda Holcomb, & Frances Graves washing windows at Beaver Creek

After the last of the virtual Assembly was over on Saturday evening, the group packed up and went to Alamosa. On Sunday morning, members gathered at the home of Frances Graves for the closing worship at Assembly, then met at the Alamosa UMC for services. Elise & Helen are members of the bell choir and the group listened to the bell choir's last performance until fall.



Members attending were Helen Taylor, Elaine Allison, Glenda Holcomb, Elise Rudolph, Frances Graves

Our Sacred Space for Assembly 2022 at Beaver Creek



N. Elaine Allison, Trinity District UWF President

This was my fifth time to attend Assembly but the first time to be there virtually. I missed much of the previous experiences, especially visiting with UMW sisters from my past and the energy from being with thousands of women with a common purpose. However, viewing the presentations with current Trinity District leaders was the next best way to participate. All the presenters were exciting, inspiring and motivating to keep up my dedication to this wonderful organization. Thank you to the Beaver Creek Experience (Youth Camp) for providing a perfect place for us to have "Assembly at camp".

Frances Graves

This was my first experience with Assembly. I enjoyed it virtually although I could not be there Friday. I loved the music. I also learned a lot at the fundraiser workshop. The speakers were dynamic and truly inspirational. I would consider going in person at a future Assembly.

Helen Taylor

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Elise kindly requested that I write a few words about my trip to Orlando, Florida, this year. The meetings were held in the Orange County Convention Center and we had shuttles to and from our surrounding hotels. Lots of exhibitors and the Bookstore in the Experience Hall.

My first workshop on Friday afternoon was “Spiritual Direction: Coming Home to Self, God & Others” lead by Marsha Crockett, author of *Sacred Connections*. Not only was that time informative and useful, but she also had a sign-up sheet at each table and I have already received an email from her; so nice to have someone follow up!

Friday evening’s Community Gathering brought to the stage Janet Wolf, our Theologian-in-Residence for the conference. What a “power house” speaker! Additionally, the largest class of deaconess and Home Missioners was consecrated.

Saturday morning’s Gathering included the Justice Speaker, Heather McTeer Toney, and special remarks by Secretary of the Interior, Deb Haaland. Of course, there were other presentations as well. My workshop on Saturday was, “Knowing the Healer Within.” Since I had experienced a couple of health issues before going, I was especially appreciative of that session! Just one quote from Dr. Faye Wilson: “I hold the intention that God is the Healer. I open myself to watch, listen and wait for all that comes to me.”

Saturday evening’s Gathering involved, in part, the introduction of **United Women in Faith**. I must say that I am thrilled with the new direction that this name-change points us in! The organization will now be even more inclusive – opening up the intention that you do not have to be a Methodist to belong (which was not the case anyway as I joined when I was still a Disciples of Christ). I believe that this will encourage women in other denominations to join our cause and, also, motivate younger women to join. Saturday night was the Legacy Banquet and we all got a NEXT 150 years pin.

Sunday morning we learned where the Jurisdiction Conventions will be in two years. Western Jurisdiction will be in ALASKA! I want to go! The next Assembly in 4 years will be in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

So good to see in person again many of the “old” acquaintances I have made since joining the Conference several years ago. It is wonderful to be part of the sisterhood!

Michaele Ann Buell-McFeeters

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I hope to attend the next Assembly in person again, but my virtual Assembly experience this year was very meaningful and enjoyable, especially since I was with good friends in a beautiful setting. The event was very inspiring – from the speakers to the music, from the workshops to the special celebrations, from the liturgical dance to the educational pieces. I was happy to learn more about the new “brand” and the need for it. I like the new motto, too: *We believe love in action can change the world.*

Elise Rudolph



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TRINITY DISTRICT**

Date: _____

RECOMMENDATION TO THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

I recommend:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Work Phone #: _____

Why I think you should consider this person (attach extra sheet if necessary):

District UMW/ UWIF Position(s) I would recommend this person for:

Signed: _____

Address: _____ Telephone #: _____

Return to: Judy Hill judyh@plainstel.com__ (Your district Committee on Nominations Chairperson)

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Or any UWIF Trinity District officer.

**UMW/ UWIF
INFORMATION ON PROSPECTIVE
TRINITY DISTRICT LEADERSHIP
(To be completed by prospective district leader)**

Type or Print (attach additional sheets as necessary)

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Preferred _____ Email: _____

Local Church _____ District _____

Professional skills and experience _____

Experience in United Methodist Women/ United Women In Faith

LOCAL: _____

DISTRICT: _____

CONFERENCE: _____

Additional experience on the local, district, conference or general church level (other than United Methodist Women) or in the community. _____

Areas of special interest and concerns: _____

Which office do you prefer?

_____ I am sorry but I am unable to accept an office this year. Please keep my name on file and continue to keep my name on file and contact me in the future.

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