



United Women in Faith

We believe love in action can change the world.

Summer 2023

The Trinity
Trumpeter



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 UWF

2023 Annual Gathering

Change Can  Positive



Join the Trinity District UWF Leadership team on Saturday, September 23, 2023 from 9-12:00 in Ft Morgan, Colorado.



Linda Cockett, Mountain Sky Conference United Women in Faith President, will be our guest speaker on "Change Can Be Positive"



Join us in person at Fort Morgan UMC 117 East Bijou Avenue or on Zoom. Lunch is provided at \$6 a plate.



Registration at <https://form.jotform.com/231996678219171>

Deadline is September 18th.



Zoom link will go out on Wednesday, September 20th

For questions please contact Elaine Allison at 719.469.7394 or email neallison72@gmail.com

MEET LINDA COCKETT

Guest speaker for the Trinity District UWF Annual Gathering in Ft. Morgan, Colorado.



Linda Cockett currently lives in Torrington, WY. She is married and has one child. She is the Executive Director of Goshen County Senior Friendship Center which encompasses five senior centers throughout the county. She is also heavily involved in church and United Women in Faith activities. She is a cradle Methodist and truly believes in all aspects of the Wesleyan Quadrilateral, especially the emphasis on Reason. She loves that her church encourages her to think! She is always grateful for all the mentoring and love she has received from her sisters in United Women in Faith.

Linda will be talking about change can be positive and scripture will be Isaiah 43:18-19
18 Do not remember the former thing
or consider the things of old.
19 I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert

Please join the Trinity District Leadership Team on
Saturday, September 23, 2023 in Ft. Morgan, Colorado
Or Virtually

Check in Registration begins at 9:00 am
With the program beginning at 9:30

You must register on-line to attend in person or virtually

<https://form.jotform.com/231996678219171>

From our President:

I can't believe that summer is almost over and it won't be long before we start to think about Christmas. But before we think about Christmas, let's think about the Trinity District UWF Annual Gathering on Saturday, September 23rd. It will begin with registration at 9:00 am with the program beginning at 9:30. Zoom link will be also be available. This year it will be in Ft. Morgan at the Ft. Morgan UMC. I am looking forward to going as I have never been to Ft. Morgan.

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Our guest speaker will be Linda Cockett, who is the Mountain Sky Conference UWF President. This year's theme for the annual gathering will be "change can be positive" and is based on the scripture from Isaiah 43:18-19:

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or consider the things of old.
19 I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.

Pastor Sharon Strauss will be telling us about missions in the Ft. Morgan area, most particularly the Food Bank/warming center that is on the property of the Ft. Morgan UMC. Supplies needed for the Food Bank include bread, peanut butter, jelly, sandwich bags, etc.


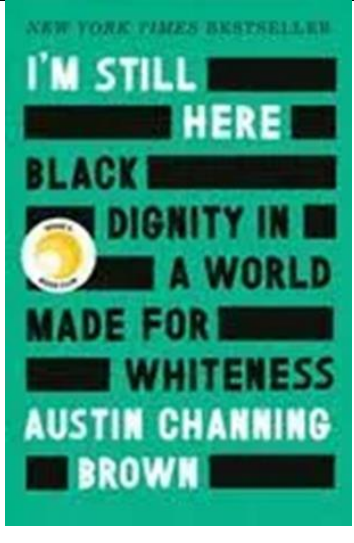
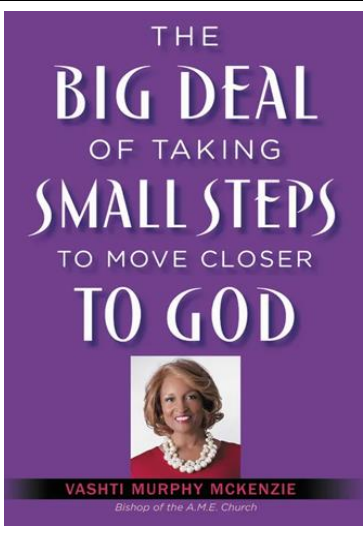

Also, as part of the program, we will have our book commercials, sing hymns, and our regular business meeting. In this newsletter there are the minutes to last year's meeting, the 2024 budget, information about the officers, and standing rule updates.

So, before y'all start thinking about your Christmas activities, join us in Ft. Morgan on September 23rd.

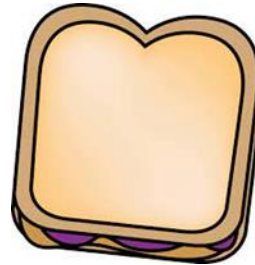
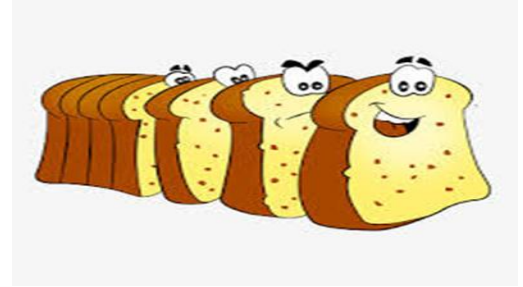
N. Elaine Allison

BOOK COMMERCIALS

Ever wonder "what are book commercials" that are included at our events? Leadership team members read books that are on our current reading list for UWF and at our events they give a brief report about the book. Here are the books being presented at our Annual Gathering.

 <p>#1 New York Times Bestselling Author of <i>The Nightingale</i> KRISTIN HANNAH "Spectacular" <i>—People</i> THE <small>A NOVEL</small> FOUR WINDS</p>	 <p>NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER I'M STILL [REDACTED] [REDACTED] HERE [REDACTED] BLACK [REDACTED] DIGNITY IN [REDACTED] A WORLD [REDACTED] MADE FOR [REDACTED] [REDACTED] WHITENESS AUSTIN CHANNING [REDACTED] [REDACTED] BROWN [REDACTED]</p>	 <p>THE BIG DEAL OF TAKING SMALL STEPS TO MOVE CLOSER TO GOD</p>  <p>VASHTI MURPHY MCKENZIE <i>Bishop of the A.M.E. Church</i></p>
<p>Presented by Glenda Holcomb</p>	<p>Presented by Elise Rudolph</p>	<p>Presented by Susie Henry</p>

Supplies for food bank in Ft. Morgan



Please bring your **PB** & **J** donations
to Ft. Morgan on September 23:

Peanut Butter

Jelly

Bread

Sandwich bags

From our Spiritual Growth Coordinator:

Each year we recognize and remember the women in our United Women in Faith district who have passed away. We will have a **memorial service for them during our annual meeting** in September. It will be my privilege and honor to lead that service.

All women in our district's churches and local United Women in Faith Units are United Women in Faith because each woman serves God in her own unique ways. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25). This is the foundation of our faith and the spirit in which this service will be held.

We have a form for you to use to send me this information. You will find the form in this newsletter. If you have already forwarded the information to me, thank you. If not, I look forward to hearing from you soon. We need to have the information by September 1st to publish the booklets.

Blessings, Denise

From our Social Action Coordinator

The "Faith in Place" and "Just Energy for All" meetings this month will not be for a couple of days yet, so I hope you will find this information about drinking water interesting. In the west, water is a precious commodity and I know a FEW of you are on well water.

Since the 1940s, a class of chemicals called PFAS has been used in everything from food wrappers to waterproof jacks. PFAS are useful because they repel grease, water, and oil. BUT they are incredibly bad for your health. Because they don't break down easily, PFAS accumulate in the environment, earning the nickname "forever chemicals."

Recently, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency moved to regulate the worst of these chemicals in drinking water to reduce the public's exposure. The proposed rule, that WILL BE UP TO utilities to follow, puts a limit on six of the worst forms of PFAS in drinking water. So, please be aware of what your public utilities are doing.

On another matter, my term as your Social Action Coordinator will soon be coming to an end. I would VERY much like to hear from every unit as to what you have been doing in this area. Maybe changing light bulbs in the church, a related book study, racial justice, immigration, sex trafficking, or anything related to justice. I would like to have a list compiled at the end of the year. Please call me at 719-859-2218, email at michaeleannbuell@yahoo.com, or mail to 908 San Juan St., Trinidad, CO, 81082.

Michaele Ann Buell-McFeeters

From our Committee on Nominations:

Greetings from Nominating Committee

Anticipating most changes can be a bit unnerving or the opposite and be a time of celebration. As we await the decision on district boundaries by the Mountain Sky Conference United Women In Faith, your nomination committee is offering a temporary approach for district leadership transition. The slate of officers for 2024 is reflecting action approved by the Leadership team on August 10.

We express our sincere appreciation to Denise Logan, Michaela Ann Buell- Mc Feeters and Berniece Mc Clure as they move on to serve in other ministry opportunities beginning January 2024. They have each been valuable officers, and we send our prayers and best wishes for their meaningful futures.

Please consider joining our Leadership team and help us identify others ready to serve as a District officer.

Nominations chair, Judy Hill

Leaders of Trinity District Continuing in 2024

PRESIDENT: Elaine Allison – 2nd year of 2nd 2-year Term

VICE PRESIDENT: Annette “Netté” Smith – 1st year of 2nd 2-year Term

SECRETARY: Elise Rudolph – 1 year term

TREASURER: Helen Taylor – 3rd year of 3-year Term

COMMUNICATIONS: Elise Rudolph – 2nd year of 2nd 2-year Term

MISSION COORDINATORS:

SPIRITUAL GROWTH: Susie Henry – 1 year term

SOCIAL ACTION Glenda Holcomb – 1 year term

MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE & OUTREACH Yolanda “Yolie” Dietz – 2nd year of 1st Term

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

CHAIR Judy Hill

COMMITTEE: Nancy Shultz
Glenda Holcomb

Stepping down from Trinity District Leadership Team:

Stepping down from the Trinity District Leadership Team includes:



**Denise Logan,
Spiritual Growth Coordinator**



**Berniece McClure,
Nominations**



**Michaelae Ann Buell-McFeeters
Social Action Coordinator**

And we thank them
for their years of service to the
Trinity District UWF
Leadership Team



From our Treasurer:

**TRINITY DISTRICT UWF
BUDGET AND PLEDGE
2024**

Spring Event	\$ 600.00
District Retreat	\$ 600.00
District Annual and Planning Meeting	\$ 600.00
Newsletter	\$ 200.00
Officer expenses (Visitations)	\$ 500.00
Directory	\$ 250.00
Miscellaneous	
Gift in Memory	\$ 150.00
Gift in Mission/honorariums	\$ 200.00
2022 Pledge to Mtn. Sky Conf. UMW	\$11,000.00
Request for A & MD FUNDS	\$ 3,100.00
Total working budget	\$ 3,100.00

Helen Taylor,
Trinity District UMW Treasurer

2023 Memorial Report

To President or Coordinator of Spiritual Growth. Please send me the names of your members that have passed away since last year's Annual Meeting (Sept 2022). I plan to print this information in the Program Booklet. Their names will be read during the Memorial Service at the Annual Meeting on September 23, 2023 in Fort Morgan, CO either live or via Zoom Meeting. Please give me a phonetic spelling for names that are not common. For example: Schovajoa = sco vi sa.

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Please Print

Your name(s): _____

Your Phone Number: _____

Your church's name:

Name of woman who passed away:

Phonetic spelling:

Name of woman who passed away:

Phonetic spelling:

Mail to: Denise Logan
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Rocky Ford, CO 81067
719-980-6576
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Minutes of 2022 Annual Gathering

Trinity District Annual Gathering September 17, 2022 FUMC Fowler, Colorado and via zoom

Leadership Team present: Elaine Allison, Berniece McClure, Yolanda Dietz, Glenda Holcomb, Nette´ Smith, Denise Logan, and Elise Rudolph. **Via zoom:** Michaelae Ann Buell-McFeeters, Helen Taylor, Frances Graves, Fran McQuiston and Pat Blasi

Clergy present: Pastor Lola West (Fowler, Olney Springs and Manzanola)

President Elaine Allison opened the Gathering and welcomed all. “To God be the Glory” was sung, accompanied by Berniece McClure.

Denise Logan, Coordinator for Spiritual Growth, gave a devotion, “A Moment to Breathe”.

Helen Taylor gave a report on the book “Caste” by Isabel Wilkerson. This book is on the UWF Reading list.

Glenda Holcomb reported on the book, “Dream Like Jesus” by Rebecca Simon Peter. Glenda completed a 3-year study of this book along with others and it had a profound impact on her desire to address “Why Domestic Violence?” As a result, she and other Trinity District UMW (UWF) members have worked together to begin Anna’s Mission “to help survivors of Domestic Violence in Southeast Colorado. Glenda showed a video about Anna’s Mission.

Joyce Hudiburgh, another founder of Anna’s Mission showed a video with statistics from the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, then she presented data from Colorado, especially rural areas (communities with less than 50,000 population). This is a serious problem in all our communities.

Nettê Smith is also a founder. She showed an example of the bags that Anna’s Mission is assembling, which contain, among things, toiletries, a prayer shawl and a Bible. The bags are taken to places where victims of Domestic Violence might be encountered. The recipient is encouraged to add documents and vital information, then leave the bag with a trusted friend in case she/he has to leave home quickly.

Today’s attendees have the opportunity to support Anna’s Mission by putting donations in the baskets. Donations can also be mailed to Anna’s Mission, PO Box 4, Rocky Ford, CO 81067.

Frances Graves reported on “Love is the Way” by Bishop Michael Curry from the Reading List. As a Bishop in the Episcopal Church, his experiences and wisdom are familiar to United Methodists and we can learn from him how to address some of the challenges of the present day.

Roll Call: Yolanda Dietz, Coordinator of Membership, Nurture and Outreach read the list of all the active UWF units in the District. She noted that this has been a difficult year for her to get accurate membership numbers from units as only 50% have responded to her contacts. She asked that anyone with current information from the units reported as 0 members, please let her know.

Alamosa (1, 2 on zoom)	Fowler (6 and pastor)
Fort Morgan (1)	Center (1)
Manzanola (pastor)	Olney Springs (1 and pastor)
Pueblo SonRise (3)	Pueblo Wesley (5 on zoom)
Rocky Ford (4)	Stratton (1)
Rye (1)	

Yolie reported 27 active units. Because of no response from units, it seems we have lost 147 members since January 2021.

Nettê Smith moved, seconded by Yolie Dietz to approve the minutes from the 2021 Annual Gathering. The motion passed.

The Budget for 2023 was presented by Helen Taylor, Treasurer. Denise Logan moved to accept the budget, seconded by Berniece McClure and the motion passed. Helen led the pledge service. She reminded units to send the amount they pledged to her by December 7. The offering for the District Pledge to Missions was received.

Elaine Allison presented changes to the District Standing Rules which had been sent out in the Trinity Trumpeter. All the references to United Methodist Women have been changed to UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH. Yolie Dietz moved and Pat Wolfchief-Minton seconded to adopt the changes. The motion passed.

Judy Hill, Chair of the Committee on Nominations, asked for someone to step forward to fill the position of District Secretary. Susie Henry was nominated for the Coordinator for Program Resources/ Education and Interpretation. Frances Graves and Fran McQuiston were thanked for their time on the Leadership Team.

Judy read the slate of officers for 2023 and moved that the names be accepted as read. The motion was seconded by Yolanda Dietz and passed.

Trinity District Leadership Team for 2023:

President	Elaine Allison
Vice-President	Annette "Nette" Smith
Treasurer	Helen Taylor
Secretary	
Communications	Elise Rudolph

Mission Coordinators:

Social Action	Michaele Ann Buell-McFeeters
Program Resources & Education and Interpretation	Susie Henry
Spiritual Growth	Denise Logan
Membership, Nurture and Outreach	Yolanda "Yolie" Dietz

Nominating Committee:

Chair	Judy Hill
Members	Nancy Shultz Berniece McClure Glenda Holcomb

Pat Blasi reported on the book from the Reading List, "Threading my Prayer Rug: One Woman's Journey from Pakistan Muslim to American Muslim" by Sabeeha Rehman. This book helps us understand Muslims as people, not terrorists.

Denise Logan presented the names of members throughout the district who have died in the past year. The memorial service lifted their lives to the Lord's love. "Hymn of Promise" was sung. Pat Blasi, member of the Conference Nominations Committee led an installation service via zoom. The hymn, "Make me a Servant" followed.

The Communion service was celebrated by Rev. Lola West. The hymn, "How Great Thou Art" followed.

President Elaine closed with the benediction and blessing of the food. Lunch was served by the UWF of Fowler.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Graves, Secretary