

## **March 2026 UWF articles**

### **March UWF Meeting**

The United Women in Faith (UWF) will meet on Thursday, March 12 in the Carson Valley United Methodist Church, education room. The monthly potluck luncheon begins at 11:30 am and the program on Women of the Bible begins at 12:15 pm. Everyone is welcome. The final collection date for Abbey's Crossing is at this meeting.

### **New UWF Officers**

#### **President Tamara Brewer**

Tamara was born in Los Angeles California but moved to Northern California. Her family moved when she was 11 years old to Pacifica, California. She and her husband Richard will celebrate their 45th anniversary in September.

Richard and Tamara moved to Vallejo, CA where they had a daughter, Monica and a son Steven. After Richard retired from federal service with the Coast Guard, they moved to Gardnerville Nevada in 2017.

They first attended Smith Valley UMC where Richard grew up. but eventually came to Carson Valley United Methodist Church, where they felt welcomed by the community and Pastor Tony's preaching was from the Bible. They felt the Holy Spirit through the service so we decided this would be their church.

Tamara grew up in a family that was always helping and serving our Lord. She was a leader in Girl Scouts, Parent Teacher boards, PTA, and worked and served Christian retreats. In the Methodist Church she served as a Local Pastor for Smith Valley UMC for a year and led Bible studies at Carson Valley UMC, liturgist for Sunday services, and choir member. Attending Mission U two years ago, inspired her to serve in the District United Women in Faith as a Spiritual Nurture and now President of the Carson Valley UWF.

### **United Women in Faith Craft Workshops begin in March!**

Mark your calendar for the first and third Mondays from 9:30 - noon for the 2026 Craft Workshops. The first workshop will be Monday, March 2nd in the Education Room. Everyone is welcome! All levels of skill and talent! Craft supplies are provided so just bring yourself and any ideas you might have for new crafts.

### **Timeless Treasures**

Please bring your boutique-quality treasures to the church education room on the 3rd Monday of each month between 10 AM and 12 noon. The first collection day will be Monday, March 16. This is the perfect time to donate any Christmas (and other) items you no longer want! Timeless Treasures isn't a rummage sale. If you think someone would like receiving an item as a gift, it probably will be perfect for us. No clothing, please. Thank you all for your help! Your donations are the reason Timeless Treasures will be successful. Contact Alison Grey, Marsha Gallegos, or Brenda Hulphers with any questions.

## **Where Do Craft Faire Proceeds Go? - Part 1**

People sometimes ask, "Why do **United Women in Faith** members work so hard to raise money with their craft faire?" Good question! All of the profits from the UWF Heavenly Holiday Craft Faire the first Saturday of November are given away to local, national and international charities and missions that focus on women and children. Each month we will highlight one or two of the organizations that receive funds from our local UWF.

Since 1858 and the struggles of the early Chinese railroad laborers, the UMC started and still sponsors the **Gum Moon Women's Residence and Asian Women's Resource Center in San Francisco**. Gum Moon provides housing, life skills training and support for immigrant women and children in transition, facing domestic violence and poverty. Located in the heart of Chinatown, Gum Moon has serviced mainly the local Chinese community, but is open to all regardless of race, ethnicity, and creed.

**Carson Valley Food Closet** got its start in 1989 through the efforts of the Carson Valley United Methodist Church and our former pastor, Pete Nelson. The Food Closet served thousands of meals each year. Families or individuals in need can get a food voucher from their case manager at Douglas County or Washoe Tribal Social Services once a month for food staples and once a week for bread, milk and eggs.

This month Kabaka Ndala Alphonsine, a United Methodist Missionary in Tanzania was selected to receive funds from our local UWF group to support her work with women and children and the United Methodist preschool for orphans in Dar es Salaam. Kabaka and her minister husband have been missionaries in Tanzania since 1992.

## **Abbey's Crossing**

The United Women in Faith is collection supplies for Abbey's Crossing again this winter. Abbey's Crossing is a confidential shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault run by Family Support Council of Douglas County. There is a list of needs on the UWF bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. The March 12 UWF meeting is the final collection date for Abbey's Crossing items. Contact Beverly Griffith Williams with any questions.

## **2026 UWF Reading Program**

All women of UWF are encouraged to read! Women or men can start reading now to complete the requirements for a 2026 reading certificate. All UWF books are located on the UWF bookshelf in the conference room at church. Books from 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 suggested reading list are available and will count for credit in 2026. We are currently in the process of selecting books to purchase from the 2026 reading list. The 2026 books will be available by February for checkout. To earn a reading certificate for 2026, one book from each of the following categories must be read:

Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, and Spiritual Growth. Contact Pam Forest with any questions.

One of the new books for this year is [Good Enough](#) by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie. Social media and advertising tells us we can be "perfect," but we need help living as imperfect people. Some things you can fix, some you can't, and that's ok. Live imperfectly amid the chaos. Bowler, a mom with stage 4 cancer, and co-

author Richie offer 40 devotions on life as it is---beautiful, meaningful, difficult, and challenging. With gentle humor and compassion, they'll help you reflect upon living in the now

## **United Women in Faith Assembly in May**

United Women in Faith is excited to announce that registration is now open for Assembly 2026, an unforgettable gathering of Christian women committed to putting faith into action. The event will be held May 15–17, 2026, in Indianapolis, Indiana, and is expected to draw thousands of women from across the country and the world. Assembly 2026 is a once-every-four-years gathering of women committed to faith, empowerment, and making a difference. Picture a weekend that uplifts your soul, strengthens your faith, and brings you together with an unstoppable sisterhood. With the theme “Dream it! Believe it! Do it!” Assembly 2026 will ignite hope and momentum as women come together for worship, sisterhood, workshops, and action. It’s a space for spiritual renewal and bold imagination — where dreams are born and faith becomes movement.

For more information or registration, visit <https://assembly.uwfaith.org/website/82390/home/>

### **UWF Calendar Items**

March 2 - Craft workshop - 9:30-noon

March 3 - UWF Board Meeting - 9:30 am

Information on the UWF Assembly in Indianapolis May15-17 is now available on the UWF website.

March 12 - UWF Luncheon Meeting - 11:30-1 pm

March 16 - Craft workshop - 9:30-noon

March 16 Timeless Treasures Donations

March 31 - UWF Board Meeting - 9:30 am

April 9 - UWF Luncheon Meeting - 11:30-1 pm

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