



United Women in Faith

The United Women in Faith (UWF) is made up of women of our church. All women are welcome to join. The Wrightsville UWF support ministries advocating for women, youth, and children in need within our local community and district. This group works to build a supportive community among women, engage in activities that foster growth in the Christian faith, mission education, and Christian social involvement. Currently, the Wrightsville UWF supports the following ministries:

- The Methodist Home for Children
- Wilmington Domestic Violence Shelter
- WUMC Campus Ministries
- Harbor District's Annual Pledge to Mission
- Step Up Wilmington
- Coastal Horizons Center
- A Safe Place
- W.A.R.M.

The UWF consists of “circles,” or small groups who meet monthly. The time and place of circle meetings vary depending on the circle, but all meet for a time of planning and fellowship. While each circle has their own small projects, outreach programs, education programs, and fellowship goals, all circles work together to support the WUWF **“Do Three Things Well”** campaign to raise money for annual ministries mentioned above. The “Do Three Things Well” campaign includes:

- Annual Gifts to Mission
- Low Country Boil
- Annual Cookie Walk



Circle of Hope

The Circle of Hope was formed in early 2000. This group meets at the church, the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 12:00 noon. Everyone is encouraged to bring their lunch or snack for a time of fellowship and planning. Currently there are 21 active members in the age group of late 50s to 70s, but all ages are welcome. We love having guests who are considering membership. Our current missions, projects, and activities include the following. We are always open to new short term or long-term projects.

- Support the Nurture committee by creating seasonal/holiday gift bags to older congregation members who may be alone, in a care facility, or simply in need of a thoughtful gift. Bags are created and distributed 3 to 4 times per year.
- Participate in three annual UWF fundraisers:
 - The Low Country Boil
 - The Cookie Walk
 - Annual Gifts to Mission.
- Provide lunch for approximately 150 volunteers and their children during Vacation Bible School.
- Host Fellowship between church services two times a year.
- Purchased one picnic table and coordinated the purchase of two additional picnic tables for the Wrightsville on Oleander campus.
- Circle members actively support the Nurture Committee and Congregational Care committees by serving on the Nurture Committee, STARS Luncheon Committee, and Bereavement Committee.



Esther Circle

The Esther Circle was established in March of 2022 by a small group made up of mostly of newly 'Empty Nesters' many of whom had been active volunteers as the parents of Youth Group members. This unit identified three objectives as their focus: service in the community, service in the church and growing their community through fellowship. This circle has grown rapidly with 45 members on the current roster. Recent projects and activities include:

- Provided Thanksgiving meals for 15 families through Nourish NC
- Hosting fellowship between Sunday Services quarterly
- Providing lunch for approximately 150 volunteers and their kids during Vacation Bible School
- Outfitted the dorm room at UNCW of a former foster child
- Hosted dinner for over 60 youth
- Volunteered, baked dessert and procured door prizes for the WUWF Low Country Boil fundraiser
- Volunteered and baked for the Wrightsville UWF Cookie Walk fundraiser
- Made and sold Christmas Bows to benefit Methodist Home for Children
- Donated 40 dresses to Cinderella's Closet
- Hosted guest speakers from Eden Village and A Safe Place
- Writing cards to our college Freshman and Sophomore students approximately three times a year.

This group also enjoys gathering off site, encouraging members to "Bring a Friend". Esther Circle supports members through difficult times by providing meals or care packages. They also celebrate with each other marriages of children the births of grandchildren. Esther Circle meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 in Room 206.



Lydia Circle

The Lydia Circle was established in the 1960s. This group meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 4:00, usually at a member's house. They currently have approximately 27 active members with a wide range of ages. Guests are also visiting who are considering membership. Recent projects and activities include:

- Participate in three annual UWF fundraisers: The Low Country Boil, The Christmas Cookie Walk and Annual Gift to Missions
- At the beginning of the year, Lydia Circle set out goals for the circle and tailor their programs, activities and meetings around these goals.
- Provide lunch for approximately 150 volunteers and their kids during Vacation Bible School
- Provide supper for approximately 75 members of church youth group
- Provided 10 dozen beverages for Sleep in Heavenly Peace Build Day
- Lydia Circle currently supports the following programs/ministries: Boys and Girls Club, Teach Reach (Wrightsville UMC outreach program supporting New Hanover County Teachers), The Human Animal Alliance, Sleep in Heavenly Peace and First Fruits Ministries
- Have participated with other circles and groups within the church
- During summer break, they are planning Summer Sharing Lunches in which they will share book recommendations, member concerns and celebrations, recipe favorites etc. or just chat
- Encourage growth with "Each One Ask One" where circle members are encouraged to bring a guest to a meeting/event



Ruth Circle

The Ruth Circle is comprised of former members of Lydia Circle. These women wanted a Circle that met during the day. It is a senior circle that meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 10:00 in the church parlor. They currently have 28 members. Recent projects and activities include:

- Participate in the three annual UWF fundraisers: The Low Country Boil, The Christmas Cookie Walk and Annual Gift to Missions
- Contributed to the purchase of picnic tables for our new campus on Oleander Dr.
- Provide lunch for approximately 150 volunteers and their kids during Vacation Bible School
- Provide gift baskets for teachers at Snipes Elementary
- Christmas and Easter Bingo for residents at Eden Village
- Filled Easter eggs for Wrightsville UMC preschool
- Assist with Wrightsville UMC Preschool graduation event
- Have participated with other circles and groups within the church



United Women in Faith Non-Circle Members

Women who are not members of a circle are still welcomed and encouraged to participate in the Wrightsville UWF **“Do Three Things Well”** campaign to raise money for annual ministries. The “Do Three Things Well” campaign includes:

- Annual Gifts to Mission
- Low Country Boil (Friday, July 26)
- Annual Cookie Walk (Saturday, December 7)

These events are an excellent opportunity to fellowship with other women and to serve on occasions that need many volunteers to be successful.

If you are interested in WUWF without participating in a circle, please contact:

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