



FIRST-CENTENARY

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

This summer has been full of meaningful activities for our United Women in Faith group, and we're keeping up the momentum with new events and projects! Don't forget to bring in donations for our Love, Period drive throughout the month and encourage others to participate as well. Be sure to mark your calendars for upcoming gatherings, and take a moment to enjoy the highlights of what our members have been involved in over the summer.

Love, Period. Donation Drive

United Women in Faith is collecting feminine hygiene products to support Love, Period. of Chattanooga's Back to School Drive.

Donations of **unscented, individually wrapped tampons, thin pads, liners, or small, clean cosmetic bags** can be dropped off in the Welcome Center or the Vine Welcome desk through **August 31st**. If preferred, you can use the Amazon Wish List found on the "Donate" section of the Love, Period. webpage to shop for your items.

Love, Period. of Chattanooga was started in January 2024 at [St. Timothy's Episcopal Church](#) in Signal Mountain, TN, as an affiliate of Love, Period. – St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Athens, TN. The mission of Love, Period. of Chattanooga is to provide period products to all menstruators in the Chattanooga area so that activities of daily living never have to be compromised due to inaccessibility to these products.

We had the honor of collecting donations for Love, Period. earlier this year and are looking forward to another successful drive!

[Click here to learn more about Love, Period.](#)

[Click here to view the Amazon Wish List](#)

CIRCLE NEWS

Chris Bowles Circle

Next Meeting:
Tuesday, August 25th 2026
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
In the FCUMC Morgan Classroom
Discussing prologue and Ch 1 of [As Yourself: The Sacred Work of Embodying Grace](#) (Caroline Vogel)

Susannah Wesley Circle

Next Meeting:
Monday, August 24 at 6:00 pm
Meeting will be at Donna Palmer's home and there will be a speaker from CALEB.
Contact Judy McCreedy at 423-883-9922 if you would like more information.

Creation Care Circle

Next Meeting:
Wednesday, August 12th
6:30pm
In FCUMC Mohny Hall
Learn more about how our church is caring for God's creation and explore ways to get involved!



Upcoming Events

Christ UMC's Women's Ministry invites you to

Called & Courageous

The History of Women in Ministry in the
United Methodist Church



[Click HERE to register](#)

Join the Christ UMC Women's Ministry as Mike Feely presents "Called & Courageous: The History of Women in Ministry in the UMC". The program will be held **Tuesday, August 18 at 6 pm in the CUMC Youth Center**. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the Christ UMC church office beginning August 3 (cash/check) and are available now online for credit cards (+fee). Dinner will be served at 6pm with the program following. Seats are limited to get your tickets soon!



The Creation Care Ministry will be leading a Devotional Hike on Saturday, September 5th at 10:00am.

For more information, contact Rev. Caroline Archer at carcher@firstcentenary.com.

Who is My Neighbor?

Civil Rights Walking Tour

Join **August 18th at 6:00 p.m.** for a guided Civil Rights Walking Tour through Chattanooga. Discover the people, places, and events that helped shape the city's Civil Rights history while exploring local landmarks. Registration is required. This program is free and open to all ages.

[Click HERE to register](#)

CALEB Updates



CALEB's Monthly General Meeting:

Thursday, August 13th, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

[Click Here to Register!](#)

CALEB's general meeting is a time for all our members to gather together for strategizing and coordination related to our various public campaigns. This is a hybrid meeting. New folks are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

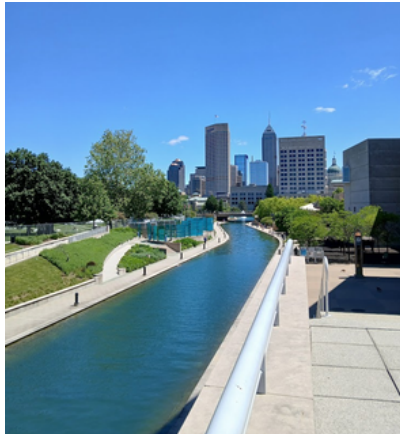
*[Click here to check out other upcoming CALEB events](#)

To learn more about CALEB click [Here](#) or reach out to Donna Palmer (dsbpsych@gmail.com) or Hayley Little (hayleyklittle@gmail.com)

Assembly 2026

This past May, a group of First-Centenary's United Women in Faith members and leadership traveled to Indianapolis for the 2026 quadrennial United Women in Faith Assembly, a national gathering that brought together nearly 3,000 women for worship, learning, and connection. The event theme, “Dream it! Believe it! Do it!”, set the tone for a weekend filled with encouragement and purpose.

In addition to many talented speakers, musicians, and dancers, participants enjoyed a powerful keynote message from fellow United Methodists, Stacey Abrams and her mother Rev. Carolyn Abrams, who spoke about courage, justice, and living out our faith in community. With a plethora of townhalls and workshops offered there were countless opportunities to learn, grow, and connect with women from across the country and globe.



Canal Walk in Downtown
Indianapolis



Sally Vonner, General Secretary and
CEO of UWFaith, pictured 3rd from
the right



On stage, keynote speakers Stacey
Abrams and Rev. Carolyn Abrams



Having fun painting in
the airport!

Children's Defense Fund

Three of our First Centenary United Women in Faith leaders participated in the Children's Defense Fund Hall-Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry at the Alex Haley farm in Clinton, TN. in July. Pictured with other Holston Conference participants are Camille Rambajue, Cheri Harr, and Lori Smith.

[Click HERE to learn more about the Children's defense Fund](#)

[Click HERE to learn more about the Hall-Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry](#)



Leadership Announcements



First-Centenary United Women in Faith member, Camille Mason Rambajue, has been elected to the United Women in Faith national Program Advisory Group! Members of the group serve as visible and available liaisons between United Women in Faith districts, conference, jurisdiction, and the national organization.

Camille will represent the Holston Conference membership in the areas of: programming, leadership development, membership growth, spiritual growth, and advocacy. She will serve as a national representative on the Holston Conference leadership team and report at meetings and events.

Camille and her brother, Robert, were brought up in the First-Centenary family by their parents, Linly and Brant Mason. She is married to Stephen Rambajue, and they are both members of the Haven Reconciling Sunday School Class. Camille holds BA and MS degrees from UTK where she was the recipient of several scholarships, including a Study Abroad Scholarship in Spain. She served for 2 years as a church Director of Religious Education and has taught in public schools for 8 years. She currently teaches first graders at Bess T. Shepherd Elementary School in Chattanooga. Volunteer activities at First-Centenary UMC include Chancel Choir and Spiritual Growth Co-Chair for United Women in Faith. Camille also is a YMCA Youth Trust Chattanooga Volunteer.

Holston Conference United Women in Faith Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars and plan to join the Holston Conference United Women in Faith Annual Meeting in person or virtually on Saturday, September 19, 2026 at Ebenezer United Methodist Church in Knoxville, TN. This year's theme, "Unstoppable Woman", will inspire us as we gather for worship, fellowship, mission, and connection.

If you are interested in attending in person, we are planning group transportation. Additional details will be communicated via email once available. Make sure to register using the link below. Registration fee is \$30 and covers lunch.



Annual Meeting Information

- **Saturday, September 19, 2026**
- **10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**
- **Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.**
- **Ebenezer UMC**
- **1001 Ebenezer Road, Knoxville, TN 37923**

Register here:

<https://holston-reg.brtapp.com/2026UWFAnnualMeeting>

We are excited to welcome:

- **Special Guest:** Megan Hale, Executive Officer of Deaconess and Home Missioner, United Women in Faith
- **Speaker:** Rev. Leah Burns, Associate Director of Connectional Ministries for Multicultural Ministries
- **Mr. Michael Johnson**, Director of Spiritual and Community Relations, Wesley House Community Center

The meeting will also include:

- Hands-on mission project supporting Wesley House Community Center
- Silent Auction
- Social Action focus on Immigration

Recommended Readings

[July/Aug Response: Use Your Voices During This Year of Influence](#)

[Unstoppable Campaign Will Focus on "Share the Good News Everywhere: Influence" Through the Two Social Justice Priorities, August 2026-July 2027](#)