



United
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INSIGHT

Northern Illinois Conference

April 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2025

04 --- LN District Leadership Team
05 --- PS District Spring Gathering
05 --- LS District Day of Spiritual Renewal
20 --- HAPPY EASTER!
26 --- PN District Spring Event
30 --- PC District Citizen's Utility Board
Presentation

May 2025

02 --- PN District Leadership Team
03 --- [NIC Conference Leadership Team](#)
05 --- PS District Leadership Team
08 --- PC District Leadership Team
09 --- LN District Leadership Team
12 --- LS District Leadership Team
31 --- LN District Spring Celebration

June 2025

07 --- PC District Labyrinth Experience
[9-10-11 - UMC NIC Annual Conference,
Schaumburg Renaissance Center](#)
18 --- PN District Salad Supper and Awards

For More Detailed Information and
Future Events:

[View the Google Calendar](#)



SAVE THE DATE

Summer Mission u

JULY 18-20

**CARMELITE SPIRITUAL CENTER, 8419 BAILEY
ROAD, DARIEN, IL**

JULY 19

**KOREAN LANGUAGE DAY, CARMELITE SPIRITUAL
CENTER, 8419 BAILEY ROAD, DARIEN, IL**

AUGUST 2

**SPANISH LANGUAGE DAY, ENGLISH, AND A CLASS
FOR CHILDREN, OFFERED IN ENGLISH, MAYWOOD,
NEIGHBORHOOD UMC, 1817 WASHINGTON
BOULEVARD, MAYWOOD, IL**

THE FOCUS OF OUR TIME TOGETHER WILL BE A STUDY OF THE TEXT,
PRACTICING HOPE BY TABATHA HOLLEY. THIS STUDY'S PURPOSE IS TO
ALLOW ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES TO CULTIVATE HOPE THAT IS HONEST
ABOUT OUR CURRENT CONDITIONS (REFUGIA), HOPE THAT IS
RESTORATIVE WHEN EVERYTHING FEELS URGENT (REST), AND HOPE THAT
IS POSSIBLE EVEN WHEN WE TRANSGRESS (REPAIR). THE CHILDREN'S
STUDY, HOPE AS A RESURRECTION PEOPLE, HELPS CHILDREN BUILD
TRUST IN JESUS TO BRING THEM COMFORT AND SUPPORT AS THEY FIND
COURAGEOUS HOPE IN THE FACE OF UNCERTAINTY.

WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION!



Save the DATE

United Women in Faith
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Two-Day Celebration

Join us for this wonderful two-day event as we welcome in person, speaking to us for the first time, General Secretary/CEO Sally Vonner!

October 25-26, 2025

Saturday, October 25

UWFaithNIC Annual Meeting

Belvidere FUMC

610 Bonus Ave., Belvidere, Il. 61008

Sunday, October 26

UWFaith Sunday

St. Mark UMC

8441 S. Saint Lawrence Ave., Chicago, Il. 60619



Secretary's Report

By Lois Voss

What? The United Women in Faith Northern Illinois Conference 2025 Yearbook & Directory is complete.

When? Now!

Why? It is our resource of conference, district, and local leadership, plus

church, jurisdiction, and national information! You'll find our calendar, budget, standing rules, resources, past presidents, mission personnel, deaconesses, and directory. Our cover focus is on the UWFaith resources available in 2025.

Where? Order on Cheddar Up for paper copy. \$6.70 mailed or \$4.11 picked up

Use the QR code or pick on the image



How? Pay by credit card on [Cheddar Up](#), or pay by check (payable to UWFaith NIC) and send to our conference treasurer:

Janeen Hamack, Barrington UMC, 98 Algonquin Rd., Barrington IL 60010
or email your order to Lois Voss and pick up your paper copy at 401 Crest Dr.,
Cary, IL 60013. nicuwwfaith.secy25@gmail.com or 847-409-6013 (cell)

Note: If you are part of the conference or a district leadership team or a local president, you will receive an email from Lois with the way to access our digital copy on uwfaithnic.org

This year, UWFaith NIC is sending a complimentary paper copy to every local president for her team as a resource for all the changes we have survived since 2020.

Please help by checking your personal information and your unit's entries. If you find errors or have additions during the year, please send corrections to our conference secretary, Lois Voss, at nicuwwfaith.secy25@gmail.com.

The Errata sheet for the 2025 Yearbook and Directory is [HERE](#).

Highlights from the March 22 Spiritual Growth Retreat

photos by Catherine Inserra and Kathy Tiffin



Judith, Dottie, Barb, Lois, Marilyn



Judith and Rev. Victor



District News

Lake North District

Change in Pill Bottle Collection

Beginning May 15, 2025, the Park Ridge Unit of United Women in Faith will no longer accept pill bottles for recycling. If you currently have donations, please bring them to 1st United Methodist Church Park Ridge before May 15. (418 Touhy Ave., Park Ridge, IL) The pill bottles must have labels removed and be clean of all sticky residue. Thank you for supporting this mission for the past several years. Please contact [Andrea Thomas](#) if you have donations.



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Lake North District Spring Celebration “Springing Forward in Growth”

Kingswood UMC

401 West Dundee Road, Buffalo Grove

Save-the-Date: Saturday, 31. May 2025

9:00 am to 1:00 pm



For upcoming information about the Celebration

Watch for an e-mail from our LND President, Fay Bennett

Registration will be forthcoming on: www.uwfaithnic.org

Lake South District



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**Northern Illinois Conference
Lake South District**

“2025 Day of Spiritual Renewal”

Saturday, April 5, 2025

St. Mark United Methodist Church

8441 St. Lawrence Ave

Chicago, IL 60619

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION/CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST/ PROGRAM RESOURCES

8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.

FACILITATOR:

Rev. Allison Talbert Pastor at

St. Mark United Methodist Church

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 29, 2025

Mail/Email Completed Registration Form & Fee (\$5) to:

Wendy Miller

% UMCNL

P.O. Box 1289

New Lenox, IL 60451

Email: business@umcnl.com

Make checks payable to: UWFaith/LSD

Prairie Central District

Every day is a good day for Earth Day!

United Women in Faith Prairie Central District invite all to an informative evening featuring a presentation from Citizens Utility Board (CUB) on decarbonizing your home. We will gather via Zoom, 7:00-8:00 pm on Wednesday, April 30. Yes, it is a bit after the official Earth Day, but it's never too late to learn how we can do our part. CUB will dive into ways homeowners and renters can access energy efficiency and cost savings programs to decarbonize. Put the date on your calendar!

Registration via this Google form below is preferred.

Or you mail email Linda.Osikowicz (please include your name, preferred phone number, and

church.) This program is available to EVERYONE, so tell the men and women of your congregation as well as your friends.

Register [HERE](#).

Decarbonizing Your Home

Wednesday, April 30th, 2025

7-8 PM

Register below for Zoom link



**JOIN CITIZENS UTILITY BOARD AND
UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH PRAIRIE
CENTRAL DISTRICT FOR A
PRESENTATION ON DECARBONIZING
YOUR HOME!**

**CUB WILL DIVE INTO WAYS
HOMEOWNERS CAN ACCESS ENERGY
EFFICIENCY AND COST-SAVING
PROGRAMS TO DECARBONIZE**



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**RSVP: bit.ly/barrington_decarb OR
Contact Lmosikowicz@comcast.net**

Prairie North District

Spiritual Growth Gathering

Saturday, April 26, 2025

9:00 a.m.

\$15.00 per person

Flyer [HERE](#).

Register [HERE](#).

Service of Remembrance form [HERE](#).

Community



A Bright Future for Alisha

By Brooke Buzard Watson

Alisha has been a youth in care since she was six years old, moving between extended family and multiple placements before finding stability at Cunningham. During the 16 months she has been at Cunningham, Alisha has embraced opportunities that reflect her strength and aspirations. As a junior, she earned an academic letter—earning a 4.0 grade point average- a testament to her hard work and dedication.



Her next big step was transitioning to Urbana High School (UHS) in the fall, where she now takes a full course load, including two English classes, personal finance, and a photography class. Alisha's favorite experience at UHS has been making new friends and feeling genuinely seen by her teachers. "I felt like they took a sincere interest in getting to know me," she shared.

Read Alisha's full story [HERE](#).



It's time for Kids Above All's Healthy Babies Drive to focus on our littlest clients in foster care and early childhood programs from April 1st (no kidding!) through May 15th. We want to ensure that these children have the essentials they need to feel safe and happy.

Contact [Catherine Inserra](#) to coordinate your donations or find creative ways to collect donations. There will be an Amazon Wishlist on www.kidsaboveall.org on Tuesday, April 1 if you wish to order online.

APRIL 1 - MAY 15

Healthy Babies Drive

Kids Above All's Healthy Babies Drive collects childcare supplies such as baby clothes, diapers, baby wipes, and more so that our parents, caregivers, babies, and toddlers have the essentials they need for a happy and healthy start to their lives together.

Contact Catherine Inserra at cinserra@kidsaboveall.org for more info.



National

**Dream it!
Believe it!
Do it!**

United Women in Faith is excited to announce that the website for Assembly 2026 is now open! This year's Assembly, themed "Dream it! Believe it! Do it!" will take place in Indianapolis, May 15-17, 2026. Registration opens September 1, 2025.

What awaits you at this empowering event? Be nurtured by deep Soul Care experiences. Be equipped through cutting-edge workshops. Be inspired by top women experts in their field. Become influencers through networking connections. Make an impact through action for justice.

**Put Assembly 2026
on your calendar!**

Now is the time to start promoting Assembly with your circles, friends, and neighbors. Marketing materials are available on the site to help members invite persons to register.

As we journey through this season of Lent, United Women in Faith invites you to join us in reflecting deeply on our call to “do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with [our] God” (Micah 6:8). This is a time to turn our faith into action, as we seek to be a presence of justice and peace in a world that urgently needs it. You can do so today by joining United Women in Faith’s Lenten Action for Justice. Here’s the link to read more and take action by emailing your [Congressmen](#).

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Question: Can I still give to Day of Giving?



You sure can! On Sunday, March 23, United Women in Faith turned 156 years old. We look good, no? Watch a [recording of our live birthday celebration](#) and join the many who supported the Legacy Fund and helped ensure United Women in Faith continues to be a source of love, growth, and wholeness for women for years to come. Every gift you make helps us empower women for generations. Don't be left out! Be counted! [Give today](#).

Tips for Writing and Speaking Our Name - United Women in Faith

TIPS for ... writing about churches ... for charts, registrations, directories ... our name

- Write church names with the location first... omit UMC
- If the church name includes the location name with UMC, then we simply write the location without the UMC. Example: Cary UMC would appear as Cary
- If there is more than one church in a location, then use a colon before the church identification. Example: Barrington UMC would appear as Barrington: Barrington, and Salem UMC would appear as Barrington: Salem
- Many UMC churches are First or Wesley. Their name would be location colon unique name. Example: First Church of Crystal Lake would appear Crystal Lake: First, and Wesley UMC in Chicago would be Chicago: Wesley
- Note that the annual directory for our Northern Illinois Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church uses the formats above. You may have noticed this in registration forms. We are using this format in our own annual yearbook and directory. (It saves space.)

TIPS for ... writing our organization's name ...

- This is the order for writing our name to avoid confusing it with a district name...our organization...location (from largest to smallest, if more than one)...event or person... year United Women in Faith Northern Illinois Conference Prairie Central president Lois Lane

- UWFaith NIC leadership team 2025 UWFaith PC secretary Betty White
- United Women in Faith NIC Spiritual Growth Retreat 2025 at Park Ridge: First

Note there is no “of” or extra “in”. Note there is no 3 letter abbreviation, please use UWFaith. The district abbreviation is only 2 letters: LN, LS, PC, PN, or PS.

Our National office recommends using our full name first in written documents. Then later in the text you could use UWFaith.

Happy writing! UWFaith NIC secretary, Lois Voss

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Globally:



Submission deadline: 15th of the month

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