



## Birthday Celebration

March 23, 1869

## 150 YEARS YOUNG

Join the Wilkesboro United Methodist Women in celebrating 150 years, in service of God's mission on behalf of women and children.



**Ice Cream Social Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm**

## Fellowship Hall

All welcome!  
Socialize and enjoy ice cream & cake!

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United Methodist Women inherits the vision and toil of women's missionary societies of eight denominations since 1869. Its 150-year legacy started when the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society first organized in Boston in response to a lack of women's health in India. Women in the Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren traditions organized about the same time in history (1869-1893) when women and children were legally classified as "chattel, legally dead, non-persons." There was little service to women because of prejudice and limitations of cultural attitudes in the church and in society.....  
...Through reorganization and denominational mergers... various groups were brought together. In 1973, United Methodist Women became the women's mission organization of The United Methodist Church.

[www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org)

**1869:** 8 women

**Today:** 800,000 members



*Who can find a virtuous woman?  
For her worth is far above rubies.  
Proverbs 31:10*

**Happy 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
United Methodist Women!**