



The purpose of the AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

Friday, October 8, 2021—General Meeting via ZOOM

We talked about changing our October 8 meeting to an in-person event. After updated cautionaries from AAUW national office recommending that local meetings remain remote, and the recognition that while we would have access to the church meeting room, the usual office and set-up services would not be in place, the Hendersonville Board voted to revert to ZOOM for this week's meeting. The possibility of an outdoor fall meeting remains; and we will keep the membership advised as upcoming plans are developed.

*Norma Treadwell and Sandi Lancaster, Co-Presidents
Cathy Veal, 1st Vice President, Programs*



Rev. Karen Easter-Bayne

Women in Faith Leadership Roles: Breaking the Stained Glass Ceiling

Our speaker on Oct. 8 will be Rev. Karen Easter-Bayne, an ordained United Methodist minister. Karen came to First UMC of Hendersonville as the Lead Pastor in July, 2020. She is the first female senior minister in that church's 180-year history.

Karen, who grew up in Asheville, was ordained in 1999 and has served churches throughout the western half of NC for the past 22 years. She has experienced all the possible reactions to being a woman in leadership and ordained ministry that women have faced for the 3000 years of recorded religious history, and she's also experienced the joys and gifts of this calling.

In addition to her presentation, Karen will be happy to answer all our questions about what it's like to break the stained glass ceiling.

Recommend Readings which are easy to find online:

"Women relatively rare in top positions of religious leadership" (Pew Research Center, 2016)

"The Women Who Want To Be Priests" (The New Yorker, June 2021)

September 10 Luncheon at Kenmure Country Club

a Great Success!



**NC AAUW President,
Pat Ashe**



Kudos to Barbara Beckerman, in addition to Presidents Norma Treadwell, Sandi Lancaster and 1st Vice President for Programs, Cathy Veal! What we only imagined actually happened. For a fleeting afternoon we were able to come together, in person, outdoors, on a perfect day. Thank you to NC state president, Pat Ashe, for being our honored guest. Everyone left with a gift and increased enthusiasm for our continued vitality as an AAUW Branch!

We came together and had a wonderful time!



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From the CONNECT AAU-WNC newsletter, "A big CONGRATULATIONS TO BREVARD. They were able to add 15 new members, mostly women who attended their large book sale!"

This makes me think that if Hendersonville could come up with a fund-raising project that encompassed the community, we might generate the interest we seek in increasing our membership. Ideas, anyone?

Susan

News and Notes

I found a reference on the National AAUW website called Two-Minute Activist. It provides a means for members to take a simple action in support of AAUW social justice related missions. On the AAUW website this page has a summary: <https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/>. It might be a way to have members get involved with minimal time investment. — Mary Ann Bents

"Sometimes I Sing"

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

October 16th 10:30 AM – Noon | Registration Required

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Combining the distance of history with emotional immediacy, *Sometimes I Sing* indicts the systems that still keep battered women in abusive environments, even today. Chapel Hill's master storyteller Dr. Milbre Burch presents her one-act monodrama and leads a panel discussion. The panel includes Jenny Lopez, recent AAUW Fellow and immigrant outreach program director in rural western NC, as well as UNC Law Professor Patricia Bryan, Chapel Hill Police Crisis Unit officer Megan Johnson, and Compass Center volunteer and survivor, "Nancy." **The event is FREE, open to the public, and is co-sponsored with AAUW-NC and the Orange County Arts Commission.** [REGISTER NOW](#) for this Zoom program.