

2026 Wabash Women's Ministries Report

Renita Joles, President

The following activities were provided this year to the Women of the Wabash Conference.

Family Camp 2025: Mike & Vickie Reynen were our missionary speakers for the week. Once again, we had A Cup Above Coffee Catering provide a coffee and smoothie bar during our Meet & Greet on Wednesday of camp. For a change of pace, a Silent Auction was held with the proceeds of \$2468.00 going to the Reynen's. The Bake Sale and Book Sales raised over \$300.00 to go towards continued improvements to the WMI Buildings at Wabash Park Camp & Retreat Center.

Fall Retreat 2025: Author and speaker, Heather Wilbur was the keynote speaker at the Fall Retreat, "Spirit Led". Around 65 ladies attended this event on October 10-11, 2025, including ladies from the New South conference. As usual, a time of relaxing around a fire and sharing joys and blessings of life was a highlight of Fall Retreat at Wabash Park Camp & Retreat Center. Amber Galloway led us in a time of prayer using prayer beads as prompts. The Corn Hole tournament was led by Russ Veldman with the winners receiving certificates for Free Registration to the 2026 Spring Retreat. Anne Class led a wreath making time with many ladies taking home beautiful wreaths for their homes.

Women's Weekend Getaway 2026: This relaxing retreat was scheduled at Wabash Park Camp & Retreat Center on January 30- February 1. Due to a winter storm and very cold temperatures, this event was cancelled. However, we intend to meet again in early 2027 for a weekend of relaxing, crafts, games, & time spent with our sisters in Christ.

Spring Retreat 2026: The 2026 Spring Retreat, "Transforming Power" was held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Edinburgh, IN. Valerie Fritchie, CMC from the Mars Hill FMC was our speaker for the weekend. Workshops included "Transforming Power of Community" by Lisa Newton, "Hands On Prayer Totes" craft by Renita Joles, "When Life Give You Scraps; Let Go & Let God Create Your Life Quilt" by Amber Galloway & "Mother/Grandmother Bracelet" craft by Billie Goodner. Many ladies enjoyed a Name That Hymn/Hymn Sing on Friday evening, led by Joann Gaither. There were 43 ladies who were blessed by this retreat.

We are very grateful to all the ladies who support this ministry. We encourage you to invite others to attend these events to share the blessings we all receive from them!

2025-2026 Officers: Renita Joles (Clay City), President; Amber Galloway (Michigan City) Treasurer; Sheila Richerson (Columbus FMC), Secretary; Theresa Greene (Bridgeport), Vice President.