

# Airwaves

Greenville District United Methodist Women

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June 2021

## Calendar of Events

### 2021

#### **The Purpose of the United Methodist Women**

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

- June 1<sup>st</sup> – Airwaves Published
- June 12<sup>th</sup> – Greenville District Day Apart Virtual Meeting via Zoom
- July 24<sup>th</sup> – Virtual Mission U
- July 25<sup>th</sup> – Greenville District Executive Board Meeting
- July 31<sup>th</sup> – Virtual Mission U
- August 1<sup>st</sup> – Airwaves deadline for August Edition
- August 7<sup>th</sup> – Virtual Mission U
- August 18<sup>th</sup> – Airwaves Published

### September

- Special Emphasis for Month - *Killingsworth*
- September 18<sup>th</sup> - Greenville District Annual Meeting, Virtual Meeting via Zoom

### October

- Special Emphasis for Month – *Bethlehem Center – Spartanburg*
- October 23<sup>rd</sup> – SCCUMW Annual Meeting, Virtual Meeting Hartsville District
- October 24<sup>th</sup> - Greenville District Annual Meeting, Virtual Meeting via Zoom

## **President's Notes**

Ladies of the Greenville District,

I hope that you are having a great spring, although I think we skipped it and went straight to summer. I hope all of you are doing well and that life is starting to turn back to normal, if we really know what normal is anymore.

The UMW have been busy so far this year with zoom events. I have participate in several things on the national and conference level. I hope that you got to participate in the Come Together and Be Together. I was able to participate in it for a short time, before another obligation pulled me away. If your units have not been meeting, I encourage you to find a way to meet. With the weather being pretty, you can meet outside and do not have to worry as much about social distancing as you do inside. I know several units are meeting by zoom, which is great and I know others have just kept a check on each other. I wish we could get together in person, but we cannot do that this year. I am looking forward to seeing you in person in 2022.

I received the census results for our district. I am disappointed that we only had a small number of our units go on line and register. I am going to make it my mission for next year that we get more units to complete the census survey. The survey helps determine the financial assistance we receive from conference and national.

I would like to say that our World Day of Prayer program was a success. It was different than in years past. We had a virtual bible study. We had great participation in the event. We will discuss different ideas for next year.

I am looking forward to our Day Apart on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Velma Green has planned a very informative program for us on the history of the UMW and the women involved. Please plan to attend our zoom event. You will find the zoom link information in the airwaves article.

The conference Mission U will be a virtual event on July 24, 31, and August 7<sup>th</sup>. Registration information was not available as of this writing. I will have Barbara send out an update as soon as the information is available.

Our annual meeting will be virtually on September 18<sup>th</sup>. More information will be coming out about it soon.

On the national level, they are planning for us to start back in person meetings in 2022. They have scheduled Assembly for May 20-22, 2022 in Orlando Florida. You can visit the website [www.Assembly2022.org](http://www.Assembly2022.org) for more information. They announced that for the 1<sup>st</sup> time during Assembly they will have Leadership Development Days. This will be training for leaders in different roles within the UMW.

The Nominations committee needs your help filling officer vacancies as they come open. We are currently in need of a Secretary and 2 Cluster Leaders. In 2022 we will need a new communications coordinator. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact Deborah McGowan, Nominations Chairperson. You can keep up with all of our information on our Facebook page at Greenville District UMW. The website is still a work in progress.

Please stay safe and enjoy the summer. I look forward to corresponding with you again in our August/September edition of the airwaves. Remember, if you have something to share about your unit, you can send it to Barbara Castro and she will put it in the next edition of the Airwaves. If you would like to share it on our Facebook page, you can send me the information.

Greetings and prayers for all, until we meet again.

Vickie

**MNO District Coordinator**

Hello Ladies,

I want to thank all the local units who submitted their unit forms for the “2020 Unit Survey” formally known as the Census. The survey was extended to April 16, 2021. We had a total of 17 units to complete the survey. We really appreciate all the units who completed the form as it was the last chance to get in the National database before the General Conference.

Blessings,  
Winifred Simpson  
MNO District Coordinator



## **Program Resource's Notes**

My hope, by the time you read this, is that most of you are well on your way to completing one of the Reading Program plans for 2021. As of April, 34 additional books have been added to the Reading Program for 2021-2022. This list can be downloaded and printed by going to the UMW Reading Program website. The highlighted titles are the new books added. Also on the third page of this update are the links to the Faith Talks & movies that can be listened to and /or watched. As mentioned in the last edition of Airwaves, listening to 2 podcasts counts as 1 book in Spiritual Growth; listening to 3 podcasts counts as a Bonus Book in the Spiritual Growth category. Reading any of the mission u books also counts as a Bonus Book.

Even though the Reading Program is spanning 2 years due to the pandemic, Conference is asking the at we submit our completed plan forms on our usual timeline. **Therefore, I will need completed reporting forms mailed or emailed to me by the end of July.** Each unit can send in all plans for their members or readers can send these in individually.

As we will not meet physically between now & mission u., the books needed for those virtually attending this year's mission u will need to be ordered by each unit or individual. Check the Conference website or their Facebook page for the books that are being used this year.

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## Social Action

### Charter for Racial Justice Diamond Units

The Diamond Unit certificate is awarded at each District Annual Meeting to each unit that completes three or more activities from the list below that demonstrates the unit’s commitment to the ideals in the Charter for Racial Justice. At least one of the diamond-marked activities must be included. You are to send a copy of this completed form to **Laurie Fite, District Social Action Coordinator by August 15th** in order to be recognized at our District Annual Meeting and receive the Diamond Unit certificate.

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person & Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### DATE COMPLETED ACTION CHOICES

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Watch a video related to the Charter for Racial Justice
2. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Give a book report on a Reading Program Book selected from the Social Action area
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Share articles from *Response* and *New World Outlook* or *UMW Action Alerts* relating to racism
4. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Supply each member with a copy of the *Charter for Racial Justice*
5. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Present a program using the Charter for Racial Justice
6. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Use a program on racial justice/human rights from the UMW Program Book
7. \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Participate in a UMW Social Action/Human Rights Mission Study
8. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Give a report to the unit about an experience of attending a musical or theatrical performance by person(s) of a different race, culture, or ethnic background.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Send at least one member to Capital Day (Legislative Day)
10. \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Participate in postcard-writing which encourages legislation favorable to the economically deprived or challenged (or email)
11. \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Experience worship, Bible study, or UMW unit program/activity with an ethnic group different from your own.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Attend or host an international tasting party, culture fair, or other international event.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Participate in a Bible Study on Racism
14. \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Celebrate Black History Month in February
15. \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Suggest and plan with your pastor a pulpit (or Choir) exchange with a pastor or another race.
16. \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Plan an event with a unit of a different race or ethnic background (a celebration, worship, Vacation Bible School, Service of Prayer and Self Denial)
17. \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Other – Collect Items/funds for UMCOR Kits – Collect items for other community social welfare/educational purposes)

- **Send completed form by August 15th to Laurie Fite, District Social Action Coordinator at Laurie@Fite.com or to 202 Brushy Creek Road, Taylors SC 29687**



**Greenville District United Methodist Women  
Day Apart  
Our Mission Roots  
Saturday, June 12, 2021  
9am to 11am**

Join us on June 12, 2021 from 9am to 11am as we learn about some of the first missionaries of the United Methodist Women. The event will be via zoom.

Please note the following requests:

1. Have your sacraments available for communion.
2. Also have pen, colored pencils, and or markers and paper available for an activity.

Each Unit is asked to donate food and non- perishable items to the food bank of their choice.

**Zoom Information:**

**Meeting ID: 827 5972 7424**

**Passcode: 516268**

Thank You,  
Velma Greene  
Greenville District Spiritual Growth Coordinator

The Zoom link will be email June 9<sup>th</sup> to Airwaves mailing list.

## **Treasurer's Notes**

Hello Ladies,

I pray all is well with everyone. Remittances are due June 10th. There is a change, when you order a Recognition Pin, you will no longer receive a certificate, National has discontinued sending them. There were a few unit treasurers that attended the Zoom meeting in January, for the new treasurers if you have any questions do not hesitate to call. Just a reminder Ladies our pledge for the Greenville District is \$32,000.00.

Any unit that has excess money left at the end of the year; we appreciate you consider giving it, to go towards our District Pledge. Ladies thank you for all that you do. May God continue to bless our mission for the Children, Youth and Women.

Submitted By,

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**The Greenville District United Methodist Women**

2021

Executive Slate of Officers

**First Year of the First Term**

President	Vickie Failor
Vice President	Markylena Tolbert-Wydman
Chairperson-Membership/Nurture/Outreach	Winifred Simpson
Chairperson-Education and Interpretation	Bettie Mills
Spiritual Growth Coordinator	

**Second Year of the First Term**

Chairperson- Nomination Committee	Deborah McGowan
Secretary	Mary Bennett
Secretary of Program Resource	Gail Ashworth

**First Year of Second Term**

Social Action	Laurie Fite
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**Second Year of Second Term**

Communication	Barbara Castro
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**Nomination Committee:**

Elinda Downs  
Deloris Johnson  
Susan Smith

**First Year of Third Term**

Treasurer	Diane Talley
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**Cluster Leaders:**

Cluster Leader 1	Jennifer Cheatham
Cluster Leader 2	
Cluster Leader 3	
Cluster Leader 4	Juanita Bowens

**Historian**

Carolyn Hamby



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**South Carolina  
Mission Projects  
Emphasis Months**

**February**

Wallace Family Life

**April**

Bethlehem Community  
Center- Columbia

**September**

Killingsworth

**October**

Bethlehem Center  
Spartanburg



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