

# Airwaves

Greenville District United Methodist Women

President: Vickie Failor

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March 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.

- March 1<sup>st</sup> – Airwaves Published
- March 5<sup>th</sup> – World Day of Prayer (TBA) Virtual Meeting via Zoom
- March 10<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Remittance Due

#### April – Mission Emphasis: Bethlehem Community Center - Columbia

- April 24<sup>th</sup> – Spiritual Growth Event Virtual Rock Hill District (host)
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Greenville District Executive Board Meeting
- May 15<sup>th</sup> – Airwaves Deadline for June Edition
- June 1<sup>st</sup> – Airwaves Published
- June 12<sup>th</sup> – Greenville District Day Apart Virtual Meeting via Zoom

## **President's Notes**

Ladies,

I am looking forward to a better year in 2021 than we had in 2020. I hope that you are all doing well and that you have not been affected by the pandemic. Unfortunately we will have to continue doing our UMW events for this year virtually because of the pandemic. This year has started off busy for me with meetings and trainings. I look forward to sharing information that I learn in the trainings with you all. I do not think a week has gone by since the beginning of the year that I have not been on a zoom meeting and learning.

We had a great officers training in January. If you were not able to attend the meeting and need your material, please contact your district counterpart for that information. I would like to thank Markylena Tolbert-Wydman for planning the officers' training. I would also like to say thank you to Barbara Castro and Laurie Fite for seeing that our zoom ran smoothly. Thank you to all the board members and local officers that participated in the training. Without this team working together, we could not have done this.

Our day of Prayer program will be different this year. We will have a bible study at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 5, 2021 via zoom. We will be studying Matthew 7:24-27, the study is titled "Build on a Strong Foundation". Our bible study leader will be Dr. Johannah Myers, Director of Disciple Formation at Aldersgate UMC. We look forward to having her lead us in this study. More information about the study will be included in this newsletter. The Zoom meeting ID for the meeting is 830 4766 9205 and the passcode is 013753. Please see the flyer included in this airwaves for more information.

Legacy Fund day of giving will be on Tuesday, March 23, 2021. You are encouraged to help give to this fund. This fund(endowment) covers future core expenses so that even more money can be directed to support and grow vital mission work throughout our country and world. You can go online to the national UMW website make the donation, or you can send in donations with your pledging marked as Legacy Fund and we will get the funds to the conference.

Another topic I would love to share with you is the UMW Presidential Scholarship offered by the SCCUMW. This is a scholarship that is available for any United Methodist Woman who wants to further her education. I have attached the scholarship form and information to this newsletter. Please encourage all your young ladies, who are going to college, to fill out this scholarship application. If you have a lady in your unit that wants to further her education, also encourage her to participate in the scholarship application process.

We have created a Facebook page for the Greenville District United Methodist Women. You can locate our page by searching, Greenville District UMW. We update the page regularly. We put important information about the district UMW and national UMW on the page along with daily prayers and messages from the Prayer Calendar. If your unit has something that you would like put on the face book page, please contact me and I will be happy to get it posted. We are also working on creating a district website, but that is still in the works. I will get the website information out as soon as the site is completed. When we launch the site, we will have forms on the page for your access.

The district team have our regular events planned for the year, but they will all be virtually. The calendar for the events is in the airwaves. The conference has also planned all the usual conference events, but they will be virtual. I hope that you were able to participate in the Legislative Days virtual events that were held in February.

Please continue to meet your pledges, and participate in events. We will be keeping track of the unit activities this year and will be presenting awards, in a different format, at our annual meeting in September. We will have the forms available in the June airwaves and online, as soon as possible.

If you have not turned in your list of officers for 2021, please get them to me at [vfailor@bellsouth.net](mailto:vfailor@bellsouth.net) as soon as possible. We are wanting to create an up to date directory of all the units in the Greenville Distirct. Forms are attached.

I would like to say thank you for all your support of the Greenville District UMW. Please be safe, until we see each other again.

Vickie Failor  
District President



## **Vice President's Notes**

Dear Sisters in Christ,

I pray everyone is doing great COVID free and had a good Valentine's Day with family and/or with that special loved one.

I am excited to serve as your new Vice President for the next couple of years and look forward to making new friends and continue to show love to all of my old ones.

I must inform everyone that virtual meetings will be the new normal for this year and although it has been a blessing, since we are unable to meet face to face, it has been a challenge as well. I don't know about most of you but it has been exciting trying to teach this old (---) new tricks. I have to remind my granddaughter, when I go to her for help, that I am old school and we didn't even know about computers or laptops when I was in high-school. She gets a good laugh at my expense however, by the grace of God we have been getting through it all. Let the church say Amen.

Our zoom 2021 Officer Training was a big success and we would like to thank everyone who signed up and attended the virtual class. I would also like to give a great big Shout Out! to Barbara Castro and Laura Fite who worked hard to facilitate the process and made sure we all were in the correct classrooms on time. You ladies are the best.

If you or someone in your group were unable to attend the training and need a package sent to you, please contact Vicki, myself or someone on the district team and we will be happy to forward one to you. It is our desire to make sure everyone is informed, in order for us to have a great year.

Please also note although we will not be meeting in person this year, we will be doing certificates and they will be based mostly the same way as they have been in the past. The President of each unit will need to make sure your unit keep up with your gatherings and participation, in order for you to receive your credit this year.

Additional information will be sent out in Airways.

Please remember to pray for all of our sisters and brothers in Christ.

Love to everyone in Christ,

Markylena Tolbert-Wydman  
Vice President Greenville District UMW  
(864) 455-1544 office  
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## Program Resource's Notes

I hope that by now most of you have selected the Reading Program Plan you want to complete for the year, & have started reading!

As we move into Lent, this season in the church calendar would be a great time to read a selection from the Spiritual Growth category of the Reading Program. A few books that might be of interest are 40 Days with Wesley, a 40 day Lenten devotional experience that weaves inspirational readings on faith and prayer with quotes and excerpts from John Wesley. This book is from the 2020 Reading Program list. Also Easter Stories: Classic Tales For the Holy Season. This book, also from 2020, is a collection of short stories that shed light on the deeper meaning of Easter. From 2021-2022, Right Here Right Now: The Practice of Christian Mindfulness reveals the Christian roots of mindfulness and actual practices that deepen the life of faith. Faithful Families: Creating Sacred Moments At Home is a book for this year that offers creative ways to discover & develop new spiritual practices as a family. These are just a few of the books in the Spiritual Growth category.

Also consider listening to the Faith Talks podcasts, these monthly interviews or conversations with UMW mission studies authors explore themes & resources that empower us to put faith, hope, & love into action. These can be found at [unitedmethodistwomen.org/faithtalks](https://unitedmethodistwomen.org/faithtalks). If you listen to 3 Faith Talks podcasts it counts as two books in the category Spiritual Growth.

Units who are in need of the UMW 2021-2024 Handbook can find policies and guidelines online only at this time. It will not be available in print until late May after the General Conference.

By participating in the Reading Program, you are improving your involvement in local and global Christian mission.

Gayle B. Ashworth  
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## Social Action

Even with the pandemic still seemingly in full force, there is a lot going on in the realm of Social Action with the United Methodist Women. Here are some of the opportunities you might want to take advantage of.

1. South Carolina House Bill H.3747 is more properly called “Female Health and Wellness Act”. It is a bill to amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina by adding Chapter 139 to Title 44 so as to define “Feminine Hygiene Products” and to provide that the sale of feminine hygiene products are exempt from sales tax. One of the sponsors of this bill is Greenville’s own Chandra Dillard. It is currently in the Ways and Means Committee of which Ms. Dillard is a member. You can write your legislator asking him or her to add his or her name as a sponsor of the bill or just to support the bill. A sample letter is below:

**Your Name**

**Address**

**City, South Carolina Zip**

**Date**

The Honorable (***name of congressman***) of the South Carolina House of Representatives

Dear Congressman (***name of congressman***):

I am a constituent of yours and am writing to you about my support for H 3747 removing the sales tax from feminine hygiene products. This bill is currently in the Ways and Means Committee.

Feminine hygiene products are necessities for women and taxing them is unconstitutional and a form of discrimination. Further, exempting these goods by categorizing them as medical equipment or supplies would greatly benefit low-income groups.

I am asking you to add your name as a sponsor to this important bill and to support it wholeheartedly when it comes to the floor for a vote.

Sincerely,

**Your Name**

2. Check the United Methodist Women page of the [www.UMCSC.org](http://www.UMCSC.org) website for links to recordings of the Legislative Advocacy Day sessions and updates on our Legislative Activity. This recording would be perfect to use for a local unit meeting! Also you are encouraged to email [LVE2551@sccoast.net](mailto:LVE2551@sccoast.net) to be added to the Legislative Alert email list.
3. On the third Wednesday of each month, join **United Methodist Women’s monthly Just Energy for All Strategy and Capacity Building Sessions** at 3:00 pm EST. Learn more and register at <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/just-energy-for-all-webinars>.
4. Join **United Methodist Women’s Just Energy for All 101 3-part webinar series** on February 22, March 8 and March 22, 2021 at 3:00 pm EST. Learn more about the *why* and *what* of United Methodist Women’s Just Energy for All campaign, as well as *how* your United Methodist Women unit, district or conference can be involved. These 90-minute webinars will include presentations, breakout sessions, and opportunities to connect with other UMW members and people of faith. You don’t need to be a United Methodist Women member to join us—all are welcome!

- **Part 1 (2/22/21): *Why Just Energy for All?*** Why should United Methodist Women and people of faith care about just energy for all?
- **Part 2 (3/8/21): *What is Just Energy for All?*** Fossil fuels? Solar? Wind? All renewable energy? Nuclear?
- **Part 3 (3/22/21): *How do we advance Just Energy for All?*** How can United Methodist Women and people of faith be part of the solution?

Learn more and register at <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/just-energy-for-all>.

1. Check out the many resources available on the United Methodist Women website on Mass Incarceration, the Criminalization of Communities of Color and stopping the Schools to Prison Pipeline. <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/racialjustice> Some of these would be great programs to help your unit earn their Diamond Unit status.

If you have any questions or need assistance with any of these, please contact Laurie Fite, District Social Action Chair at 864-420-1131 or by email at [Laurie@Fite.com](mailto:Laurie@Fite.com)



## **Treasurer's Notes**

Hello Ladies,

We are off to a good start this First Quarter. For those of you that was not able to zoom with us, for our training, hopefully we will meet in person next year. I have a few items to share with you from our District Officer training.

If your units can pay \$6.00 per members for the Wallace Family Life Center, it will be much appreciated. Please do not add an extra \$1.00 for your recognition pins. The online form will not accept anything other than \$40, \$60, \$100, etc. One last thing ladies, the First Quarter Remittance are due March 10th. Anything after that date will go towards the Second Quarter Remittance.

Thank you, ladies, for all that you do. If you have any questions or need any help, do not hesitate to call, text or e-mail me. May God continue to bless us so we can continue to support the Mission for Women, Youth and Children. Please stay safe.

Submitted by,  
Diane B. Talley



2021 World Day of Prayer  
Greenville District UMW Bible Study  
March 5, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

Please join us on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for our World Day Of Prayer Bible Study. We will be studying Matthew 7:24-27, the study is titled "Build on a Strong Foundation". Our bible study leader will be Dr. Johannah Myers, Director of Disciple Formation at Aldersgate UMC. We look forward to having her lead us in this study.

The Zoom meeting ID for the meeting is 830 4766 9205 and the passcode is 013753. You can also join us by phone by calling into one of numbers listed. Please remember that long distance rates may apply.

Dial by your location

- +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
- +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)
- +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)
- +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
- +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)
- +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 830 4766 9205

Passcode: 013753



# World Day of Prayer 2021

**Written by the women of Vanuatu**

**Promotes justice and equality for women through prayer, partnerships service and celebrations.**



2021 Officer List for Local Units

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_

Church address \_\_\_\_\_

Church phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Church email \_\_\_\_\_

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UMW President: \_\_\_\_\_

President Address: \_\_\_\_\_

President email: \_\_\_\_\_

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UMW Vice President: \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President phone  
number: \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President  
email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary Phone  
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Secretary e-mail  
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Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

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Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

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Return to Vickie Failor, 1208 Cedar Lane Rd., Greenville, SC 29617 or e-mail [vfailor@bellsouth.net](mailto:vfailor@bellsouth.net)

2021 GREENVILLE DISTRICT & CONFERENCE EVENTS

JANUARY 2021

16th	Greenville District Officer Training	Virtual meeting via zoom link
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FEBRUARY 2021

Special Emphasis for Month: Wallace Family Life Center

3rd @ 10:00 a.m.	Social Action Workshop #1	Virtual via zoom link
9 <sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.	Social Action Workshop #2	Virtual via zoom link
7 <sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 p.m.	Greenville District Executive Board Meeting	Virtual via zoom link
15 <sup>th</sup>	Airwaves submission Deadline	
18 <sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 p.m.	Social Action Workshop #3	Virtual via zoom link
27 <sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m.	Social Action Workshop # 4	Virtual via zoom link

MARCH 2021

1 <sup>st</sup>	AIRWAVES PUBLISHED	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Greenville Dist. World Day Of Prayer	Virtual TBA

APRIL 2021

Special Emphasis for Month: Bethlehem Community Center - Columbia

24 <sup>th</sup>	Spiritual Growth Event	Virtual Event – hosted by Rock Hill District
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MAY 2021

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Greenville District Executive Board Meeting	Virtual via Zoon
15 <sup>th</sup>	Airwaves Submission Deadline	
15 <sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m.	Come Together, Be Together	Virtual Event-hosted by Anderson District

JUNE 2021

1 <sup>st</sup>	AIRWAVES PUBLISHED	
12 <sup>th</sup>	Greenville District – Day Apart	Virtual Event - TBA

JULY 2021

22 <sup>nd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>	Mission U	Spartanburg Methodist College – If in Person event
24 <sup>th</sup>	Virtual Mission U	Virtual if we cannot have in person
25 <sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 p.m.	Greenville District Executive Board Meeting	Virtual Via Zoom
31 <sup>st</sup>	Virtual Mission U	Virtual If We Can Not Have In Person

AUGUST 2021

1 <sup>st</sup>	Airwaves Submisison Deadline	
7th	Virtual Mission U	Virtual if we cannot have in person
18th	AIRWAVES PUBLISHED	



SEPTEMBER 2021

Special Emphasis for Month: Killingsworth

18th	Greenville Dist. Annual Meeting	Virtual - TBA
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OCTOBER 2021

Special Emphasis for Month: Bethlehem Center – Spartanburg

23 <sup>rd</sup> 10:00 a.m.	SCCUMW Annual Meeting	Virtual – Hartsville District host
23 <sup>rd</sup> @ 1:00 p.m.	SCCUMW Annual Meeting	Virtual – Hartsville District host
24 <sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 p.m.	Greenville District Executive Board Meeting	Virtual Via Zoom

NOVEMBER 2021

6 <sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m.	District Officer Training	Virtual – Florence District host
November 14 <sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 pm	Greenville District Executive Board Meeting	Virtual Via Z
15 <sup>th</sup>	DEADLINE FOR AIRWAVES ARTICLE	

DECEMBER 2021

1 <sup>st</sup>	AIRWAVES PUBLISHED	
12 <sup>th</sup>	Greenville District Christmas gathering	TBA

## 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



**Greenville District United Methodist Women Executive Committee For 2021**

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**Cluster Leader 3:**

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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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