



Did You Know?

United Methodist Women is the largest denominational faith organization for women with approximately 800,000 members

Goal:

Turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.

Members raise up to \$20 million each year for programs and projects related to women, children and youth

Who is a member?

Any woman who wants to belong to and participate in the global mission of the church through United Methodist Women and who commits herself to the PURPOSE can become a member of United Methodist Women.

What does it mean to be a United Methodist Women member?
United Methodist Women is a community of women committed to mission.

United Methodist Women Attends:

Prayer • Bible Studies
Spiritual Retreats

Participates In:

- Hands-on missions in local communities
- Leadership development and training opportunities

The Purpose: The organized unit of 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.

Florence District United Methodist Women 2021 Calendar of Events

APRIL

Special Emphasis Month - Bethlehem Community Ctr Columbia

April 10 FD Team Meeting Virtual

April 24..... Spiritual Growth Retreat Lake Junaluska

MAY

May 15..... Come Together Be Together Virtual

JUNE

June 6-9..... SC UMC Annual Conference Florence

JULY

July 10..... FD Team Meeting Virtual

July (See UMW State Calendar)..... Mission u SMU/Virtual

AUGUST

Rest and Relaxation

SEPTEMBER

Special Emphasis Month - Killingsworth - Columbia

Sept 11..... FD Team Meeting..... Virtual

Sept 25..... FD Annual Meeting Virtual

OCTOBER

Special Emphasis Month - Bethlehem Community Ctr Spartanburg

Oct 23-24..... Annual Meeting. Hartsville/Virtual

NOVEMBER

Nov 6..... District Officers' Training. Florence/Virtual

Nov TBA. FD Team Meeting..... Virtual

DECEMBER

Merry Christmas

From the Desk of Pernerva Washington-Thomas Florence District President



Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 1:2

Greetings, it is with enthusiasm that I update you on previous events attended despite COVID-19, although they were virtual events, Florence District United Methodist Women were in attendance. We are consistently on the move as we follow His examples, knowing that God will be pleased with what He sees in our hearts.

The following were some of the events attended. We are blessed that God provides for us. Some folks attended via Zoom. Some attended via other virtual methods. Some folks Phoned-in. No matter which method you attended God provided the tool.

PAST EVENTS:

- SCCUMW Annual Meeting held on October 10, 2020.
- Officer President Training held on November 14, 2020.
- Bishops Leadership Conference Retreat during the month of December, 2020. Unit Presidents were in receipt of District Newsletter
- The Killingworth Virtual Stay-at-Home Gala.
- Florence District Sit and Chat held on January 23, 2021.
- Day Apart held on March 13, 2021

Look over the calendar in this issue and make plans to attend upcoming events.

Many thanks goes to Beulah UMC who served as our host church for our Day Apart worship service. We can not thank Sis. Loris Fulmore, the president of the United Methodist Women and Rev Benjamin Graham the pastor for welcoming and hosting us. We also thank Rev. Mark Mitchell who greeted us on behalf of our District Superintendent Rev. Terry Fleming.

The UMW is a sisterhood and we saw that in action with all of the participation on the program. It goes without words the expression of Christ through songs including the selections by Cades UMC choir and soloist Deloris Lee-Brown. As always hats off to the committee members for their participation.

A personal thank you for all financial givings now and in the future. I ask that you especially support our Mission projects with Bethlehem Columbia at hand.

We have two (2) positions open to fill (Secretary & Communication Coordinator). Please consider joining us by accepting one of the open positions.

Please continue to work safe, follow all precautions, and practice social distancing. This pandemic is not over but as believers we know who is in control. God is...our everything.

We solicit your continued PRAYERS!
Together with Christ we all will achieve.

Sisterly Yours In Christ, *Pernerva*

South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women 2021 Dates to Remember

February – Wallace Family Life Center, Special Emphasis Month

February 3 – Social Action Workshop #1/10am – Virtual

February 9– Social Action Workshop #2/7pm - Virtual

February 18 – Social Action Workshop #3/2pm - Virtual

February 27 – Social Action Workshop #4/10am - Virtual

March 1 – Presidential Scholarship Applications due

March 23 – Legacy Fund Day of Giving, 152 years young

April – Columbia Bethlehem Community Center, Special Emphasis month

April 4 – **Easter** – He is Risen!

April 24 - Spiritual Growth Event/10 am/Rock Hill District UMW host - Virtual

May 15 – Come Together Be Together/10 am/Anderson District UMW host - Virtual

June 6-9 -SC UMC Annual Conference

July 22-24 Mission u, Spartanburg Methodist College

Or

July 24 – Mission u/10 am + 1 pm - Virtual

July 31 – Mission u/10 am + 1 pm - Virtual

August 7 – Mission u/10 am + 1 pm - Virtual

September – Killingsworth Special Emphasis Month

October – Bethlehem Center -Spartanburg, Special Emphasis Month

October 23– SCCUMW 49th Annual Meeting/10 am + 1 pm/Hartsville District UMW host - Virtual

November 6 – District Officers Training/ 10 am /Florence District UMW host – Virtual

December 25 – Baby Jesus is born.



From the Desk of the Treasurer - Pearl R. Brown

Praises are due to the local units of our district for honoring your pledges to the missions of the United Methodist Women during the 2020 Covid-19 pandemic.

The number of units reporting in 2020 was less than in 2019. The district missed your financial report for the missions' projects and hope that during this year all units will give in support of the missions of United Methodist Women.

The district pledge for 2021 is eighteen thousand (\$18,000.00) dollars.

Thank you in advance for helping to reach our goal.

	2019	2020
Pledge to Mission	\$21,365	\$16,863
Special Mission	\$740	\$400
Gift to Mission	\$575	\$395
Gift in Memory	\$755	\$605
World Thank Offering	\$1200	\$847
Total Mission Giving	\$ 24,883	\$19,230
Supplementary Giving	\$3,208	\$1,737
Designated Giving	\$5,322	\$6,575
Grand Total	\$33,413	\$ 27,542

YOU MAY SEND LEGACY FUND DIRECTLY TO:

UMW National Office
475 Riverside Dr.
15th Floor
New York, NY 10115



Need Remittance Forms?

Forms for remitting reports can be downloaded from the 2020-2021 handbook on the website unitedmethodistwomen.org/forms-for-treasurers.

Or you may request forms by calling 843-319-6450 or email: prbrown2076@gmail.com



Quarterly reports are due by the 5th of the month following the end of the quarter.

1st quarter December 1 - February 28

2nd quarter March 1 - May 31

3rd quarter June 1 - August 31

4th quarter September 1 - November 30



The 2020-2021 UMW handbook requires unit treasurers to send a copy of their annual audit to the district treasurer. **Please forward a copy of your 2020 audit by postal mail or email.**

Praying that God will pour out his blessings upon each of you.

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to Help Make a Difference

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Treasurer 2022

Interested or know someone that is?

Contact Amelia Fulton - 843.534.8550

God has given each of you a gift
from his great variety of spiritual gifts.
Use them well to serve one another.

1 Peter 4:10.

Reading is for Everyone

READING PROGRAM PLANS

Choose and follow one of the four plans. When you have read the required number of books and magazine issues, report your completion to your local member in charge of program resources. For 2021–2022, titles read from the 2015 to the 2021–2022 reading lists will be credited through December 31, 2022.

PLAN I: 5 books a year

- One book from each category: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.
- Selections can be from the 2015 to the 2021–2022 reading lists if not included in previous reports (including children and youth titles).
- Regular reading of **response** magazine.

PLAN II: 10 books a year

- Two books from each category: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.
- Selections can be from the 2015 to the 2021–2022 reading lists if not included in previous reports (including children and youth titles).
- Regular reading of **response** magazine.

PLAN III: 15 books a year

- Two books from each category: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.
- Plus 5 additional books from any category.
- Selections can be from the 2015 to the 2021–2022 reading lists if not included in previous reports (including children and youth titles).
- Regular reading of **response** magazine.

PLAN IV: 20 books a year

- Two books from each category: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.
- Plus 10 additional books from any category.
- Selections can be from the 2015 to the 2021–2022 reading lists if not included in previous reports (including children and youth titles).
- Regular reading of **response** magazine.



2021 United Methodist Women Reading Program

Download a copy of the
2021 Reading Program Catalog
from the United Methodist Women site.
www.unitedmethodistwomen.org

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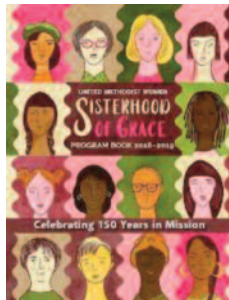
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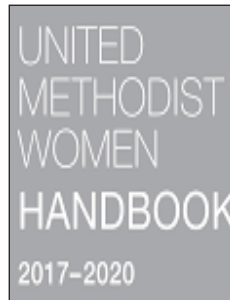
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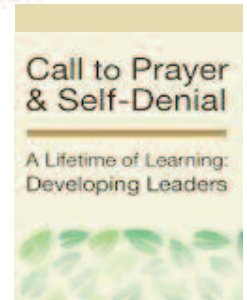
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- A - UMW 2019 - 2020 Program Book was \$10**Now \$5**
- B - UMW 2018-2019 Program Book was \$10**Now \$4**
- C - 2017-2020 Handbook Book was \$13**Now \$6.25**
- D - 2020 Prayer Calendar was \$14**Now \$7**
- E - A Call to Prayer & Self Denial was \$3**Now \$1.50**

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To purchase Contact Stephanie Bolden - Secretary of Program Resources.

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[HTTP://WWW.UMCSC.ORG/HOME/MINISTRIES/ADVOCACY/UNITED-METHODIST-WOMEN/](http://www.umcsc.org/home/ministries/advocacy/united-methodist-women/)

March 2021

Spiritual Growth

Azilee DeeDee Dickey

Greetings Florence District United Methodist Women!

Special thanks to all who attended Officer Training. Giving God honor and praise to all units who held the Annual Call to Prayer and Self Denial between January and March 31. Our theme was "She Leads: Empowering Women to Make a Difference". As bold energetic

UMW, you make a difference every day.

Spiritual Growth Retreat
April 24, 2021

Ladies please remember to mark your calendar for the Spiritual Growth Annual

Retreat which will be hosted by the Rock Hill District

Virtually. The event is scheduled for April 24, 2021 at 10:00am.

Thanks for all you do to make a difference in United Methodist Women!

In His Service and

Yours,

Azilee

Reprint for the March Mission Echo

News from our Limitless Team

Save the Date!

Join us for a Limitless party on July 3rd, 2021. We are planning to have a party to reconnect with our Limitless young ladies and celebrate with games and surprises for our girls. The zooming fun will begin at 10:00 am!!!!

Please send the names of your youth to Debra Schooler, debrajschooler@gmail.com so the team can send an invitation to the girls!! All Districts are invited and encourage to participate.

Anyone interested in joining our Limitless Team, please let Lavonne James or Debra Schooler know!! We need some young people to take leadership roles as our Limitless Team moves forward this year.

SCCUMW Spiritual Growth Virtual Event

April 24, 2021 10:00 AM

Behind Every Great Woman:

Community, Call and Creativity in the Life of the Women in Moses' Life

"Miriam sang the refrain back to the women: "Sing to the Lord for this overflowing victory"

Exodus 15:21

Rock Hill District will be our host for this Event

Speaker is the Rev. Wendy Hudson-Jacoby

Pastor of Two Rivers UMC in the Charleston District



Registration form

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

District: _____ Church: _____

First time: _____ Are you under 40: _____

Please send to Toni Love, our Registrar or register on line

SCCUMC Toni Love

1924 Bangor Road

Charlotte NC 28217

704-560-2853

Email: threesisters7@aol.com

Online registration: <https://bit.ly/3r2fTaE>

Planning your yearly programs below is information on the **Charter for Racial Justice Diamond Unit Award**

In order to receive a Diamond Unit Certificate a minimum of three activities must be completed. At least one of the three **MUST** be from the diamond group (first four activities listed). Units **MUST** choose new activity (i.e. different from those credited in the prior year) each year. Certificates will be presented at your District Annual Meeting.

- **Provide each member with a copy of the Charter for Racial Justice**
- **Watch a video relating to concerns addressed by the charter for Racial Justice (Visit the conference Resource Center's online catalog for several titles <http://umcsc.org/resourcecenter>. Select an appropriate age group. In the block labeled "description" enter "racism" or "justice" for titles under each subject.**
- **Share articles from *Response* and *New World Outlook* relating to Racism**
- **Give a book report on a UMW Reading Program book that relates to minority group.**

___ Have a program on racial justice or human rights from the UMW Program Book (past or present).

___ Give a Unit report about an experience: i.e. attendance at a music or theatrical performance by persons of a different culture, race or ethnic background.

___ Send at least one UMW member (non District or Conference officer) to the annual Legislative Day event.

___ Participate in post card writing to support legislation on behalf of women, children and youth on social justice issues.

___ Have two or more members from your Unit participate in Church Women United Activities.

___ Participate in Bible study on racism. A helpful resource: UMW website www.gbgm-umc.org/umw/resources/racialjustice/

___ Celebrate one or more of the following months. African-American Month (February), Asian Pacific American Heritage Month (May), Hispanic Heritage Month (September) or American Indian Heritage Month (November). A helpful resource: www.smithsonianeducation.org/heritage_month/.

___ Plan a pulpit/pastor exchange with a pastor of another race.

___ Plan an event with a Unit of a different race/ethnic background. (A celebration vacation bible school, worship service) and give a Unit report.

___ Participate in a UMW Social Action Mission Study.

___ Invite a minority person or group to speak about their country of origin.

Save the date!

Come Together Be Together - Virtual Event

“Fun for all ages and all stages of United Methodist Women.”

Event theme is **“This too Shall Pass – Keep the Faith”**.

Saturday, May 15th @ 10am virtual session

Anderson District hosts

Pastor Freda Brock, Toxaway United Methodist Church Anderson will bring the devotion.

Workshops and presenters:

Bible Study – DeDee Clarey

Spiritual Wellness – Peggy Dulaney

Recipe Exchange – Dr. Aubrey Coffee

Going Green – Lynn Friedman

Relaxation with laughter – Sue Owens

Event Mission project

Donate face masks directly to Killingsworth in Columbia.

Watch for registration information!

We hope to see you there, virtually!

CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

LOCATION:

Windemere Golf Club
1101 Longtown Road E
Blythewood, SC 29016

GREENS FEE:

Individual: \$80.00
Team: \$320.00

Check-in: 8:00AM
Shotgun Start: 9:00AM

May
3rd
2021

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Title Sponsor \$2,500
Platinum Sponsor \$1,000
Lunch Sponsor \$500
Beverage Cart Sponsor \$250
Golf Hole Sponsor \$100
Goodie Bag Sponsor \$75
Prize Sponsor \$50

Registration fees include: Green fee, cart fee, lunch, and chances to win prizes!



Announcements



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**May 15th
10am**
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Anderson District Hosting

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*Special Emphasis
Month
Bethlehem
Community Center
Columbia*

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SPIRITUAL
GROWTH
RETREAT
April 24th
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