

The Network News

Anderson District United Methodist Women

South Carolina Conference

December 2020



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SAVE THE DATE

- December:** Advent and the Christmas Season.
May we all have peace on earth & spread goodwill.
- January:** 16th Anderson District Officers Training
via Zoom Meeting: All local Unit Officers are
encouraged to attend.
- February:** Legislative Advocacy Day February 3rd — 27th
4 workshops are available to attend.
See page 7 <Social Action> for more details
Wallace Family Life Center Special Emphasis Month
- March:** UMW Scholarship Application / Deadline March 1st
Daylight Savings Time March 14th
Legacy Fund “Day of Giving” March 23rd
- April:** Easter Sunday April 4th

Anderson District is attempting to go ‘Paperless’.
Over the next few months we will be gathering
email addresses for all to receive electronic Network
News newsletters. Unit President or whomever is in
charge of this: please send me a list of your unit
members’ name & e-mail addresses. Each Church
Pastor and Unit President will receive a printed
copy of the Network News. It can then be copied
and shared with unit members and put in your
church narthex or news board.

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Please be in prayer for these vacant
positions. If you know someone
who may be interested in joining
the UMW leadership team reach out
to one of the above listed ladies.



Greetings Anderson District!

It is hard to believe that 2020 is almost over. This year has had its ups and downs. Our district has still been able to accomplish our goals even during this COVID-19 pandemic. Most of all, this year has been a learning experience for everyone!

I have been pondering what the purpose of United Methodist Women means to me. Have my thoughts changed over the time that I have been involved with our organization? My answer is yes. Being an advocate for women, children and youth has become a big part of the woman that I am now!

In the past few weeks, life has brought me some challenges which have caused me to take time to be cautious and slow down. It feels like my mind does not ever stop! Did I do this or that? What are people going to think? There have been plenty of times that I felt overwhelmed! Taking time to reevaluate is important and necessary. Jeremiah 29:11 is the scripture that has helped me during this time of transition!

Our nation is going through a time of transition which causes all of us to have anxiety. God does not want us to feel this way! It is my hope and prayer that each of you can take time to just be you! One of the ways that I have learned this is at work. I usually take my lunch and eat at my desk, not allowing myself the time to mentally shut down for an hour. Just this week, I have been getting out of the office at lunch making time for myself. One of my favorite hobbies is reading. What joy I have found!

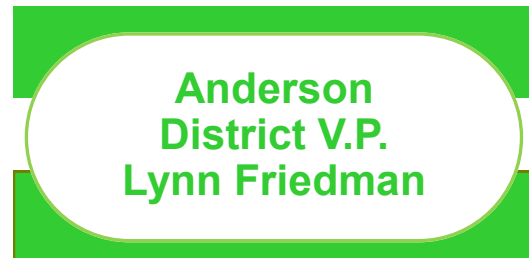
May each of you have joyous holiday season! Merry Christmas!
Blessings, DeDee Clarey
Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you" declares the LORD.



United Methodist Women
Serving Women, Children and Youth



Greetings to all
Anderson District United Methodist Women,
It is my prayer that all of you are well and have either
escaped the virus or recovered fully if you fell victim to
it. This pandemic has helped us to reinvent ourselves
and find new ways of staying in touch and
accomplishing our goals, hasn't it?



We held our first ever Zoom Annual Meeting for Anderson District at the end of September and it all went very well in spite of our lack of knowledge about Zoom. We were able to visit with each other remotely and complete all the business that must be taken care of each year at our annual meeting. Thanks to those of you who were able to join us. We were all uplifted by the positive thoughts shared with us by our speaker, Peggy Dulaney. She gave us many ways to deal with the uncertainty and stress of living through this pandemic.

Our Anderson District Officers' Training will also be held via Zoom. It is scheduled for **January 16, 2021**. The meeting will begin at 10:00 and be over no later than 11:30. I will be sending out the agenda for the meeting as well as the Zoom link to all Unit Presidents a few days prior to the meeting. I'd like to encourage ALL unit officers to attend so you can hear from your counterpart at the district level all that we were taught at the SCCUMW Officers' Training in November. Things are always changing with United Methodist Women, now more than ever before! If you've never attended an officers' training session, you will be surprised at all the helpful information that you will come away with.

If you know that you definitely plan to attend this meeting and would like to have the link sent directly to your email, please send me an email at lynnf113@msn.com and I will be sure you get this information.

In the meantime, please stay safe, wear your mask and wash your hands! With God's help, we will get through this and won't that be a blessed day? Looking forward to seeing all of you via Zoom on **January 16, 2021** at 10:00.

Lynn Friedman





This is the revised budget for the Anderson District United Methodist Women for 2021. Unit Treasurer please be sure to send your quarterly financial reports and your Unit pledge by the 5th of Dec/Mar/Jun/Sep See you at training January 16, 2021 via Zoom meeting. Mary Beth

**2021 Budget Anderson District UMW
Administration & Membership Development
\$ 2,685.79**

2021 Pledge to SC Conference UMW \$ 24,416.30

Officer Expenses:		
Mileage		0
Supplies		75
Postage		100
Copying		75
Newsletter		725
Service Center Mailing		80
Lake Junaluska (President)	0	
Awards – Gifts – Memory		235
	SUBTOTAL:	\$1,290
Programs and Events:		
Officer Training		50
Musician	25	
Sound	25	
President	0	
Vice President	0	
Sec/Treasurer	0	
Day Apart		150
Venue	0	
Musician	50	
Speaker	100	
Communion Officiant	0	
Program Printing	0	
District Annual Meeting		125
Speaker	000	
Musician	0	
Printing	25	
Mission u		0
Scholarships	0	
	SUBTOTAL:	\$325
Miscellaneous:		
Audit		400
Miscellaneous		250
	SUBTOTAL:	\$650
 GRAND TOTAL:		 \$2,265

2021 Anderson District A and MD Fund is determined by 11% of 2019 Mission Giving of \$ 24,416.30

Hopefully you were able to attend the Conference UMW 48th Annual Meeting via Zoom, what a Event! Greenwood District and Main Street UMC did a wonderful job. The Theme “Let Your Light Shine” was uplifting and just what was needed.

Fanatic Speakers Great Music



Congratulations to the 2020 Presidential Scholarship winners

- Joyden Ragyn Glover from Walterboro District
- Alyssa Aryanna Gottheiner from the Florence District
- Morgan Grace Steele from the Charleston District

Total Scholarship awarded to date is **14**



All business, meetings, elections and installation of offers was successful.

Next year’s host will be the Hartsville District.

The Love Feast was a well know act in Wesley’s time and in early American Methodism. The Love Feast is a Christian Fellowship meal that we as United Methodist infrequently observe. But as we physically distant ourselves during worship, the Love Feast can be a place of refreshment and renewal of spirit in these new times. Such a blessing to offer praise and thanksgiving to God and to our sisters in Christ and a what wonderful gesture to share in the Love Feast with each other from your homes via Zoom meeting.



Secretary of Program Resources

Dr. Aubrey Coffee

Greetings from the Secretary of Program Resources!

As I reflect back over the last 11 months about the activities of the UMW I am amazed at all that we have accomplished during the time of Covid. I feel blessed to be safe and able to let you know what has been going on in the area of Program Resources.

As most of the schools, businesses, and other organizations have switched to Zoom for meetings, so has the UMW. What that means for my area and the Reading Program is that all of the information is online. Now, this is not new as the information has always been there, however, our members are urged to visit it more as there seems to be less printed material available during the pandemic. Online, you can find numerous resources that were available in the printed version in a PDF format, which can be downloaded and printed. If you find that you need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me (acoffee@clermson.edu) and I will assist you with locating the information on the UMW website.

I have just attended the District Officer’s Training and the following information is new for the upcoming year (s). First, I would like to congratulate all of the members who participated in the 2019-20 Reading Program! The **Reading Program** reading list is now available for two years, 2020-2022, instead of one year and books in the 2015-2016 reading list fall off of the bookshelf. That means books available for the reading program can come from the 2017-2022 reading list. They are still deciding if certificates will be given annually, as they are currently scheduled for the second year. I will let you know when a decision is made. The new reading list is located online on the UMW website under Mission Resources and in the Response Magazine. The **2021 Annual Sampler** is available for purchase for a discount price of \$40. This includes the Spiritual Growth Study, Prayer Calendar, 2021-22 Program Book, and 2021-24 Quadrennial Calendar. The discount price ends April 2021. If you would like an order form emailed to you, let me know. The complete **2021–2024 UMW Handbook** will be forthcoming after the General Conference 2021, digitally and in print, and will incorporate changes resulting from General Conference decisions. Starting in the summer of 2020 the policies and guidelines are being offered **online only** until the complete Handbook is published. Below are some of the websites that will be useful for program materials and other useful resources for United Methodist Women.

UMW Handbook: <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/members-leaders/2021-2024-handbook>

2020-21 Reading Program: <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogramcatalog2021.pdf>

2021 Annual Sampler : <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/members-leaders/mission-resources/annual-sampler/annualsampler2021.pdf>

Stay Safe and have a blessed Holiday Season!

Aubrey

United Methodist Women Reading Program

acoffee@clermson.edu or text me at 864.650.2967



More accolades as Reported from the Anderson District UMW 48th Annual Meeting			Congratulations to these special units who found a way to complete mission work even in the time of the pandemic known as COVID. You are all an inspiration!!!!!!
5 Star Unit	Bethel UMC, Iva	5 Star Unit with Gold Seal	
John Wesley UMC, Easley		St Andrew UMC, Easley	St John’s UMC, Anderson
Bethesda UMC, Easley		Marshall Memorial UMC, Anderson	St Mark UMC, Anderson
Clemson UMC, Clemson		Mt Zion UMC, Central	St Paul UMC, Easley
Emmanuel UMC, Anderson		New Harmony UMC, Seneca	Trinity UMC, Anderson
First UMC, Easley		Robinson Chapel UMC, Liberty	Zion UMC, Anderson

2021 Annual Sampler

Offer ends April 2021

Please sign me up for the 2021 Annual Sampler!

Order the print subscription today for \$40 and save \$4.00.
The Annual Sampler[†] includes:

- 2021 Spiritual Growth study (\$10).
- 2021 Prayer Calendar (\$14).
- 2021-22 Program Book (\$10).
- 2021-24 Quadrennial Calendar (\$10.00 w/orange or purple sleeve).

[†]2021 Issue study: *Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools* by Monique Morris, New York: New Press, 2016. Available in stores, online and libraries. Free downloadable Leader's Guide (PDF) available online at unitedmethodistwomen.org.

The study and the calendars will ship in late fall 2020. The Program Book will ship in the summer of 2021. **Please select:**

- Orange or Purple Quadrennial Calendar sleeve
 Please sign me up for the 2021 Annual Sampler.

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Donna Hopkins**



Collecting stamps for the Marion Mission and tabs Ronald McDonald House respectively

Congratulations to the 2020 **Mission Today Units** as announced at the Anderson District UMW 48th Annual Meeting

Bethesda UMC, Easley	Mt Zion UMC, Central
Clemson UMC, Clemson	New Harmony UMC, Seneca
Dickson Memorial UMC, Townville	St. Andrew UMC, Easley
Easley Chapel UMC, Easley	St Mark UMC, Seneca
John Wesley UMC, Easley	Zion UMC, Anderson

2020 **Charter for Racial Justice Diamond Unit** as announced at the Anderson District UMW 48th Annual Meeting

Bethesda UMC, Easley	Easley First UMC, Easley	St Andrew UMC, Easley
Clemson UMC, Clemson	John Wesley UMC, Easley	St Mark UMC, Seneca
Dickson Memorial UMC, Townville	Mt Zion UMC, Central	Zion UMC, Anderson
Easley Chapel UMC, Easley	New Harmony UMC, Seneca	



**Spiritual Growth Coordinator
Elizabeth Finley**

Advent begins this year on November 29 with the candles we will light.

"United Methodist Women is the continuation of many predecessor Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren women's organizations. It has grown and changed as the needs of the world and church have changed, but the foundation of the work of women organized for mission remains fundraising for mission, education, faith-driven service and advocacy, spiritual growth and leadership development. It is and has been a creative, supportive fellowship, and will be for years to come."

Pg 10 of the Response Magazine, November/December 2020. Thank you to all of you to continue to be faithful members of United Methodist Women in these uncertain times and unusual attendance circumstances in our churches. Remember, we are all in this together. Allow your spirituality to be your fortress.

Best wishes for a joyful holiday season.
Elizabeth Finley, Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Please note "A Day Apart" is being held via zoom meeting on April 17th. More information to come.

Social Action Coordinator Carol Weatherford

On November 7, at 2:00 pm, I was blessed to attend the burning of the mortgage for Soapstone Church. The day was cloudy and comfortable. The views were stunning. Mable Clarke introduced the President of the Pickens NAACP who gave a warm and inspiring welcome followed by prayer led by Reverend Chester Trower. The entire program underlined

what a central place Soapstone Church has in the community of Liberia. Mable Clarke and her committee announced the initiation of phase three for their church: To preserve the church and one room schoolhouse forever and to begin a program to assist and support the young students in the community academically. Thanks to all the donors to Soapstone Church and the many prayers on their behalf, God's house is still God's house and doing God's work. (Anderson District UMW had 8 love offerings.) The church extended an invitation to all who would like to do so to come visit for a Sunday service.

GOD IS SO GOOD. ALL PRAISE AND
GLORY ARE FOR HIM. WE LIVE IN
HIS KINDOM ON EARTH. YOU CAN
BE THE ONE TO PLANT A SEED OR
YOU CAN BE THE ONE TO WATER
THE SEED AND OH TO BE THE ONE
WHO WITNESSES AS THE SEED
BLOSSOMS.



In an earlier newsletter, I challenged each of you to plant trees to help heal the earth that God gave us. I suggested Arbor Day Foundation would plant 10 trees for \$10.00. Apparently, that is no longer an offer. At least, I could no longer find it. I did find a different website called #Teamtrees. Their offers are 1 tree for \$1.00, 5 trees for \$ 5.00, 20 trees for \$20.00, 50 trees for \$50.00, and 100 trees for \$100.00. I hope you will plant trees and take other actions that heal and take care of the earth God created.

Legislative Advocacy Day will be virtual this year. You will also be able to access it by phone. There will be sessions on four different days at different times of the day. On February 3, at 10:00 a.m. there will be a session on Juvenile justice. On February 9 at 7:00 p.m., the session will address either elder care or the opioid crisis. On February 18 at 2:00 p. m., the session will be on either elder care or the opioid crisis. Finally, on February 27 at 10:00 a.m., the session will be about juvenile justice and Jesus. You will need to register but there is no cost. Information about registration will be in the December 1 issue of Mission Echo and in the January issue of The Advocate. Rebecca Eleazer will handle phone access. I hope you will attend.

Carol Weatherford





Visit the conference at SCCUMW website: umcsc.org/umw

UMW Online: www.umwonline.org/home

UMW Facebook page: www.facebook.com/UMwomen

UMW Flickr pages: www.flickr.com/photos/UMwomen

UMW Instagram pages: www.instagram.com/UMwomen

UMW Pinterest pages: www.pinterest.com/UMwomen

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UMW YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/user/UMwomen

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Unit Leadership Roster- To be completed by the unit President or Secretary. Please return this list of your 2021 unit leaders to District VP Lynn Friedman Mail: 628 Pointe Wildwood Dr. Seneca SC 29678 or e-mail: lynn113@msn.com Phone: 864-723-7090

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Spiritual Growth Mission Coordinator

Name _____
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Communications Coordinator

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Secretary of Program Resources

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On a separate sheet of paper write the names of circles and their leaders and include their mailing address and email address so they may also receive district communications.

ANDERSON DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN 2021 CALENDAR

January 2021		Happy New Year	Hope and Blessings
February 2021		Wallace Family Life Center Special Emphasis Month	SC Conference UMW
February 2, 2021	6:30 PM	Anderson District Leadership Team	Via Zoom
3 rd 10am 9 th 7pm 18 th 2pm 27 th 10am	4 workshops on line	Legislative Advocacy Day 2021	Epworth Children's Home, Columbia via on line meeting
Feb. 16, 2021		Deadline for March Network News	
March 2021		Network News published	
March 2021		Men's Kairos Month	
March 5, 2021	All day	World Day of Prayer	an Ecumenical Observance
March 5, 2021		1 st Quarter Financial Report Deadline	
March 23, 2021	All day	Legacy Fund Day of Giving	152 Years Young
April 2021		Columbia Bethlehem Community Center Special Emphasis Month	SC Conference UMW
April 2021		Women's Kairos Month	
April 4, 2021		Easter Sunday	
April 17, 2021	10am	Anderson District UMW Day Apart	Zoom Meeting
April 24, 2021		SCCUMW Spiritual Growth Retreat	Rock Hill Dist Hosting Virtual
May 4, 2021	6:30	Anderson District Leadership Team	Via Zoom
May 16, 2021		Deadline for June Network News	
May 15, 2021	10:00 am	"Come Together Be Together"	Anderson Dist Hosting VIRTUAL
June 2021		The Tracy Jackson Program of G.I.F.T. Special Emphasis Month	Anderson District UMW
June 2021		Network News published	
June 5, 2021		2 nd Quarter Financial Report Deadline	
June 2-6, 2021		SCCUMC Annual Conference	Florence Center—Florence SC
July 22-24		Mission u 20201	Spartanburg Methodist College
July 24	10am—1pm	Mission u 20201	Held On-line
July 31	10am—1pm	Mission u 20201	Held On-line
August 7	10am—1pm	Mission u 20201	Held On-line
Aug. 3, 2021	6:30 pm	Anderson District Leadership Team	Via Zoom
Aug. 16, 2021		Deadline for September Network News	
September 2021		Killingsworth Special Emphasis Month	SCC + National UMW
September 2021		Men's Kairos Month	
September 2021		Network News published	
Sept. 5, 2021		3 rd Quarter Financial Report Deadline	
September 26	10:00 AM	Anderson District UMW 49 th Annual Meeting	Via Zoom Meeting
October 2021		Bethlehem Center - Spartanburg Special Emphasis Month	SCC + National UMW
October 2021		Women's Kairos Month	
Oct. 23, 2021	9:00 am	SCCUMW 48 th Annual Meeting Virtual	Host Church Hartsville Dist Lyttleton St UMC
Nov. 2, 2021	6:30 PM	Anderson District Leadership Team	
Nov. 6, 2021	10:00—1:00	SCCUMW 2021 Conference Officers Training	Florence Dist Hosting - Virtual
Nov. 16, 2021		Deadline for December Network News	
December 2021		Network News published	
December 5, 2021		4 th Quarter Financial Report Deadline	
December 25		Merry Christmas	
January 2022		Anderson District Officer's Training	TBA

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The Purpose of United Methodist Women

The Purpose is adopted by the General Conference of The United Methodist Church as the official mission statement of 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.

Out of the Purpose are four mission foci that relate to the mission initiatives and priorities of United Methodist Women.

- To be a community of women
- To know God
- To develop a creative and supportive fellowship
- To expand concepts of mission



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