

# The Network News

Anderson District United Methodist Women

South Carolina Conference

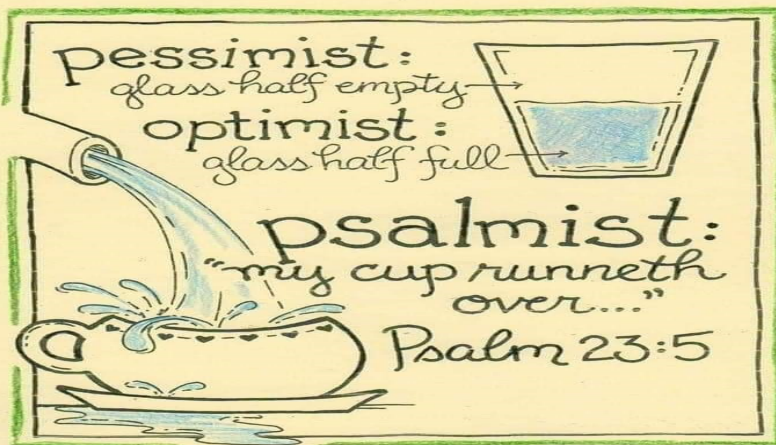


## SAVE THE DATE

June	The Tracy Jackson Program of G.I.F.T.
June 6-7	Annual Conference / Live Stream from Florence Center
July 3	Limitless Party
July 24, 31 & Aug 7	Mission u See page 14 for more information
September	Killingsworth Special Emphasis Month
September	Men's Kairos Month
September 25	Anderson Dist UMW 49th Annual Meeting
October 23	SC Conference UMW 49th Annual Meeting

**CORRECTION:** In the March Network New when sharing the 'job descriptions' I referred to the UMW as part of the General Board of Global Ministries, however I miss quoted: as it is in the UMW STANDING RULES AND POLICIES ANDERSON DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women of the Anderson District shall function in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of United Methodist Women adopted from recommendations of the United Methodist Women National Organization. These Standing Rules are supplementary thereto. Any items not covered under these standing rules will be governed by the *United Methodist Women Handbook*. The Standing Rules were adopted in 1984 and revised several times, the latest revision being February, 2016.



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**VACANT: zone 1, 2,3,and 5**

Be in prayer for these vacant positions. Please call or text if you have an interest or if you have names to recommend.

Dolores Watkins  
(864)376-3916

**Anderson District  
President  
DeDee Clarey**

Greetings Anderson District United Methodist Women!

Our district was the host of the 2021 Come Together Be Together event on May 15, 2021. It was an event that I will never forget since it was the first one that I have had the opportunity to attend! What a joy it was to see so many beautiful women who just wanted to take time not only for themselves but for each other. I wanted to personally say thank you to Rev. Freda Brock for leading our opening session with her powerful message supporting our theme of "This Too Shall Pass, Keep the Faith". Additionally, to the workshop leaders, Peggy Dulaney, Lynn Friedman, Dr. Aubrey Coffee, and Sue Owens, many thanks for sharing your talents and time with the SCCUMW. Lastly, Cathy Ford, thank you so much for your patience and understanding in our discussions in planning this event that turned out to be a blessing!

I was honored to be able to lead the Bible study on Psalm 23. During this session, I shared some very personal experiences in my life. If my story leads anyone to believe that Jesus is their Shepherd, I will be deeply touched.

It is my prayer and hope that more women from our district will step forward and volunteer to serve on our Executive Committee as some of our current officers will be completing their elected terms. Leadership is a gift that is meant to be shared!

Blessings,  
DeDee Clarey



**United Methodist Women  
Serving Women, Children and Youth**

**Anderson  
District V.P.  
Lynn Friedman**

Greetings to all my fellow sisters in Christ,

I'm trusting that this newsletter finds all of you in good health and good spirits and finally getting back to some semblance of normalcy after the year we've all had. Praise be to God!

Plans are being made for the 49<sup>th</sup> Anderson District Annual meeting to be held on September 25 beginning at 10:00 via Zoom. Thompson Centennial United Methodist Church in Anderson, pastored by Hal B.

Johnson, will be our host church. This year's theme, "Working for God's Good Pleasure" is taken from Philipians 2:13. This passage reads "For it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure." There will be lots more information in the September Network News so please be sure check to it out. We hope that many of you plan to be a part of this special occasion. It's always good to fellowship together and we pray that next year (our 50<sup>th</sup>!) can be held in person once again.

Looking forward to hearing from all of you in September!  
Lynn Friedman

**Be in Prayer for the Nominations Committee as they seek to fill necessary positions to the Anderson District Annual UMW leadership team, starting in September and voted on at the annual meeting Sep. 25th. See page 8 for contact information.**





Annual Reporting Guide for 2021

Please complete for the time frame noted below.  
Mail to: President - DeDee Clarey clarey8o8o@bellsouth.net

**LOCAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE 2020 ANNUMEETING**  
**◆ For period from September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2021 ◆**

UNIT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_

**1. MEMBERSHIP:**

Number of members in local organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total number of members giving \$5 a year for Wallace Family Life Center: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of deceased members: \_\_\_\_\_

> Send a list of names to: Elizabeth Finley nunifinley@gmail.com 616 Brock street, Central SC 29630

Did your unit complete the UMW 2020 Census? How many members? \_\_\_\_\_

**2. CONTRIBUTIONS:**

Five Star Requirements\*: (Enter Amount)      Five Mission Requirements\* (for Gold Seal)

\$	*Pledge to Mission	\$	*Bethlehem Center – Spartanburg
\$	*Special Mission Recognition (@\$40)	\$	*Columbia Bethlehem Comm Center
\$	*Gift to Missions (@\$5 per card)	\$	*Killingsworth
\$	*Gift in Memory (@\$5 per card)	\$	*Wallace Family Life Center
\$	*World Thank Offering	\$	Tracy Jackson Program of G.I.F.T.
\$	TOTAL Amount	\$	Call to Prayer and Self Denial
\$	Extra Giving – (Rainbow Woman, etc.)	\$	

**3. PARTICIPATION (Since September 1, 2020)**

Anderson District Events: (# of persons from your unit attending each event)

Annual Meeting 09/26/2020 via Zoom		Day Apart 4/17/21 via zoom	
District Officers Training Jan 2021 Zoom		Other Unit Mission Events (list on back)	

SCCUMW Events: (# of persons from your unit attending each event)

Annual Meeting 10/04-26/2020 Zoom		Spiritual Growth Retreat 4/24/21 Zoom	
Conf. Officers Training 11/14/20 Zoom		Come Together Be Together 5/15/2021	
Killingsworth Gala 11/2020		Mission u July 2021 ON Line	
Legislative Advocacy Day 2/3/2021		Youth Mission u July /2021	
SCCUMW Mission Trip 4/ 2021	N/A	Other SC Mission Events (list on back)	

**4. MISSION EDUCATION • SOCIAL JUSTICE • MISSION TODAY**

**Reading Program:** Number of participants: \_\_\_\_\_ Send reading reports to: Secretary of Program Resources:  
 Aubrey Coffee 430 PinduLac Drive, Central SC 29630      acoffee@clemson.edu

Number of subscriptions to Response: \_\_\_\_\_ Was Program Book used? \_\_\_\_\_ Was Prayer Calendar used? \_\_\_\_\_

**Charter for Racial Justice:** Are you a Diamond Unit? \_\_\_\_ Send report to: Social Action Coordinator: Carol Weatherford  
 dweather104@alo.com    104 Terrace Drive, Seneca SC 29672

Are you a **Mission Today Unit** Send completed form to: Donna Hopkins 405 St Paul Rd, Easley SC 29642    marcell405@bellsouth.net

**5.** In what public school district is your Unit located? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Does your Unit support the Campaign for Children? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**6. OTHER:** List any additional projects / activities on back or attach another page.

Thank you, Lord, for this wonderful, amazing world you have given us. Thank you for the animals, the plants, the soil, rocks, and land masses, and for all the water in all its forms. We are grateful for the air we breathe, the wind and weather, the clouds and sky. Thank you for the sun, moon, and stars. We are grateful for all your creation. Thank you, too, for populating the world with all the peoples and their wonderful differences. We live among them. Give us the courage and knowledge to be good stewards of this world.

## Social Action Coordinator Carol Weatherford

In a quote from the national newsletter, "In the first net-zero commitment of its kind United Methodist Women, along with other agencies of The United Methodist Church (UMC), ... released a joint statement, Our Climate Commitment to net-zero emissions. 'The collaborative, multi-institution statement pledges to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions across the organizations' ministries, facilities, operations and investments by 2050.' Net-zero describes the process by which human-caused greenhouse gas emissions can be balanced, or 'netted out' by removing emissions from the atmosphere.

The statement acknowledges that the UMC has long affirmed our individual and collective responsibility to address the unfolding climate crisis' In light of these values, the group said it was 'called by our faith, informed by science, and led by our relationships with impacted communities' to respond urgently."

One of the best actions we can take to help heal the Earth of the damage we have caused is to plant trees. Clemson United Methodist Church is celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> year of our women's unit. We are working to plant 1,000 trees. If you would like to plant trees to acknowledge our anniversary, you can have them planted through **OneTreeplanted.org** or the **National Arbor Day Foundation**. When you have planted your trees, please call or text me at 864-247-5364 to add your trees to the total. You may also honor any woman who has been important in your life, living or dead. The cost of planting each tree is \$1.00. We have planted 377 trees so far (6/01/2021).

Other individual actions we can take include buying and driving hybrid or electrical cars, buying energy efficient appliances and repurposing used items. Some collective actions are advocacy actions like encouraging better ecological practices of corporations, governments, and businesses. God has given the world to us. We need to take care of it. "Caring for creation is a biblical directive, God's very first charge to humans in Genesis," said Harriett Jane Olson, CEO and General Secretary of United Methodist Women as quoted in our national newsletter.

In the last Anderson District newsletter, I told you about the new food pantry at Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church. Several Methodists have responded. Thank you! Please continue to make donations and to pray for those serving and being served.

The Soapstone Church dedicated an outdoor sculpture of a woman with praying hands recently donated to their church. It was created by Dr. Keith Andrews from Guatemala. It is permanently displayed on the grounds at the back of the church with the mountains as a backdrop.

The copies of Legislative Advocacy Days presentations are still not on our conference website, but they are available on Youtube:

Session 1 Juvenile Justice Reforms <https://youtu.be/OKKe5c9C7aU>

Session 2 Elder Abuse <https://youtu.be/UdhR5fe18g>

Session 3 Holding Out the Lifeline: A Mission to Families-Opioids <https://youtu.be/5isQIn9gMOs>

Session 4 Justice and the Advocate <https://youtu.be/d3J8r33YPgw>

**Please step up to serve your UMW unit as Social Action Coordinator.**



Keep sending e-mail address to add to the distribution list of  
the Network Newsletter.

adumwcc@aol.com call or send a text 864-506-2981

# MISSION TODAY ACTION FORM • 2020—2021

Unit President \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number of members in unit \_\_\_\_\_

Units, which include all circles, must complete at least 10 of the following items.  
All units must complete #1

Your unit:

- \_\_\_ 1. Made and met its Pledge to Mission.
- \_\_\_ 2. Used the Prayer Calendar at each General Membership Meeting of the unit to pray for people in mission and for our mission work with women, children & youth.
- \_\_\_ 3. Added at least one or more members to its roll.
- \_\_\_ 4. Had at least one member who subscribes to Response Magazine.
- \_\_\_ 5. Had at least one member (other than a conference or district officer) attend Mission u and/or a district or local mission study.
- \_\_\_ 6. Had at least one member (other than a conference or district officer) attend the District Annual Meeting.
- \_\_\_ 7. Had at least one member (other than a conference or district officer) attend the Conference Annual Meeting.
- \_\_\_ 8. Had at least two members who wrote to at least five people listed in the Prayer Calendar at least once during the year.
- \_\_\_ 9. Participated in the Campaign for Children.
- \_\_\_ 10. Is a Five Star Unit, contributing to all five channels of Mission Giving.
- \_\_\_ 11. Had at least one person complete one of the plans in the Reading Program.
- \_\_\_ 12. Invited a district or conference officer, other than a member of the unit, to one unit meeting during the year.

Your unit, circle, or subgroup:

- \_\_\_ 13. Included a Response Moment where an article from Response Magazine was lifted up as a way to tell the mission story in at least three meetings.
- \_\_\_ 14. Had at least two programs from the Program Book.
- \_\_\_ 15. Implemented the Charter for Racial Justice Policies in at least two ways.

Send completed form to Education & Interpretation Mission Coordinator:

Donna Hopkins  
405 St. Paul Rd | Easley SC 29642  
e-mail – marcell405@bellsouth.net | (864) 915-5872

Due by September 1, 2021



**Treasurer  
Mary Beth  
Ellison**

For the Mission Projects Certificate, you must contribute to all 4:

Bethlehem Center Columbia  
Bethlehem Center Spartanburg  
Killingsworth  
Wallace Family Life

To be a 5 Star Unit, you must contribute to all of the above 4, plus these additional five channels of Giving:

Pledge to Mission  
Special Mission Recognition  
Gift to Mission  
Gift to Memory  
World Thank Offering

Please remember each unit's remittances **are due to me by March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1**, in order for me to get the district remittance to the state treasurer on time.

Thanks for all you do.

Blessings,

Mary Beth Ellison

Anderson District Treasurer

*Some reflections on the Come Together Be Together: Event Hosted by the Anderson District via: Zoom. If you have a chance to log on to YouTube <https://youtu.be/IUadbSPDtko> this is the link from Peggy Delany's breakout room. Spiritual Wellness. What a wonderful expression of how to find your center to open up to God. She helped us do a spiritual assessment of ourselves, like a physical your doctor may give you.*

### **Spiritual Wellness Assessment** and Scripture References

**Head** Philippians 2:5 Romans 12:2 Philippians 4:8 **Have the mind of Christ. Are we spiritually alert to the goodness of God, to God in action? Are we alert to serve others in word and deed?**

Fear-Isaiah 41:10

Worry-Philippians 4:6-8

Anger-Ephesians 4: 26-27

Bitterness-Hebrews 12:15

**Eyes** Luke 11:34 **Are our spiritual eyes open to see others as Christ sees them?**

**Ears** I Samuel 3:10 **Can we hear God speaking to us?**

**Mouth** James 3:8-10 Psalm 150:6 **Is your tongue out of control? Full of poison? Or is it full of praise & love?**

**Heart** Psalm 51:10 —"Create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me." **Forgive so your heart will be pure and healthy too.**

**Hands** Colossians 3:23 **Do you have giving hands, open to share, to hold up, to nurture, to hold, to pray & help.**

**Feet & Legs** Ephesians 6:15 **Are we walking where God wants-Have the mind of Christ. Are we spiritually alert to the goodness of God, to God in action? Are we alert to serve others in word and deed? Check your balance. Are our lives in balance—rest, work, study and prayer? The Sabbath is a gift.**

### **Be Still and Know That I Am God exercise\***

Be still, my muscles, and know God's relaxation

Be still, my nerves, and know God's rest

Be still, my heart, and know God's renewal

Be still, my mind, and know God's peace

\* from *Stress Less* by Margie Hesson

**Take a deep breath and say the 1st line then repeat that statement**

**continue to the next statement say it**

**repeat it. Breathe and be still....**

## CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE DIAMOND UNIT AWARD

This form is to be completed by the unit President or Social Action Mission Coordinator. For a unit to receive a Diamond Unit certificate, the unit must complete three or more activities from a list of activities that promote racial justice. At least one of several specified activities must be included. The dates of the activities must be noted and reported to the district Social Action chairperson by September 1, 2021

### DIAMOND AWARD ACTIVITIES

**A UNIT MUST COMPLETE ONE OF THE STARRED ACTIVITIES AND AT LEAST THREE ACTIVITIES TOTAL.**

1. \*Watch a video related to the Charter for Racial Justice.
2. \*Give a book report on a Reading Program book selected from the Social Action area.
3. \*Share articles from *Response* and *New World Outlook* or *UMW Action Alerts* relating to racism.
4. \*Supply each member with a copy of the *Charter for Racial Justice*.
5. \*Present a program on racial justice/human rights from the UMW Program Book.
6. Participate in a UMW Social Action/Human Rights Mission Study.
7. Give a report to the unit about an experience of attending a musical or theatrical performance by persons of a different race, culture, or ethnic background.
8. Send at least one member to Legislative Day.
9. Participate in postcard writing to encourage legislation favorable to the economically deprived or challenged.
10. Experience worship, Bible study, or UMW unit program/activity with an ethnic group different from your own.
11. Attend or host an international hosting party, culture fair, or other international event.
12. Participate in a Bible study on racism.
13. Celebrate Black History month in February.
14. Suggest and plan with your pastor a pulpit exchange with a pastor of another race.
15. Plan an event with a unit of a different race or ethnic background (a celebration, worship, Vacation Bible School, etc.)

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Send this report to ADUMW Social Mission Action Mission Coordinator -Carol Weatherford  
104 Terrace Dr  
Seneca, SC 29672  
864-247-5364  
[DWeather104@aol.com](mailto:DWeather104@aol.com)

Committee on Nominations  
The following positions are open for 2021-2022:

- Secretary
- Communication Coordinator
- Membership Nurture and Outreach
- Chair of Nominations
- 2 Members for the Committee on Nominations
- 4 Cluster Leaders

As you can see there are a number of positions that need to be filled. If the LORD is moving you to serve in one of these positions, please contact me via email at [deewat727@yahoo.com](mailto:deewat727@yahoo.com) or text at 864-376-3916 for more information.

Blessings and peace,  
Dolores Watkins  
Committee on Nominations, Member



Continue to collect POSTAGE STAMPS & CAN TABS.  
UMW Conference will be arranging the gathering of these items.  
You can mail me what you have. Please feel free to call me, we can arrange a pick up or I can give you some drop off locations.

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[marcell405@bellsouth.net](mailto:marcell405@bellsouth.net) | (864) 915-5872



**Please see PAGE 5 for the Mission Today Action Form.  
Hopefully your Units are checking off the boxes—September will be here so soon.  
Keep up God’s good work.**



**Visit the conference at SCCUMW website Search [umcsc.org/umw](http://umcsc.org/umw)**

UMW Online: [www.umwonline.org/home](http://www.umwonline.org/home)

UMW Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/UMwomen](http://www.facebook.com/UMwomen)

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UMW YouTube Channel: [www.youtube.com/user/](http://www.youtube.com/user/)

Learn information, find forms and the online editions of The Mission Echo and District Newsletters [umcsc.org](http://umcsc.org)

Stay connected and learn more about your UMW and Limitless on the website and through [social.media.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://social.media.unitedmethodistwomen.org)



## 2021 -2022 ANDERSON DISTRICT UMW PLEDGE TO MISSION

CHURCH/UNIT \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

TREASURER \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN UNIT \_\_\_\_\_



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PLEDGE TO MISSION

For September 2021 through August 2022

- - cut and mail in - -

### Recommendation to the Committee on Nominations

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: 20's \_\_\_\_\_ 30's \_\_\_\_\_ 40's \_\_\_\_\_ 50's \_\_\_\_\_ 60's \_\_\_\_\_ 70's \_\_\_\_\_ 80's \_\_\_\_\_

Why I think you should consider this person: (attach extra sheet if necessary) \_\_\_\_\_

**Or:** If you are seeking to hold an office:

Two-year Office in which you are seeking: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Local Church \_\_\_\_\_

Submit to DeDee Clarey (District President) email: [clarey8080@bellshouth.net](mailto:clarey8080@bellshouth.net) 864-616-8513

## Secretary of Program Resources Dr. Aubrey Coffee

Greetings from the Secretary of Program Resources!

As we turn the corner and head toward the end of the first year of the two-year reading program, I would like to highlight the Bonus Books and Podcasts listed in the reading program. One of the books is about one of my favorite writers, Maya Angelou. I grew up reading her books along with Alice Walker's. The ones that stick with

the most are "I Know Why The Cage Birds Sings" by Angelou and "The Temple Of My Familiar" by Walker. I am excited about the book by Bethany Hegedus listed below.

This quarterly newsletter article is about the Bonus Books, which ones qualify, and the categories where they are found. Thinking ahead about the Reading Program Certificate, it's never too late to start reading!

As always, Bonus Books count as two books. For 2021–2022, a few of the Bonus Books are also current mission studies, providing even more of an incentive to select these books as part of your Reading Program plan. Visit <http://unitedmethodistwomen.org/mission-studies> for more information.

### BONUS BOOKS

- **Rise!: From Caged Bird to Poet of the People, Maya Angelou** by Bethany Hegedus (Leadership Development). Writer, activist, trolley car conductor, dancer, mother, and humanitarian—Maya Angelou's life was marked by transformation and perseverance. This comprehensive and beautifully illustrated picture-book biography geared towards older readers traces Maya's life from her early days, through her work as a freedom fighter, and to her triumphant rise as a poet of the people.
- **Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools** by Monique W. Morris (Social Action). Despite increased attention to the mass and over-incarceration of Black men, the plight of criminalized Black women and girls is overlooked, underreported and under-analyzed. Even with obstacles, stigmas, stereotypes and despair, Black girls still find ways to breathe remarkable dignity into their lives in classrooms, juvenile facilities and beyond, and challenge the rest of us to do the same.
- **Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission** by Ellen Blue (Nurturing for Community). Explore and celebrate the history of United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations. Despite serious resistance from churchmen, our foremothers formed foreign missionary societies and home missionary societies and helped establish the deaconess program. As United Methodist Women celebrates its 150th anniversary, members can step out with creative ministries because the women who came before them laid a strong foundation.
- **Finding Peace in an Anxious World** edited by Erin James-Brown (Spiritual Growth). This mission study uses the book of Proverbs and "The Serenity Prayer" as a guide to help Christians find their way through anxiety, worry, and fear and move towards God's peace, which surpasses all understanding.
- **Listen to three Faith Talks podcasts.** The trio will count as two books (Spiritual Growth). Faith Talks are monthly conversations with United Methodist Women. Each conversation explores themes and resources that empower us to put faith, hope and love into action.

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/faithtalks>

Happy Reading,

..... Aubrey



## Spiritual Growth Coordinator Elizabeth Finley

High Five to everyone who got to attend the Day Apart Event back in April. What a Fun Time. The theme "District Bright Lights" was so enlightening. Bridgett Stephens with Helping Hands brought awareness to a great need in our area for mission work supporting their Children's Home. Visit their location in Central or go on line to learn more. Any assistance is so greatly appreciated.



Rebeca Hazelwood of St Mark and Sharon Chandler of Mt Zion Central reminded us of DOING and BEING bright lights in the community. Especially during the time of pandemic when you had to rethink the way of doing things in the community. THANK YOU for the fantastic ideas; they came as wonderful inspiration.

This issue contains all the forms to report the good mission work your units have been doing. These reports are due by September 1st to prepare for the 49th Annual Meeting: September 25.

Page 3 Annual Reporting Guide: Be sure to submit the Deceased Members List to Elizabeth Finley, Spiritual Growth for the Candle Light Memorial. Also Send in the list of Reading Achievements to Aubrey Coffee

Page 5 is the Mission Today form for Donna Hopkins E&I.

Page 7 Charter for Racial Justice: Carol Weatherford Social Action.

Page 9 Please pray about your Pledge to Mission: This pledge will be offered during the Anderson District UMW 49th Annual Meeting September 25th. More information in the September Network News from Treasurer Mary Beth Ellison.

If you have any questions, please contact any one of the Leadership Team, all names and contact information are on Page 1. Call/text Eileen: Communications Coordinator: 864-506-2981

Keep up your good work in this; God's Mission Field. UMW ladies are the hands and feet for Jesus as he guides us here on earth to make disciples of all who we come in contact with for the transformation of the world. Doing our little part has a ripple effect and does not go unnoticed.

**I wonder how many will join  
me in saying...  
Despite all my problems,  
my aches and pains, and  
things happening outside  
my control,  
God has been  
SO GOOD to me.  
Amen**



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July 3rd Limitless Party  
 Virtual Free 10:00 am  
 Event News will be in the June Advocate  
 along with an advertisement

The June Mission Echo will also contain this news.

Debra Schooler, Columbia District resident is responsible for the event as she is Limitless Mentor.

**Encourage and support our young ladies! Watch for the coming information and please attend the PARTY!!!!**



**LIMITLESS**

Register at  
<https://tinyurl.com/yfxmhfkp>



## NOTES FROM THE SCUMW SPIRITUAL EVENT—APRIL 24, 2021

Since we could not meet at Lake Junaluska this year, we had an online Spiritual Event. Our main speaker was the Rev. Wendy Hudson Jacoby, pastor of Two Rivers UMC in Charleston. She spoke about three women from Exodus.

The first two were named Shiphrah and Puah who were midwives in Egypt who saved the lives of many Hebrew babies. They told Pharaoh that before they could kill the Hebrew babies as he had ordered, the mothers gave birth before they could assist. Appealing to his prejudice, they said the Hebrew women were not like the Egyptian women and had their babies very fast. But these two midwives feared God and would not kill these babies. We are also called to fear God and save the people in our lives.

The third woman she told us about was Moses' wife, Zipporah, the oldest daughter of Jethro, a priest of Midian. In Exodus 4:21-24, Rev. Wendy told us, read and be puzzled. God said he would harden Pharaoh's heart so that he would not let the Hebrews go. Then on the first night on the way back to Egypt to talk to Pharaoh, the Lord met Moses and tried to kill him. But Zipporah cut off their baby son's foreskin with a flint and said "You are a bridegroom of blood to me" and touched Moses' feet with the dripping foreskin, and the Lord left Moses alone. Zipporah saved Moses' life with her obedience. Wendy said that this is about the covenant and the importance of ritual to their faith. Women know the power of rituals, she said—to maintain connections with God and each other.

We participated in sharing our rituals to keep us connected to God and each other. We also wrote the first word or phrase that comes to mind about God and then we drew designs or pictures to color around it. I wrote JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL.

Artist rendition of Shiphrah and Puah



Artist rendition Zipporah







## SCCUMW

### Virtual Mission u

**July 24, 31, and August 7, 2021**

**10 a.m. – 12 noon**

**Youth Event: July 24, 31, 2021**

We have known and felt what it is like when “things are falling apart on us.” We have experienced a great unraveling that has shifted, quite literally, everything.

Could there be, as [2 Corinthian 4:16-18] put it, “far more here than meets the eye”?

**Mission u**, like many activities in our lives, has moved to online events. While virtual, we are still creating spaces for spiritual community, lifelong friendships and lessons that change us and our communities, and spiritual practices that arrive when we need them most. In a time when it looks like things are falling apart on us, God’s grace is still unfolding, and our lives are being made new.

#### Will you join us?

During our upcoming Mission u event, we will examine the culture of violence that impacts children in and out of school, and how we as God’s people can deepen our moral witness and respond faithfully.

Our virtual Mission u will offer three studies in 2021: Two for adult participants and one youth study.

- **Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom: Living into the Church’s Moral Witness Through Radical Discipleship** by Darryl W. Stephens
- **Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools** by Monique Morris
- **Becoming Peacemakers in a Culture of Violence: A Curriculum for Youth Leaders** by Jay Godfrey



**Purchase books:** *Bearing Witness in Kin-dom: Living into the Church’s Moral Witness Through Radical Discipleship* and *Becoming Peacemakers in a Culture of Violence* – [www.umwmissionresources.org](http://www.umwmissionresources.org). *Pushout: Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools* – any local bookstore.

Since there is not a registration fee, we encourage you to make a donation to our four Mission Projects. Please send all donations to the conference treasurer, Ruby Hannah, 3015 Audubon Dr., Hanahan, SC 29410.

Online registration: <https://bit.ly/3f8jIq1>

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## 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
3rd 10am 9th 7pm 18th 2pm 27th 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 <sup>st</sup> 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		The Tracy Jackson Program of G.I.F.T.	Anderson District UMW
June 2021		Network News published	
June 2021		2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Report Deadline	
June 6-7		SCCUMC Annual Conference	Florence Center—Florence virtual
July 3, 2021		Limitless Party	virtual
July 24 & 31	10am—12	Mission u 2021	Held On-line
August 7	10am—12	Mission u 2021	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 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report Deadline	
September 25	10:00 AM	Anderson District UMW 49 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting	Host: Thompson Centennial via ZOOM
October 2021		Bethlehem Center - Spartanburg Special Emphasis Month	SCC + National UMW
October 2021		Women's Kairos Month	
Oct. 23, 2021	9:00 am	SCCUMW 49 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Virtual	Host Church via Zoom 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		4 <sup>th</sup> 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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