

The Mission Echo

Season's Greetings

Welcome to the South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women's December edition of the The Mission Echo! Before we ZOOM into the New Year, we must reflect on 2020 and see how God has been with us throughout this trying time. Over Thanksgiving, I reflected on all that I was thankful for. My family, my health, my friends all were on my list but I also reflected on how thankful I am for the SC United Methodist Women. You see over the past few months, we have worked together to plan, pray over and execute several gatherings through ZOOM. I was amazed to see how many attended the various trainings, learned some new technology and welcomed over 400 attendees to our Virtual Mission u, Annual Meeting and District Training. That is FANTASTIC! Thank you for your willingness to step outside of the box and giving our Virtual Meetings a try. Thank you for attending our training sessions and volunteering to help out on the technology committee. It was wonderful seeing your smiling faces and being able to connect virtually.

You all are encouraged to submit articles, pictures and announcements for upcoming events to lovequick27@gmail.com. I look forward to serving as your Communications Chair for 2021.

I wish you all a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Kimberly Love Quick, Communications Chair

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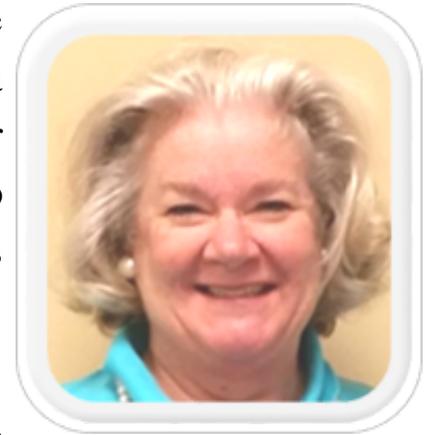
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A Note from our President

Is it really December? Let us prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of our Savior. This familiar holiday might look a little different on the outside, but the message, the reason for the season remains the same. The Light of the World came to us as a tiny baby born in a stable in Bethlehem. Our lives have been changed ever after. Thanks be to God!



*President
Cathy Ford*

Let me begin with sharing the news that Samoria Session, Hartsville District, is our Program Advisory Group representative. We are excited to have Samoria serve on this level where she will learn, lead and make decisions about our

organization and its operations on a national level. Samoria will serve four years. She is now a member of our SCCUMW Executive Committee. Welcome! Thanks and appreciation goes to Anne Marie Wallace and Brittany Isaac for being our additional nominees to this group.

Joyfully our 48th Annual Meeting October 24th is now in the history books. Our first ever virtual Annual Meeting drew 254 registrants. Every district participated and contributed to our totals of 24 first time attendees and 5 under forty. We thank you Bishop Holston for your greeting and message of encouragement, to get to the task together with resolve and strength. The United Methodist Women of Greenwood District and Main Street United Methodist Church were our hosts. They provided beautiful music performances, an inspiring Bible Study and a powerful keynote speech sharing the many talents and gifts found within their district. Special mention goes to two of our 2020 Presidential Scholarship recipients Joyden Glover and Alyssa Gottheiner for sharing a word of thanks. It was a joy to have past conference presidents Mary Johnson and Harriet Mays lead our Officer Retirement and Officer Installation respectively. Much hard work and preparation by the Program Committee, chair Janice Eaddy resulted in a wonderful time of coming together and sharing a most unique year. Thank you Janice for our keepsake Program Book dedicated to Rev Dr. Robin Dease, our caring and supportive Cabinet Representative. Good luck to our newly elected officers and every member as we all strive to live our event theme of “Let Your Light Shine In A New Decade”.

District Officer's Training was held November 14th as a virtual session. Thank you to our hosts Chapin UMW and Cornelia Smith, unit President, Columbia District UMW, Sandra Love President and SCCUMW Program Committee, chair Janice Eaddy for organizing this annual event. Training with our district counterparts is most important. Information sharing and knowledge gained through questions and exchange is vital to fulfilling our purpose as a community of women who lead with knowledge and compassion. I noted 123 virtual attendees coming from all 12 districts, a wonderful gathering!

Every year we strive to fulfill our common purpose. Every year I have suggested a portion of that purpose to receive special attention. In 2021 let us focus on the section which states "to develop a creative, supportive fellowship". Together we can grow closer, reassure and support one another. Let us share our friendship widely and in new ways. As we experience isolation and pause our traditional gatherings, we can create new means of staying connected as sisters.

God provides many blessings in unexpected ways. Serving as your president has truly been a blessing for me. My first term as your president was a learning and growing opportunity. Thank you for my election to office for another two year term. I am humbled by your confidence and support. I ask for your continuing prayers for all the officers serving.

I pray you will participate in all our 2021 virtual events. Schedule your time to be with us. Invite others to join us.

My prayers are for you to know you are appreciated, loved, admired and valued. Each of you is an integral part of the total membership of South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women. Every unique gift and talent you bring is vital to the health and total of our organization. I pray you remain well, and safe and strong. I pray you remain dedicated, bold, fierce and committed to building and protecting God's Kingdom on earth. I pray you know you are loved!

May the birth of a tiny baby in a stable in Bethlehem warm your heart and brighten your true light. Thanks be to God.

In peace and with prayer, Cathy Ford SCCUMW President 2019-2022

Greetings my UMW Sisters and Brothers In Christ!

We are ending a fantastic year of many exciting events and programs. Our 48th South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women Annual Meeting was held October 24th via two Zoom sessions. Rev. Thessa Smith, New Trinity UMC Pastor, provided a spirit filled message focused on our theme of “Let Your Light Shine!” A passionate Bible Study was led by Rev. Susan Maddox, pastor of St. Paul UMC. This year’s program book was dedicated in honor of Rev. Dr. Robin Dease, Hartsville District Superintendent, for her dedicated service to United Methodist Women and its mission. Planning for this virtual event brought much uncertainty since no one knew what to expect. Fortunately, it went well and there were more than 250 people registered for the event.



*SCCUMW Vice President
Janice Cockfield Eaddy*

Thanks to each of you for your continued commitment to the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women and your willingness to try something different. The Greenwood District Mission Team led by Joyce Crouch, District President, and Main Street United Methodist Women led by Mary Lynn Polk, Unit President, gave much time behind the scene to make the event a success. I am very thankful for their work. Rev. Stephen James McCoy-Bruce, Main Street UMC Pastor, and Rev. Gray Stallworth, Main Street UMC Pastor of Discipleship, spent an undocumented number of hours recording speakers and music for our event. Please join me in thanking these individuals for giving of themselves to ensure our event was memorable. Viewing the recordings made me imagine just how wonderful the program would have been in a face to face setting!

District Officers Training was held Saturday, November 14th, as a virtual event with Chapin United Church as our virtual host. There were more than 120 local unit members present for the Zoom event. Greetings from Cornelia Smith, Chapin UMW President, and Rev. Jody Flowers, Chapin UMC Pastor, set the tone of a warm virtual welcome. Many thanks to the Chapin United Methodist Women and their church family for hosting this virtual event. Training via Zoom was in keeping with our theme of “Commitment During This Time of Change!” Due to time restraints, our schedule didn’t allow for a guest speaker. The breakout rooms worked well, and participants seem to enjoy their sessions. If you have not already mailed your evaluations, please do so today. Send them to Janice Eaddy 101 Winners Circle, Lake City, SC 29560.

Excitement fills my heart as I look towards new adventures in 2021 for the South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women. Our plans are to host all events virtually, and we ask for your continued prayers. Please stay safe by following the advice of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention concerning COVID-19 of washing your hands, wearing a mask, and socially distancing. Blessings to each of you for a joyful holiday season as you celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Janice Cockfield Eaddy, SCCUMW Vice President

A Note from our Education & Interpretation Coordinator

Greetings United Methodist Women!

This has been a year that I have learned that a lot of things don't always turn out the way you planned nor the way we think it should be. Roman 12:2 tells us, 'Don't be confined to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, and what is acceptable, and perfect'. The Covid-19 virus came and caused us to renew our minds as to what is the will of God for us to do in this season, we rescheduled our plans and went to be in mission virtually.



*E&I Coordinator
Eunice Y. White*

In the same way letting our light shine before others so that they may see your good work and give glory to our God in heaven for women, children and youth, remember our purpose and what we as United Methodist Women should be doing; praying and doing the work that is still needs to be done. Zoom has become an essential part of all of our activities knitted together for God's good work exploring how we as children of God are joined and linked together into Mission of Christ. Even at times when social distancing and other obstacles may keep us physically apart, we knit together in the community to transform the world.

During this pandemic we have had 107 units that were awarded Mission Today Units. I thank each district for all the hard work that was done in mission. I am looking forward to seeing all the districts E & I Coordinators at Officers training so that we can begin our plans for the year 2021. I am looking forward to set our goals for the year even though will not be able to do this in person. Even though we will be using Zoom for all of our meetings, we will still be able to do our mission work together. Let's continue to remember our 4 Mission Projects and praying for our Directors of these projects. Bethlehem Center Columbia, Bethlehem Center Spartanburg, Killingsworth, and Wallace Family Life Center still need our help financially or through donations of after school snacks, gift cards, household products or stamps. Just a reminder that we need to give Wallace Family Life Center 5.00 per member during their Emphasis month.

My prayer for you all is to be safe, wear your mask, continue to keep social distancing and make sure you keep washing your hands. As the year comes to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Looking forward to working with all of you in the coming year.

Peace and Blessings,

Eunice White

Education and Interpretation Conference Coordinator

A Note from our Conference Treasurer

Happy December SCCUMW,

I pray everyone and your families are well and safe. The year is almost over and what a year!!! Our giving has not been what it was in the previous year, but still good. I would like for everyone to pay your pledges and your donations to Wallace Family Life, if possible, before 11/30/20. The District Treasurers' final remittance for 2020 is due to me no later than 12/15/20. Also everyone is reminded that it is time to search for our Presidential Scholarship applicants for 2021. If you know any High School Graduates who may want to apply, please get an application to them. The due date is no later than 3/1/21.



*Ruby Hannah
Conference Treasurer*

Merry Christmas!!

Be A Blessing!

Ruby Hannah

Special Emphasis Months

FEBRUARY - WALLACE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

APRIL - COLUMBIA BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CENTER

SEPTEMBER - KILLINGSWORTH

NOVEMBER - BETHLEHEM CENTER SPARTANBURG

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Save the Date

Please mark your calendars for our exciting Virtual Spiritual Growth Event. Our Event will be held on April 24th at 10:00 AM. Look for more information soon!!

PRAYER PALS

Growing spiritually is a better way that we can understand our part in God's mission and ministry in our world. Connecting with our other United Methodist Sisters in our conference through prayer and blessings can help us become stronger in our Christian journey. If you are interested in participating in this connection please contact me or your district Spiritual Growth Coordinator. You will be given your prayer pals information and they will be given yours,

Please send this information to Vickie Harvey | email: vtharvey62@gmail.com or mail it to 440 Goldmine Road Spartanburg SC 29307

Please fill out the following information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Birthday: _____

Phone: _____

Other information you wish your prayer partner may need to know:

Thanks for allowing me to work with you as Spiritual Growth Coordinator,

Vickie Harvey

News from Killingsworth

Hello from Killingsworth!

Thank you all for generously supporting our first ever “Stay at Home Gala – Home for the Holidays”. The first count on proceeds is \$8,200.00! We appreciate your support for this production. It was great to see the faces of many of you online – thank you for attending,

We also thank Flo Johnson for organizing the event, Matt Brodie for handling the technical piece, all of our models, our board and the others who worked to make this good, safe way to continue our tradition possible. And – if you have not yet contributed, it is not too late. Contributions can be made through the website Killingsworth.org or mailed to the house at 1831 Pendleton Street, Columbia, 29201.

As we count our blessings this Thanksgiving, we are grateful that the house continues to be Covid free! We applaud our staff and residents for being diligent in their effort to stay safe. We especially appreciate all the contributions of cleaning supplies that helped make this possible. Our staff faces limits on the amounts of these items that they can purchase at one time just as the rest of us are limited. It takes more supplies for a household of this size than it does for our homes.

Christmas at the house will be different this year. The board feels that it is not safe to welcome guests for our normal open house but some events for the residents and the staff will take place. If you or your unit would like to help in any way, please contact a staff member at 803-771-6359 to offer your assistance. As always, the house can use your contributions of paper goods, cleaning supplies, laundry detergents, postage stamps, hand sanitizer and more. You can find an up to date list of the most needed items under “How to Help” on our website.

And – financial contributions are always needed! As your unit and you as individuals consider end-of-the-year donations, please keep us in mind.

From our residents, staff and board, we wish you a Merry Christmas!

Jane Scott,
SCCUMW Killingsworth Representative

Legislative Advocacy Days 2021

“Jesus, Justice and Action”



“This is what the LORD Almighty said: Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another” Psalm 106:3

Our FREE Virtual Legislative Advocacy Days will be held on various days in February, 2021 and available via Zoom!

Our 90-Minute Workshops will feature knowledgeable Speakers on a variety of topics that address our South Carolina United Methodist Women’s focus for this very important year. The Covid Period has changed the ways that we live, worship, and connect with others. Unfortunately, the Pandemic has also multiplied the many challenges faced by our most vulnerable brethren. The Workshops have been planned to provide for an introduction, a 60-Minute Presentation by an expert, followed by a Q&A session to address participant questions. The UMW Tech Team also plans to record the four Workshops for future use and will manage the computer aspects of this delivery.

The Workshops are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, Feb 3 rd from 10am – 11:30am	Juvenile Justice Reform
Tuesday, Feb 9 th from 7pm – 8:30pm	Elder Abuse or Opioid Epidemic
Thursday, Feb 18 th from 2pm – 3:30pm	Opioid Epidemic or Elder Abuse
Saturday, Feb 27 th from 10am- 11:30am	Christians and Justice

Our SCCUMW District Social Action Coordinators have chosen Mass Incarceration/Criminal Justice Reform, Quality Education, Environmental Justice, and Expanded Physical and Mental Health Services Access as our primary legislative issues for 2021. United Methodist Women are 8,000+ strong in South Carolina. We can make a legislative difference for our most vulnerable citizens. We all have personal perspectives and experiences that guide us as we approach social issues in a range of legitimate ways. But, as God’s children who are charged to love one another, we are singular in seeking JUSTICE. To do so, we must educate ourselves, critically listen and learn, then take appropriate action. As Christians, We believe that ‘Faith Without Works is Dead (James 2:14-17)’, and We are Alive in Christ!

To register online, please go to the UMW Website below.

<https://www.umcsc.org/discipleship/united-methodist-women/>

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Alternative Paper Registration should be mailed to Registrar Rebecca Eleazer,
5116 Burke Avenue, Columbia, SC 29203 Phone: (803)754-0942

Name: _____ Email: _____
District: _____ Church: _____
Phone: _____ Address: _____

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.



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**Merry
Christmas!**

*from the
South Carolina Conference
United Methodist Women*