

# The Informer

June 2021



## 2021 DATES TO REMEMBER

### DISTRICT EVENTS

August 15 *ALL REPORTS ARE DUE*

Aug. 23 *Informer Articles due to Communications*

Sept. 25 *RH District Annual Meeting*

### CONFERENCE EVENTS

Jun 5-7 *SC UMC Annual Conference – Virtual*

Jul 24, 31, Aug 7 *Mission u - virtual*  
*Spartanburg Methodist College*

**September Special Emphasis: Killingsworth**



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*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. - Matthew 5:16 (KJV)*

# Greetings from your President

We put our hope in the Lord. He is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. Let your unfailing love surround us Lord, for our hope is in you alone. Psalm 33:20-22

We are at the end of spring and looking forward to the summer months with all the warm weather, fun times, and even the storms. However, the UMW stands firm on the foundation from where we started 150 years ago. We are mission oriented and helpful to those in need. We fulfill our purpose and look forward to working together in the months ahead as we start meeting and giving of our talents and all that God leads us to give freely.

I want to recognize and welcome the new Local Presidents within our district.

Linda Klein at Belair  
Alnita Lindsay at Green Pond  
Karen Hughes at New Hope

If you are in your first year as President and I have not listed you, please forgive me. I would love to hear from you and have you share everything regarding your local units. Blessings to all our UMW within the local units for it is only through your help that we are serving to reach our Mission Goals. We have done incredible things during this pandemic. Covid19 has not kept us from doing Gods work in our churches, neighborhoods, communities, conference, and abroad. Thank you to all those who contribute to UMW and our Missions. We could not do it without all of you.

If you would like to have a conference officer to come and speak to your units, or you are interested in the many recorded programs that have been offered through Zoom these past years contact any Executive Board member and we will get the link to share these programs with your units. They have been some of the best during these challenging times. So glad they are available for all to share and enjoy. Remember some of these will help in meeting your Diamond Unit criteria for this year's reporting.

May this year help us to grow in our faith from learning about ourselves and others to blossoming into a caring and nurturing UMW to work together and grow in directions that God would have us grow. May God be the center of our faith and open doors that no others can. Building on his teachings and word makes us all better humans for fighting the injustices of our world. Great things are possible through God who strengthens us. Go now and be a blessing to everyone you meet. Share the love of Jesus who is the Light and Truth. Jesus is beside us every step of the way. All we need do is ask for his guidance and direction. Who of you are with me?

Amen

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## Message from your Vice President

The spring has been glorious...warm temperatures, gentle breezes, green leaves, vibrant blooms. Spring's annual rebirthing reminds me that God loves us deeply and lets us glimpse His glory in the change of the seasons. Nature inspires me to sing praises to God.

*By day the Lord commands his faithful love;  
by night his song is with me—  
a prayer to the God of my life.  
- Psalm 42:8 (CEB)*

Many of us are tired of the pandemic and miss meeting with our UMW sisters. The end of the pandemic is within sight as more and more people get vaccinated. Several units are planning to meet in person soon. As we slowly return to normal please keep in mind that all UMW reports (except treasury) are due to District UMW Officers by August 15. You still have time to complete the requirements for our various awards.

Report due: President's Report due Aug 15 to Crystal Barrs  
Diamond Unit due Aug 15 to Linda James  
Mission Today due Aug 15 to Barbara McDonald  
Reading Program due Aug 15 to Lynne Chandler  
In Memory Names due Aug 15 (additions by 31<sup>st</sup>) to Jackie Hicks  
Treasury Monies due Aug 31 to Elaine Cryderman

If you need a form, please contact me and I will email them, mail them, or deliver them to you. If you have questions or need help, please contact the appropriate officer or me.

I hope to see many of you on Zoom for Mission u. Information and registration link are in this issue of the *Informer*.

Our Annual Meeting will be September 25. More information will be in the September *Informer*.

I hope everyone takes time to get out and enjoy nature before the summer heat drives us in to our air conditioned homes.

Blessings,  
Lynne

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*Where to find  
Information  
About UMW ...*

We have our own Facebook group: **Rock Hill District UMW**. Search for it, join the group and follow us or check on it often. In the “files” you can find issues of our newsletter, *Informer*, and our conference UMW newsletter, *Mission Echo*.

Our conference website is

[www.umcsc.org/discipleship/united-methodist-women](http://www.umcsc.org/discipleship/united-methodist-women).

It has registration forms for conference events, newsletters from across the conference, and other information concerning UMW.

The *UMW Survey (Census)* is taken annually to gather data on each conference and district. The collection period is January 1 until March 31 and shows data from the previous year. For the 2020 report, we had 35 units (churches) from the Rock Hill District to register their census information.

Thank you to the following churches:

Adnah	Green Pond	Philadelphia, York
Aldersgate	Hopewell, Lancaster	Pleasant Grove
Antioch	Hopewell, York	St. James
Bethel, Chester	India Hook	St. John's, Fort Mill
Catawba	Kings Mountain	St. Luke
Cornerstone	Mt. Harmony	Tabernacle
El Bethel	Mt. Holly	Trinity, Lancaster
Fort Lawn	Mt. Olive	Trinity, York
First, Clover	Mt. Vernon	Wesley
First, Lancaster	New Hope	Woodland
Good Samaritan	Osceola	Zion
Good Shepherd	Philadelphia, Fort Mill	

Special thanks to unit presidents, members, pastors, and others who reported and helped gather data. Thank you to Crystal Barrs, Lynne Chandler, and Bette Jean Janicke for contacting units and inputting data.





## *A note from our Treasurer*

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter donations are down about \$7,000 as I write this, but we do have another week in May to receive donations, so it may pick up. So far this quarter \$1,873 was given to Pledge to Mission; \$105 to Mission: \$55 to Memory; \$386 to Prayer and Self Denial; \$350 to Wallace Family Life; \$595 to Bethlehem, Columbia; \$215 to Bethlehem, Spartanburg; and \$115 to Killingsworth. Your Executive Board approved a District Budget of \$2,700.00 to be presented at our Annual Meeting. Rock Hill District has completed and passed our annual Audit and it has been sent to the Conference.

Just for our records, our district made our pledge to Mission in 2020 of \$25,223.65. That was awesome. We will keep our pledge to Mission at \$25,000.00 for 2022.

SMR ORDERS: There has been a change in that now, only the special recognition pins may be ordered from National. The processing company will no longer print the certificates that go with the pins. This means that we must find a way to print them ourselves. Some of you may be able to do this, and others will not. So when you send in a pin order to me from now on, please let me know if you need me to print off the certificate and mail it to you. Here is the PDF form.



Keep up the good work and encourage your units to keep sending money to Mission as they can.

Starting June 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter. It will end on Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>, so if you want the awards, you will need to have your monies to me prior to the end of August.

Elaine Cryderman  
District Treasurer  
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# Social Action

*Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you. Psalm 89:14*

All throughout the Bible we see stories of God's righteousness and justice for his people; examples of how Jesus brought honor to women and children. The beauty of the way the UMW is set up, we too, can bring justice and honor to people today. We do this by participating in the Reading Program, attending UMW events and striving to be a Diamond unit. These are just some of the ways we can learn the needs of our fellow women and can administer to these needs.

Be sure to have your Diamond Unit forms completed and mail or email to me by August 15, 2021.

*Linda James*

**District Social Action Chairperson**

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## The Advocate Newspaper

Utilizing the SC Conference newspaper is a wonderful way to highlight your local church/UMW unit and how its activities support missions, community services, racial justice, lending a helping hand, etc.

Articles for the Advocate are due by the 10th of the month for inclusion in the edition for the following month.

Your news may inspire others to get involved.

# Program Resources



*“Tune your ears to the world of wisdom; set your heart on a life of understanding.” -- Proverbs 2:3 (MSG)*

Although participating in the UMW Reading Program won't automatically make you wise it can help deepen your spirituality and broaden your understanding of our UMW mission work.

Books for the current year and the past 5 years can be read for credit (currently 2016-2021). Find the lists online at [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram/plans](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram/plans)

In addition, you should be reading response magazine regularly (online or in print).

Listed books for children and youth count and make excellent programs for meetings. Mission u study books and a few other books are bonus books and count as 2 books.

Plan 1 • 5 books • 1 from each category\*

Plan II • 10 books • 2 from each category\*

Plan III • 15 books • 2 from each category plus 5 more from any category\*

Plan IV • 20 books • 2 from each category plus 10 more from any category\*

**\*Categories:** Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth

Send me your reading report by **August 15**. You can use the official form (ask for it) or just send your name, church, plan number, and titles of books read. Reports can be submitted by individual readers or by your unit leader. Certificates for completing a plan are presented at our Annual Meeting.

We have several exchange books that you may borrow. A few children's books are on video on our Facebook Group. If you have a book which you borrowed, please contact me so we can make it available for others.

Please contact me if you have questions or need a book to read.

Lynne Chandler

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The Nomination Committee still have the following positions to fill for 2022:

- Secretary – Record minutes and keep permanent records of all meetings.
- Communication – Prepares the quarterly newsletter for emailing.
- Historian – Gather anything that might be important to remember in the future.
- Membership – Keeps member list, completing the census
- Cluster Leaders – Keep in touch with churches in their cluster and email the newsletter to them. Positions are open for Chester and Rock Hill.
- Nominations – Work in identifying potential leaders from your cluster to serve in the district. Positions are open for Chester, Ft. Mill, Rock Hill and York/Clover

If you are interested in serving in one of these positions or need more information, contact Frances Bratton by email at [franpenbrat1982@gmail.com](mailto:franpenbrat1982@gmail.com) or fill out the form “Information on Prospective Leadership” (attached) and mail to Mrs. Bratton at PO Box 74, Clover, SC 29710.



# INFORMATION ON PROSPECTIVE LEADERSHIP

(To be completed by prospective leader)

Type or Print (attach additional sheets as necessary) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Languages Spoken \_\_\_\_\_ Racial/Ethnic Group \_\_\_\_\_

Employed: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Full-time \_\_\_\_\_ Part-time \_\_\_\_\_

Professional skills, job experience \_\_\_\_\_

## Office(s) held in United Methodist Women

Office(s)

Dates of Service

Local \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

Conference \_\_\_\_\_

Jurisdiction \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Experience on the local, district, conference or general church level (other than United Methodist Women) or in the community \_\_\_\_\_

Special Talents or Skills:

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**Areas of Special Interest or Concern:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Secretarial             | <input type="checkbox"/> recruiting members      | <input type="checkbox"/> publicity      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication           | <input type="checkbox"/> social issues           | <input type="checkbox"/> workshops      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer                | <input type="checkbox"/> creativity              | <input type="checkbox"/> newsletters    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting/bookkeeping  | <input type="checkbox"/> recording minutes       | <input type="checkbox"/> retreats       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organization of details | <input type="checkbox"/> public policy           | <input type="checkbox"/> music          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nominations             | <input type="checkbox"/> public relations        | <input type="checkbox"/> youth          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program planning        | <input type="checkbox"/> community building      | <input type="checkbox"/> children       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administration          | <input type="checkbox"/> inclusiveness/pluralism | <input type="checkbox"/> other(specify) |

**Which office(s) on Conference/District United Methodist Women's Team would you most like to hold given the opportunity to serve?**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> President                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Nurture & Outreach |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vice President             | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Action                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Growth              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Program Resources             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chair of Nominations       | <input type="checkbox"/> Communications                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Interpretation |  |

**Why are you interested in this position and what qualifications do you feel you have for your office(s) of choice?**

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**Would you be able to use your gifts and talents to uphold and strengthen United Methodist Women through the PURPOSE of the organization?**

**Is it possible for you to be away from your home or employment for:**

**Full day** \_\_\_\_\_ **Weekend** \_\_\_\_\_ **Extended Time** \_\_\_\_\_  
Yes or No Yes or No Yes or No

\_\_\_\_\_ **I am sorry but I am unable to accept an office this year. Please keep my name on file and contact me in** \_\_\_\_\_  
Year

**Please give any other information you feel is pertinent:**

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**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>

For more information contact: Betty Swinton, Dean. 843-845-1971: [swint723@aol.com](mailto:swint723@aol.com)



# Mission Opportunities

The Rock Hill District UMW collects **cancelled US Postal Stamps** and sells them to stamp collectors. The money raised helps send much needed supplies to missionaries here and around the world. *Please leave about 1/4 inch border when cutting from envelopes.* These stamps can be mailed directly to the SC Conference person in charge OR given to any of the Rock Hill District Executive Board members. If mailing, please send to:

Eunice Y. White  
400 Heath Lane #2  
Spartanburg SC 29301  
email: [whiteeuce153@gmail.com](mailto:whiteeuce153@gmail.com)  
home: 864 216-9933

The Rock Hill District UMW also collects **aluminum can tabs** that are sent to the Ronald McDonald house in Greenville to help provide a place where parents can stay close to their children while they are receiving medical care in hospitals. Again, these can tabs can be mailed directly to the SC Conference person in charge OR given to any of the Rock Hill District Executive Board Members. If mailing, please sent to:

Sue Owens  
1286 Montview St  
Spartanburg SC 29301  
email: [buttermilk116@att.net](mailto:buttermilk116@att.net)  
home: 864 583-5460  
cell: 864 316-9960



News from our  
Rock Hill District  
Church Community

Now that our churches and society are beginning to open up somewhat perhaps your own church activities are too. Please send your information (for upcoming or past events) to me at any time during the next quarter (July, August, September). Next issue of the Informer will be published by the end of September. Pictures are always welcome.

Thank you and continue to stay safe during these troublesome times.

*Margaret Parker*

Communications

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# PLASTIC CAPS RECYCLED INTO PARK BENCHES

Thank you to the Rock Hill District United Methodist Women for taking part in this project to help Miracle Park in Rock Hill, South Carolina. The project was to collect recyclable plastic caps that will be melted and molded into benches to be used in the park.

For those of you not familiar with Miracle Park, it is a project designed for people of all ages and abilities to play and work! It is located in Rock Hill, SC on Cherry Road and will be the first of its kind in the United States. For more information, go to [miracleparkrockhill.com](http://miracleparkrockhill.com) .

A special thank you to Nancy Mathis at Good Samaritan UMC at Lake Wylie, Debbie Wood at First UMC in Lancaster, Marie Thompson at Philadelphia UMC in Fort Mill, and the Abigail Circle members at Woodland UMC in Rock Hill for bringing trash bags full of lids.

Once the lids are sorted and only the correct recyclable lids are bagged, these bags will be taken to Indiana where they will be processed into benches. Because of all of you who helped (and the people of the community) M Thank you to the Rock Hill District United Methodist Women for taking part in this project to help Miracle Park In Rock Hill, South Carolina. The project was to collect recyclable plastic caps that will be melted and molded into benches to be used in the park. For those of you not familiar with Miracle Park, it is a project designed for people of All ages and abilities to play and work! It is located in Rock Hill, SC on Cherry Road and will be the first of its kind in the United States. For more information, go to [miracleparkrockhill.com](http://miracleparkrockhill.com) A special thank you to Nancy Mathis at Good Samaritan UMC at Lake Wylie, Debbie Wood at First UMC in Lancaster, Marie Thompson at Philadelphia UMC in Fort Mill, and the Abigail Circle members at Woodland UMC in Rock Hill for bringing trash bags full of lids.

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If you would like to see more about this process, go to **Green Tree Plastics, ABC Promise Partnership - Life of a Cap.**



Caps turned in to be sorted: Thanks to all the people who collected caps.



Representing Woodland UMC – Abigail Circle: Mary Alice Ratterree, Linda James, Bette Jean Janicke, Kathy Covington (non-member helper), and Debbie Blackmon.





Ladies from India Hook UMC, Rock Hill



Ladies from Philadelphia UMC, Fort Mill



Each bag weighs 25-30 lbs. It takes 12-14 bags to make just one bench.

# Drive-thru the Miracle Park

**June 8, 5-7pm**

**1005 Eden Terrace Dr., Rock Hill**



## Rock Hill Miracle Park

Visit [www.miracleparkrockhill.com](http://www.miracleparkrockhill.com) to learn how to donate. The Grand Opening date will be announced at the Drive-thru! Come see us @miracleparkrh!