



# The Lantern

ORANGEBURG DISTRICT UMW NEWSLETTER

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## Orangeburg District United Methodist Women Day Apart Virtual Event Spring Into Mission

2021

Theme: "Unbound to Share Good News"

Date: Saturday, April 10, 2021

Time: 8:30 A.M.

Zoom Meeting

Hosted virtually by

Bethel Park United Methodist Women, Denmark, SC

There is no registration required to attend.

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://bit.ly/2ZYuw2O>

OR

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86526581540?pwd=S1FpT01yRFIxNFJOTldJMk5yNUFodz09>

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United  
Methodist  
Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.



HENRY McMASTER  
GOVERNOR

March 1, 2021

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to congratulate the United Methodist Women on its 152<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary.

As a global organization, United Methodist Women remain committed to service through the Christian values that guide their daily lives. Dedicated to supporting local as well as global efforts, the organization sets an example on the importance of reaching out to those in need and reminds of the rewards of living one's faith. Peggy and I thank you, the members, for your work that changes lives and improves communities near and far.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Henry McMaster".

Henry McMaster

HM/kt

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings UMW Sisters,

As I ponder what I should write in the March Lantern, many thoughts come to mind. There are many people during this National Pandemic, who are suffering or have problems or challenges. People are unemployed. Some people are faced with eviction. Some people are trying to figure out where their next meal is coming from. Others are trying to decide should I pay my electric bill or pay for my medicine. People are grieving the loss of loved ones, family members are ill, children do not listen, you are in chronic pain, and a friend has marital problems. Everyday there is one challenge after another. **“Look to the Lord and His strength; seek his face always.” 1 Chronicles 16:11 NIV.** Our God will get us through all circumstances. God is present and strong. He has taken care of us in the past. He is taking care of us in the present, and He will take care of us in the future.

Thank you all for allowing God to use your kindness, generosity, talents, and donations to put faith, hope and love into action for women, children, and youth around the world. You are the hands and feet of Jesus. Some people may only witness your strength and actions, as you serve. They will see Jesus because of your light, that shines so brightly. Let us tell them, that it is all from God and continue to show God's love.

God will get us through our personal trials and the trials of the pandemic. Continue to trust Him. Cry out, “Help me Jesus,” when things become too hard to bear on your own. God will take care of you. Remember to watch your distance, wash your hands, and wear your mask!

## **Important Dates to Remember:**

**March 1, 2021—UMW Scholarship Application Deadline**

**March 23, 2021—Legacy Fund Day of Giving – UMW 152nd Anniversary**

**March 30, 2021—Due date for UMW Survey/Census**

**April 4, 2021—Easter Sunday**

**April 10, 2021—Day Apart Event and Spring into Mission**

**Hosted virtually by Bethel Park UMW, Denmark, SC**

The theme is: **“Unbound to Share Good News.”** This event includes Spring into Mission. The Spring into Mission is an opportunity for all the local units of the Orangeburg District to learn about and give donations to all four missions. This year, all the local units have been asked to purchase gift cards for the four missions. Please place the name of the mission on each card. All cards should be mailed to: Mrs. Ginger Risher, 1091 Huntington Drive, Orangeburg, SC 29118.

Your Sister in Christ,

Sonya Benjamin

Orangeburg District UMW President



# FROM THE SECRETARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES

Hi United Methodist Women,

 **Spring Into Reading!**

God's creation continues to show life, after a long and hard winter. Flowers are blooming, grass is growing, birds are chirping, creatures and insects are crawling, and bears are coming out of hibernation. Now, it is time for us to "Spring into Reading." The Reading Plans are as follows: Plan 1- 5 books a year, Plan 2- 10 books a year, Plan 3- 15 books a year and Plan 4- 20 books a year must be read. You are to select books from five categories: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth. Books are available from amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com, cokesbury.com and your local library. All reading information is due to me by August 15, 2021. Please visit the following website for more information about the United Methodist Women Reading Program for 2021-2022: <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogramcatalog2021.pdf>

Your sister in Christ,  
Linda Huggins  
Secretary of Program Resources

**"It cannot be that the people should grow in grace unless they give themselves to reading. A reading people will always be a knowing people."  
-John Wesley.**



## COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

Greetings United Methodist Women,

We are still amid a National Pandemic of the coronavirus. Coronavirus does not discriminate. Please continue to practice social distancing, wash your hands often, use hand sanitizer, wear masks, and pray without ceasing. Thank God for life, substantial health, and strength. Without Him, we can do nothing. With Him, we can do all things through Christ.

The Lantern Newsletter is available by digital copy. You may submit a request to receive a digital copy by completing the online form on the following website:  
<https://forms.gle/yJQOX8ubm3NosVTP6>

Please visit the following site to view other digital copies of The Lantern:  
<https://www.umcsc.org/discipleship/united-methodist-women/>

Peace,  
Chan Spigner  
Communications Coordinator

**"If a woman sets her mind on something, she will get it done, no matter what."  
-Rev. Edmund Daniel**

## TREASURER'S REPORT



**“The righteous flourish like the palm tree,  
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.  
They are planted in the house of the LORD;  
they flourish in the courts of our God.  
In old age they still produce fruit;  
they are always green and full of sap,  
showing that the LORD is upright;  
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.”  
Psalm 92:12-15 NRSV**

Greetings UMW,

The deadline for 1st quarter 2021 remittances and audit/pledge forms is due March 5. Your remittance will be posted in the 2nd quarter, after that date. The sheet for 2020 audit and 2021 pledge is important – please send it as soon as you complete the audit information and 2021 pledge. Please call me if you need any assistance.

Blessings,

Ginger Risher,  
Orangeburg District Treasurer  
803 536-5186 or [grisher60@hotmail.com](mailto:grisher60@hotmail.com)

Local Unit 4th Quarter-2020	Pledge To Mission	SMR	Gift to Mission	Gift in Memory	WTO	Rainbow Woman	Call to Prayer	Legacy Fund Brighter Future	BC(C)	Wallace Fam Life	BC(Sp)	KW	World Comm Assembly Off	Magazine	Q4 Total	Year's Total
Barnwell															0.00	0.00
Bethel (Bamberg)															0.00	350.00
Bethel (Jackson)	75.00		5.00	5.00	25.00		50.00		60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00			400.00	800.00
Bethel @ Peachtree Rock															0.00	1,211.76
Bethel Park					100.00										100.00	1,510.00
Bethlehem															0.00	600.00
Beulah					250.00										250.00	790.00
Bethel (Rowesville/Bowman)															0.00	80.00
Branchville															0.00	0.00
Calvary (Swansea)	100.00				105.00										205.00	963.00
Canaan															0.00	2,000.00
Cedar Grove	50.00			5.00	30.00						25.00				110.00	485.00
Ebenezer (Bowman)	50.00			5.00	50.00						100.00				205.00	755.00
Ebenezer (North)															0.00	0.00
Edisto Fork															0.00	1,255.00
Ellore															0.00	0.00
Eutawville															0.00	220.00
Forest Chapel															0.00	0.00
Franklin															0.00	0.00
Gerizim															0.00	0.00
Holly Hill	400.00														400.00	1,390.00
Jericho															0.00	0.00
Lebanon															0.00	296.00
Livingston															0.00	0.00
Mays Chapel															0.00	0.00
Mt. Carmel															0.00	0.00
Mt. Nebo	200.00			5.00	25.00						25.00				255.00	754.00
Mt. Zion															0.00	998.00
New Beginning															0.00	0.00
New Covenant															0.00	750.00
New Light															0.00	1,143.00
North	200.00		10.00		50.00		50.00								310.00	1,184.00
North Orangeburg															0.00	1,570.00
Orange Grove															0.00	490.00
Pelion															0.00	0.00
Pine Hill	125.00			5.00	134.00						5.00				269.00	1,250.00
Pineville															0.00	500.00
Pleasant Hill															0.00	0.00
Prospect															0.00	0.00
Providence	376.75				250.00						100.00				726.75	2,489.00
Shady Grove															0.00	1,783.00
Silas															0.00	100.00
St. Andrews															0.00	999.25
St. John's (Aiken)															0.00	7,220.00
St. John's (Norway)															0.00	0.00
St. John (Orangeburg)															0.00	315.00
St. John (Edisto Chg)	25.00										10.00				35.00	315.00
St. Mark															0.00	2,050.00
St. Paul (New Ellenton)															0.00	823.90
St. Paul's(O'burg)	500.00	200.00		200.00	200.00			575.00	375.00	575.00	375.00				3,000.00	3,000.00
St. Stephen (Bowman)															0.00	800.00
St. Stephen (O'burg)															0.00	500.00
Swansea															0.00	0.00
Target															0.00	0.00
Trinity (Aiken)	125.00				337.00										462.00	1,879.00
Trinity (Bamberg)	72.00			5.00	50.00						75.00	75.00			277.00	644.00
Trinity (O'burg)	300.00				210.00						75.00				585.00	1,850.00
Union												100.00			100.00	605.00
Wagener	140.00				20.32										160.32	1,296.63
Wesley	30.00							12.50	12.50	12.50	12.50				80.00	160.00
Wesley Chapel															0.00	0.00
Wesley Grove	60.00				50.00										110.00	150.00
White House															0.00	0.00
Williston	75.00				25.00						50.00				150.00	600.00
District								500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00				2,000.00	2,000.00
Q4 Totals	2,903.75	200.00	15.00	230.00	1,911.32	0.00	100.00	0.00	1,147.50	947.50	1,612.50	1,122.50	0.00	0.00	10,190.07	
Year's Total	21,931.80	1,900.00	600.00	885.00	3,604.39	0.00	3,401.25	255.00	4,165.78	6,209.75	3,965.78	3,940.79	45.00	20.00	50,924.54	

## EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION



Greetings Ladies,

I hope that you have been working on your Mission Today Action Form. Please remember, you need to complete ten or more items in order to receive your certificate. Your continued support of collecting old postage stamps and pull tabs are needed. Please keep them until we meet again.

Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, March 23, 2021—Day of Giving-Let us honor our foremothers by giving to the Legacy Endowment Fund to ensure United Methodist Women can continue serving women, children, and youth around the world for the next 150 years.

Saturday, April 10, 2021—Day Apart and Spring into Mission-Held virtually

Please continue to wash your hands, sanitize your hands, and wear your mask.

Blessings,

Patricia Walker  
E&I Coordinator

## MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE & OUTREACH

Greetings Ladies,

This is a reminder to the Unit Presidents and the Unit Membership, Nurture and Outreach Chairpersons, that the Unit Survey is due by March 30, 2021. Please access the online form for the Census at [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census2020](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census2020)

Follow the instructions and you will find it is easy to complete. If you need any assistance, please call me at 803.422.9275 or email me at [coltersims9@gmail.com](mailto:coltersims9@gmail.com). Please be safe during this time in our lives.

Blessings,

Evelyn Colter-Sims

## MISSION TODAY ACTION FORM

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 and 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.

**Patricia G. Walker**  
**204 Wheat St.**  
**Livingston, South Carolina 29107**  
**803-247-2605**



## FROM THE SPIRITUAL GROWTH COORDINATOR

Greetings Sisters In Christ,

God has blessed us as United Methodist Women to witness another days' journey, especially throughout this pandemic experience. We are still here, as women of God, holding on to our Trust and Faith in God. With God's Grace and Mercy, we will continue to fulfill our responsibilities and duties as we provide opportunities and resources to grow spiritually.

As we approach this Lenten Season, I am reminded of Jesus dying on the cross and shedding His blood for us. I am also mindful of words like forgiveness and redemption. I would like to share this story with you that was passed on to me. It's entitled, "The Blood Washes?"

One night in a church service, a young woman felt the tug of the Holy Spirit in her heart. She responded to God's call and accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior. The young woman had a very rough past, involving alcohol, drugs, and prostitution. But, the change in her was evident. As time went on, she became a faithful member of the church. She eventually became involved in the ministry, teaching young children.

It was not very long until this faithful young woman had caught the eye and the heart of the pastor's son. The relationship grew and they began to make wedding plans. This is when the problems began. You see, about one half of the church did not think that a woman with a past, such as hers, was suitable for a pastor's son. The church began to argue and fight about the matter. So they decided to have a meeting.

As the people made their arguments and tensions increased, the meeting got completely out of hand. The young woman became very upset about all the things being brought up about her past. As she began to cry, the pastor's son stood to speak. He could not bear the pain, it was causing his wife-to-be. He began to speak and his statement was this: "My fiancé's past is not what is on trial here. What you are questioning is the ability of the blood of Jesus. So, does it wash away sin or not?"

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## FROM THE SPIRITUAL GROWTH COORDINATOR (continued)

The whole church became very quiet. Then people began to weep, as they realized that they had been slandering the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Too often, even as Christians, we bring up the past and use it as a weapon against our brothers and sisters. Forgiveness is a very foundational part of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. If the blood of Jesus does not cleanse the other person completely, then it cannot cleanse us completely. If that is the case, then we are all in a lot of trouble. What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus...end of case! We have God's blessings. Now, take those blessings and bless someone else! Go in Peace.

REMINDERS: All local UMW units are requested to donate Gift Cards to our Mission Projects of your choice. Please specify on your Gift Cards which Mission Project you will make your contribution to. Send your Gift Cards to our District Treasurer (Mrs. Ginger Risher, 1091 Huntington Drive, Orangeburg, S.C. 29118).

Please send your deceased members' report ( Since August 15, 2020 to August 15, 2021) to Susan K. Bowman, 228 Northlake Rd., Columbia, SC 29223.

Email [sekbowman@yahoo.com](mailto:sekbowman@yahoo.com) or call me at 864.430.5348, if you have any questions.

Yours in Service,  
Susan K. Bowman

## FROM THE CHAIRPERSON ON NOMINATIONS

Greetings United Methodist Women,

The nominations committee is responsible for finding leadership for positions on the district level. It is important that United Methodist Women members be familiar with some of the skills, interests and leadership potential of all positions along with the officers' roles and responsibilities. It is recommended that you complete the profile sheet for the positions you may be interested in.

The nominations committee is looking for individuals to fill the following district positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary of Program Resources, Education & Interpretation Chair, Chair of Nominations, and the Springfield nomination committee member person.

A profile sheet has been included in this Lantern Newsletter for your convenience. We are asking interested persons to complete the form and turn it in to one of the following nominations committee members:

Sylvia Robinson - 803-347-6626

Shirlain Darby - 803-347-6375

Linda Gulick - 803-642-8747

Carolyn Parler - 803-496-5577

Eva Manigault - 803-245-4319

Thank you very much for choosing to serve!

Note: Information on positions can be found in the Constitution and Bylaws section of the United Methodist Women Handbook.

Sylvia Robinson,

Chair of Nominations

Email: [sylviarobinson@live.com](mailto:sylviarobinson@live.com)

Cell Phone: 803-347-6626



**INFORMATION ON PROSPECTIVE LEADERSHIP**

(to be completed by a prospective leader)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone: Home/Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

Office(s) held in United Methodist Women or position(s) interested in:

**Office(s)**

**Dates of Service**

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

District \_\_\_\_\_

# FROM THE SOCIAL ACTION COORDINATOR

Social Action Coordinators News Release Corner

South Carolina United Methodist Women  
Legislative Advocacy Days- February 2021 via Zoom

The South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women Legislative Advocacy Day Zoom Virtual Program spanned four weeks in February. Although the Pandemic has curtailed our personal interaction, we still meet via zoom for a full array of topic Workshops to educate and encourage our United Methodist Ladies to action! We had an awesome time and we learned from the topics discussed by the workshop presenters. If you missed it, visit our SCCUMW Facebook page to view Legislative Advocacy Days workshop presentations.

The Global UMW will focus upon two Social Justice Priorities for the next Quadrennial – Mass Incarceration/ Criminalization of Communities of Color, with a particular focus on the Interrupting the School-to Prison Pipeline Campaign and Climate Justice, with a particular focus on the Just Energy for All Campaign. Both National campaigns addresses are on the [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org) website.

Our SCCUMW District Social Action Coordinators have also chosen to focus upon very important South Carolina issues including Mass Incarceration/Criminal Justice Reform, Quality Education for all our Children, Expanded and Improved Mental and Physical Health Services Access, and Environmental Justice for 2021. Districts and Units are certainly free to focus upon any issues that are of local concern and we encourage all UMW to share their activities and results. On a statewide level, the SC Social Action Committee will continue to track and highlight State legislative action concerning our primary focus areas and share resource information through periodic bulletins.

Register today for UMW's monthly Just Energy for All Strategy and Capacity Building sessions!

This session is organized by United Methodist Women and part of United Methodist Women's Just Energy for All monthly strategy and capacity building sessions that take place on the third Wednesday of every month at 3 pm ET. All are welcome to join. If you have not already registered for this and future calls, please register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYtcuutpzIjGtIsZee-DLtfPHwBwD1d0O0S5>.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Simpson,  
Social Action Coordinator







## Charter for Racial Justice Diamond Units

The Diamond Unit certificate is awarded at each District Annual Meeting to each unit that completes three or more activities from the list below that demonstrates the unit's commitment to the ideals in the Charter for Racial Justice. At least one of the diamond-marked activities must be included. You are to send a copy of this completed form to your District Social Action Coordinator by **August 15, 2021** in order to be recognized at the District Annual Meeting and receive the Diamond Unit certificate.

**Please mail the form to: District Social Action Coordinator-Barbara Simpson, 139 Simpson Road, Cope SC 29038  
PHONE: (803)707-1614**

Name of Church and address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person & Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>DATE COMPLETED</u>	<u>ACTION CHOICES</u>
1. _____	1. Watch a video related to the Charter for Racial Justice
2. _____	2.  Give a book report on a Reading Program Book selected from the Social Action area
3. _____	3.  Share articles from <i>Response</i> and <i>New World Outlook</i> or <i>UMW Action Alerts</i> relating to racism
4. _____	4.  Supply each member with a copy of the <i>Charter for Racial Justice</i>
5. _____	5.  Present a program using the Charter for Racial Justice
6. _____	6. Use a program on racial justice/human rights from the UMW Program Book
7. _____	7. Participate in a UMW Social Action/Human Rights Mission Study
8. _____	8. Give a report to the unit about an experience of attending a musical or theatrical performance by person(s) of a different race, culture, or ethnic background
9. _____	9. Send at least one member to UMW Legislative Day
10. _____	10. Participate in postcard-writing which encourages legislation favorable to the economically deprived or challenged
11. _____	11. Experience worship, Bible study, or UMW unit program/activity with an ethnic group different from your own
12. _____	12. Attend or host an international tasting party, culture fair, or other international event
13. _____	13. Participate in a Bible Study on Racism
14. _____	14. Celebrate Black History Month in February
15. _____	15. Suggest and plan with your pastor a pulpit exchange with a pastor of another race
16. _____	16. Plan an event with a unit of a different race or ethnic background (a celebration, worship, Vacation Bible School, etc.)
17. _____	17. Other _____

## 2021 ORANGEBURG DISTRICT UMW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### **President**

Sonya Benjamin  
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### **Communications Coordinator**

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### **Chair Com. Nominations (Class of 2021)Orangeburg**

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### **Nom.(2025) Springfield**

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### **Nom. (2022) Aiken**

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### **Nom.(2023) Bowman**

Carolyn Parler  
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Holly Hill, SC 29059  
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### **Nom. (2024)Bamberg/Denmark**

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### **Aiken Cluster Leader**

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## 2021 CLUSTERS AND LEADERS

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St. Paul (New Ellenton)  
Trinity (Aiken)  
Wesley (Aiken)

**Bamberg/Denmark: Mary Rivers**

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Barnwell  
Bethel (Bamberg)  
Bethel Park (Denmark)  
Blackville  
Franklin (Denmark)  
Mt. Carmel (Bamberg)  
Mt. Zion (Bamberg)  
Pleasant Hill (Ehrhardt)  
St. John (Edisto Charge)  
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Trinity (Bamberg)  
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Gerizim (Vance)  
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Mays Chapel (Orangeburg)  
New Covenant (Bowman)  
Pineville (Bowman)  
Prospect (Orangeburg)  
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Canaan (Cope)  
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Edisto Fork (Orangeburg)  
Forest Chapel (Orangeburg)  
Mt. Nebo (Orangeburg)  
New Light (Orangeburg)  
North Orangeburg (Orangeburg)  
St. Andrew's (Orangeburg)  
St. John (Orangeburg)  
St. Paul's (Orangeburg)  
St. Stephen (Orangeburg)  
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Lebanon (Neeses)  
Livingston  
New Beginning (Springfield)  
North  
Pine Hill (Orangeburg)  
St. Mark (North)  
Wagener  
Williston

## 2021 Orangeburg District UMW Calendar

January 9 (9:00 a.m.)	District Virtual Officers' Training Host: St. Andrews UMC, Orangeburg Virtual Executive Committee Meeting
February	Special Emphasis Month -- Wallace Family Life Center
TBA	Legislative Advocacy Day: Epworth Children's Home, Columbia
February 15	Deadline for Articles for March <i>Lantern</i>
March 1	UMW Scholarship Application Deadline
March 1	<i>Lantern</i> published
March 23	Legacy Fund Day of Giving (152 years)
April	Special Emphasis Month -- Columbia Bethlehem Center
April 10 (8:30 a.m.)	Day Apart and "Spring into Missions": Bethel Park UMC, Denmark District Executive Committee Meeting
April 24 (10:00 a.m.)	(Virtual) Spiritual Growth Retreat: Rock Hill District
May 15	Deadline for Articles for June <i>Lantern</i>
May 15 (10:00 a.m.)	(Virtual) Come Together/Be Together: Anderson District
June 1	<i>Lantern</i> published
July 22 -24	(In Person) Mission u: Spartanburg Methodist College or
July 24 & July 31 (10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virtual)	
August 14 (9:00 a.m.)	District Executive Committee Meeting: Mt. Zion UMC, Bamberg
August 15	Deadline for Articles for September <i>Lantern</i>
September	Special Emphasis Month -- Killingsworth
September 1	<i>Lantern</i> published
September 11 (8:00 a.m.)	District Annual Meeting: Mt. Zion UMC, Bamberg
October	Special Emphasis Month -- Spartanburg Bethlehem Center
October 23 (10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)	(Virtual) SCCUMW Annual Meeting: Hartsville District
November 6 (10:00a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)	SCCUMW Virtual Officer's Training (District Officers): Florence District District Executive Committee Meeting
November 15	Deadline for Articles for December <i>Lantern</i>
December 1	<i>Lantern</i> published

# WORKING ON THE FRONTLINE

## Part 1

A Nurse's Perspective

By Chan Spigner

Evelyn Pauling, Orangeburg District United Methodist Women President from 2008-2012, is a Registered Nurse, who works in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), with patients who have COVID 19 at The Regional Medical Center. She has been an RN for 34 years. Evelyn states that she became a nurse to help and care for people. Did she ever consider leaving her job as a nurse, during this National Pandemic of COVID 19? "No, I could never consider walking away. I became a nurse because it is my calling to help others, and sometimes your calling comes with making sacrifices," Evelyn states. Evelyn recalls when she and her colleagues were tasked with opening the COVID unit for the hospital. They prepped and planned for days for the unknown, as they listened to the news reports of the number of deaths and patients on ventilators across the country. "No prepping or planning could have prepared anyone, for the emotional roller coaster ride, filled with stress, anxiety, and despair, which they were about to face," Evelyn states.

Evelyn recalls the first COVID 19 patient arrival at the hospital. "While it was a time of uncertainty, we remained hopeful. On that day, as we huddled prior to returning home to our families, we were filled with tears, as we prayed and asked God to protect our health and strength. It has been quite a journey over the past year. We are still providing the best quality of care for patients who have COVID 19. As nurses, we ensure that we are providing holistic care for patients with COVID 19. By doing this, we are giving focus to all patient-care needs. This includes physical, social, and psychological care, because they are separated from their families and placed in isolation away from the touch of a loved one. The clinical team are often the only visitors of these patients. Because visitation has been discontinued for a period of time, to keep everyone safe." Evelyn states, "During these times, I find myself being God's hands, feet, and voice, and a true vessel to pray with my patients and encourage them to fight the good fight of faith. I would often tell my patients that Jesus is alive and well. He has all power in His hands, to heal and deliver you." As a COVID 19 RN, Evelyn assumes the job and role of a coach. She is constantly coaching patients on how to breathe and relax. She hugs her patients, cries with them, reminds them of who they are fighting for, to stay alive, and she holds their hands, so they are aware that they are not alone. "At the end of the day, you might feel defeated, but you leave reassured that you did your very best and you have a purpose, so that you can return to work the very next day."

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Evelyn's advice to people, during this season in our lives, is to continue to follow the CDC guidelines of social distancing 6 feet, especially in local stores, frequent hand washing, use hand sanitizer, avoid social gatherings, and most importantly, wear masks. Her warning to everyone is, "Do not take COVID 19 as a joke, the numbers may have decreased, but the illness is real."

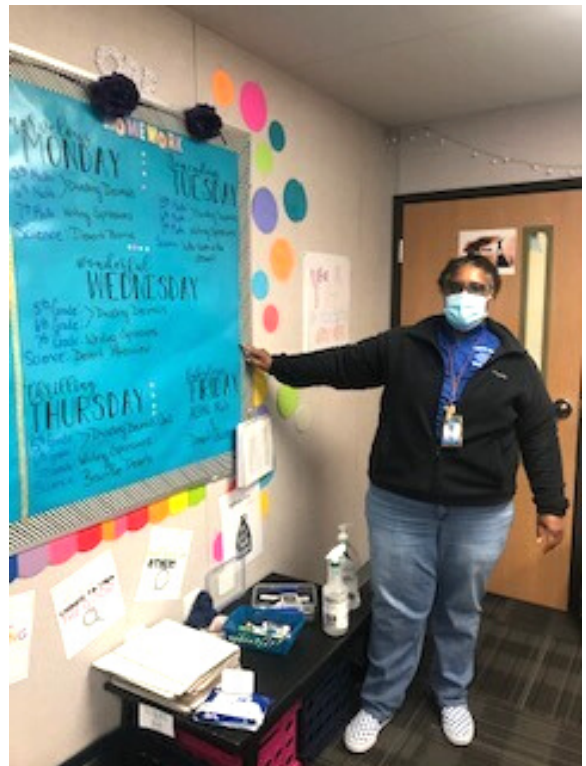
Evelyn Pauling is a member of Mount Nebo UMC and a former president of the local church UMW. She is a Certified Lay Servant, Sunday school teacher, and Chairperson of Finance. She was the Vice President of the Orangeburg District UMW from 2004-2008, South Carolina Conference UMW Spiritual Growth Coordinator and Chairperson of the Spiritual Growth Retreat Committee, 2014-2017, and she is currently serving on the SCCUMW Committee on Nominations.

While fulfilling her purpose as a nurse, she has received many awards and accolades, and is certified in various areas. Evelyn Pauling is married to Malachia Pauling. They have two adult children and four loving grandchildren. May God continue to bless Evelyn Pauling, as she continues this journey, being the hands, feet, and voice, of our Lord and Savior. "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28 NKJV

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Evelyn K. Pauling  
former Orangeburg District UMW President 2008-2012 and Registered Nurse



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