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Mark Your Calendar

2022 FLORENCE DISTRICT

United Methodist Women

VIRTUAL OFFICERS' TRAINING

Saturday, January 22nd

10am (Connect as early as 9:45am)

ZOOM Link will be email/text

Share this information with others in your Unit

To register or for more information contact Wanda: 843.855.8581

From the Desk of the President

Pernerva Washington Thomas



Greetings everyone. I pray all is well with you and your family. My hope for the future is to meet once again face to face.

2021 has been another year of challenges. It is almost behind us, yet as we look to entering 2022, let's keep hope alive and remember our main focus is to make Jesus Christ the Center of our JOY.

As we journey into 2022, share the exciting upcoming Events and Celebrations that we have planned to make our District Florence UMW second to none - with a friend or a Sister in your church and the community. The 2022 calendar is included in this issue.

During these unique times, our Units and Circles are continuing to meet virtually and not face to face. Although most gatherings are still not traditional, we must still keep hope alive. I encourage each and every one of you to tap in on your neighbors and lend a helping hand throughout this holiday season. From the beginning, United Methodist Women fo-

cused on women, children and youth and although we are still in the midst of a pandemic we must find continue to find ways within our Units and churches to always be of service to them. A telephone call or a card can go a long way.

Ladies, please know that you are appreciated. I thank you for your support of our four South Carolina Mission projects (Bethlehem Center Spartanburg, Columbia Bethlehem Community Center, Killingsworth, and Wallace Family Life Center). We are relied upon by the South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women to support these missions and I can't thank you enough



for all you do.

The Education and Interpretation Mission Chair-person is always tasked with "telling the story" about our good deeds and missions we serve. As President, I also shoulder that same responsibility. In our district, we have some serious supporters through prayer, donations,

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The Purpose: 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.



WESLEY CHAPEL WOMEN’S DAY CELEBRATION

Lake City

Submitted by Dorothy McClam, Communications Coordinator

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Women observed the Annual Women’s Day on Sunday, August 8, 2021. In keeping with our current program study, the theme and message title for the observance was “Knitted Together for God’s Good Work.” The morning’s Scripture was Ephesians 4:25-5:3.

Our speaker was our very own Mrs. Shirley Burroughs, who challenged us to use our quiet time to pray for someone else. “When we pray for others, we are knitting ourselves together for God’s good work,” the speaker shared. She highlighted that when

we are knitted together for God’s good work, the result is one for all and all for one. Families become knitted together by praying together. Mrs. Burroughs



stated that we are to “share love with everyone and be knitted together for God’s good work.” The UMW Pinning Ceremony followed the message and was presented by Wesley Chapel UMW President Betsy Graham and SC Annual Conference United

Methodist Women Vice President Janice Eaddy. Recognized for their service were Mrs. Cora Wilson, Mrs. Delores Darby, and Mrs. Ella Julious.

In response to the message, Mrs. Betsy Graham stated, “It moved me to take a deep look into myself, our UMW unit, and our church. It led me to ponder the question, ‘Am I knitted together with other believers to do the work God has for me to do?’ I do believe this is a question we all should constantly ask ourselves.” Mrs. Graham thanked Mrs. Burroughs for bringing such an inspiring, soul-stirring message to us.

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volunteer hours and financial giving and I thank you for allowing God to use you. Continue to serve as encouragers and voices of shared information.

I’m sure as you obtain new information in your assigned area it will help you in handling the role you are appointed to serve. I also want to remind you that we have several open positions on the FD executive team and we need you. No one knows it all but to-

gether we can grow. Will you consider sharing your talents and volunteer to serve in one of the open positions?

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:28

FD TREASURER'S NOTES

“All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.” 2 Cor 4:15

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN THANK YOU
FOR HONORING YOUR COMMITMENT TO OUR MISSION.

**Our district was successful in meeting it's
2021 PLEDGED AMOUNT OF \$18,000.**



Quarterly Reporting Due Dates:

1st quarter	12/1 thru 2/28	Reports due before 3/5
2nd quarter	3/1 thru 5/31	Reports due before 6/5
3rd quarter	6/1 thru 8/31	Reports due before 9/5
4th quarter	9/1 thru 11/30	Reports due before 12/5

PLEASE REMEMBER: All checks to District must be payable only to
Florence District UMW Treasurer (FDUMW Treasurer)

***** Please mail reports at least 3-5 days before the due date.

***** Please complete all Remittance Forms with the appropriate information at the bottom of the form. (ex: Your Treasurer's Name and current mailing address, phone number and check #)

*All donations to Epworth Children's Home must be sent directly to
Epworth at the Following address:*

EPWORTH • 2900 Millwood Avenue • Columbia, SC 29205

**DO NOT INCLUDE EPWORTH DONATIONS IN THE CHECK
TO THE DISTRICT TREASURER.**

If you have any questions, I can be reached at the following telephone number,
email address and please mail your Remittance Forms to the following address:

Pearl R. Brown
2076 Cade Rd. • Lake City, SC 29560
Cell – 843-319-6450 • Email – prbrown2076@gmail.com

To obtain forms you may contact me or go to:
www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/giving.

(PS) Florence District UMW is seeking a woman to accept the ministry of treasurer for the
Florence District beginning in 2022.) Please Contact Mrs. Pernerva Thomas, District President

Program Your 2022 Calendar

JANUARY

- Jan. 15.....FD Team Meeting..... Virtual
- Jan. 22.....Officers' Training 10 a.m.

FEBRUARY

Special Emphasis Month - Wallace Family Life Center

- Feb. 2, 8, 17, 26.....Legislative Advocacy Days Virtual
Time Varies

MARCH

- Mar. 12.....Day Apart..... 10 a.m.

APRIL

Special Emphasis Month - Bethlehem Community Ctr Columbia

- April 9.....FD Team Meeting..... Virtual
- April 23.....Spiritual Growth Retreat..... Lake Junaluska

MAY

- May 20 - 22.....Assembly In Person/Virtual

JUNE

- June 6-9.....SC UMC Annual Conference Florence
- June 25.....Come Together Be Together..... Virtual

JULY

- July 9.....FD Team Meeting..... Virtual
- July 21-23.....Mission u in Person/Spartanburg

AUGUST

Rest and Relaxation

SEPTEMBER

Special Emphasis Month - Killingsworth - Columbia

- Sept 10.....FD Team Meeting..... Virtual
- Sept 24.....FD Annual Meeting In Person/

OCTOBER

Special Emphasis Month - Bethlehem Community Ctr Spartanburg

- Oct 21-22.....Annual Meeting Marion District

NOVEMBER

- Nov 12.....District Officers' Training.. In Person/Columbia
- Nov (TBA).....FD Team Meeting..... Virtual

DECEMBER *Merry Christmas*

Special Emphasis Months

February - Wallace Family Center

April - Columbia Bethlehem Community Center

September - Killingsworth

November - Bethlehem Center Spartanburg

February Special Emphasis Month is Wallace Family Life

and
their wish list includes:

Paper Products - Paper Towel, Napkins Toilet Tissue

Large Trash Bags - Leaf and Garden

Kitchen Trash Bags - Tall

Pencils and Erasers

Copy Machine Paper

Walmart Gift Cards

Lowe's Gift Cards



If you need assistance getting the items you collected to Wallace Family Life let us know and we can assist you.

From the Desk of Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Romans 5:1 "Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God."

Special thanks to all who participated in the Day of Giving on Tuesday, November 30, 2021, and the Killingsworth Gala. There is still time to give.

As we continue in a spirit of Thanksgiving in Hope, in Joy, in Peace, in Love as Faithful United Methodist Women of the Florence District during this season of Advent, we delight in sharing the glory of God. But you ask, how do we delight? Simply my sisters, We fulfill our purpose. Thanks for all you do daily, known, and unknown to know God and experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ.

Please remember to share inspirational devotions, use the Prayer Calendar, (follow the Prayer Calendar on Facebook UMW Prayer Calen-

dar). Remember to start now forwarding information to the Advocate or the Flame on how your Spiritual Growth is being manifested in your units and community.

Attached is an updated Prayer Pals form. The South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women is asking for 50 additional Prayer Pals for the 2021-2022 year. Please take time to complete the form and return it to me (Azilee) or Vickie Harvey.

The Spiritual Growth Study this year will come from Luke 13. Additional information will be shared as it becomes available.

Praying you will continue to be blessed and prosper in all you do in getting to know God and fulfill our mission. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Looking forward to Officers training in January.

In His Service and Yours,

*Azilee
DeeDee Dickey*



Prayer Pal



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.

You may also email it to me Azilee Dickey at deejie721@yahoo.com or by mail to 205 Kilpatrick Drive Sumter, South Carolina 29154

We have been challenged by the Conference to get 50 additional Prayer Pals. **Let's do this together Florence District.**

Please fill out the following information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Birthday: _____ Phone: _____

Other information you wish your prayer partner may need to know

Around the District

“We are not meeting in person but we are meeting virtually”,
One young lady said about her Unit



UMW Mission work is never done - Turkeys are distributed during the Thanksgiving holiday



St. Michael UMW paused for moment from their mission project to gather for a picture



Bishop Holston visit the Andrews Area



Dr. Dawnn Flowers and Bishop Holston shares a laugh

UMW President Pernerva Thomas (right) welcomes the Bishop and First Lady to Asbury of andrews

Around the District



Left:

Jeri Session (Day Apart speaker) and President Pernerva Thomas help trim patterns/cut outs to make outfits for the children

Below:

Melissa Epps and Mrs. Elizabeth



Pictures taken at Shiloh UMC.

Happy Holidays



Katherine Sabb-Graham

Florence District E&I Coordinator

I trust that all of you have had a blessed year despite the many challenges, losses and grief we all have experienced. As we approach the end of 2021, let us look back and see how God has continued to be with us and thank Him.

November 6th, the South Carolina Conference UMW District Officer's Training was held via Zoom.

Our theme was "Continuing Our Commitment to Our Purpose." Through the use of technology, we have gathered for worship, training, giving and sharing joys and pains.

Eunice White, the Education and Interpretation coordinator for the conference is retiring but she continues to serve on the Charter for Racial Justice Committee. I thank her for her service and for conducting a thorough workshop for us to take back to our local units in which the importance of our mission was stressed. She went line for line highlighting our primary responsibilities and the importance in understanding, promoting, developing, informing and serving in order to fulfill our total mission.

The Florence District is still on the move fulfilling the mission of United Methodist Women. I thank our president, Pernerva W. Thomas and our leadership team for all that they do in keeping us together, informed and spiritually fed via Zoom, text messages and mailings during these difficult months. Thank you and congratulations to all of our Mission Today Units!

Finally, a special thank you Rev. Barry S. McFadden and St. Michael UMW, in the Cedar Swamp Community of Kingstree my home church for being committed to fulfilling our purpose to women, children and youth statewide and around the world.

God willing, I look forward to seeing everyone Saturday, January 22, 2022 (Virtual) for the training of our local officers.





Legislative Advocacy Days 2022

And what does the Lord Require of You?

To act justly. To love mercy, and
To walk humbly with your God.³ Micah 6:8

Our FREE Virtual Legislative Advocacy Days will be held on various days in February, 2022 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. Workshop topics will include PREDATORY LENDING, SC PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES, KINSHIP CARE VIA DSS, and CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM.

The Workshops are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, Feb 2nd from 10am - 11:30am

Tuesday, Feb 8th from 7pm - 8:30pm

Thursday, Feb 17th from 2pm - 3:30pm

Saturday, Feb 26th from 10am- 11:30am

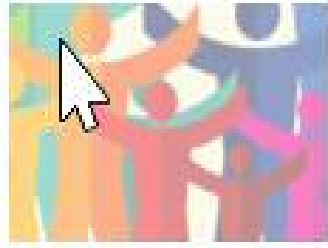
Our National UMW and our SCCUMW District Social Action Coordinators have chosen Mass Incarceration/Criminal Justice Reform and Environmental Justice as a major focus. SC will also continue to pay attention to Quality Education and Expanded Physical and Mental Health Services Access as legislative issues for 2022. Our statewide action focus for the upcoming year will be PREDATORY LENDING in all its many forms. United Methodist Women are 8,000+ strong in South Carolina. We can make a legislative difference for our most vulnerable citizens. 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!

Registration is strongly encouraged online via Zoom at <https://bit.ly/3xSgOPf>

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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: _____



mission u 2022

Who Can We Be Together?

Building Communities of Hope and Joy

Great news— COMMUNITY is God’s desire for us! Please join us at Mission u 2022 as we reflect on the community that Jesus is calling us to be!

This year, as we study Luke 13, we find ourselves in a period of disruption and uncertainty. In the midst of a devastating pandemic, divisive political climate, unaddressed systemic racism, ecological crises and economic turmoil, we turn to the stories of Jesus that have anchored Christian communities for two millennia.

Our hope is that we will leave Mission u with a bigger and broader vision of the community Christ is calling us to be in times of loss, grief and massive disruption. What would be possible if we tend to the needs of our communities in small yet radical ways, as Jesus did in Luke 13?

Our newly designed Mission u 2022 is more flexible and intergenerational than ever— with curricula for youth, children and adults focused on the 13th chapter of the Gospel of Luke.

Here is the curricula we will be using that will be available on our e-store by January 2022.

Who Can We Be Together? (Adult)

Community in the Midst of Challenging Times (Youth)

Our Growing Tree

From Self-Love to the Beloved Community and All of God’s Creation (Children)

Will you join us?

Join us:

July 21-23, 2022 at Spartanburg Methodist College

Vanessa Key

803-755-3469

803-917-4803 cell

**Mission u in Person
You Don’t Want To Miss It**

South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women

Application for Two 2022 Assembly Scholarships

Orlando Convention Center, Orlando, Florida, May 20-22, 2022

“Turn it Up! “

South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women are offering

two scholarships in the amount of \$500 each for two individuals under the age of forty

to attend the 2022 Assembly in Orlando, Florida on May 20-22, 2022.

Criteria for the two scholarships are as follows:

Two scholarships will be awarded to two United Methodist Women members under age forty.

Application deadline is March 15, 2022.

A brief paragraph stating (50 words or less) why you want to attend Assembly and how you plan to use the information received during Assembly upon your return home.

Please provide the following:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ zipcode _____

Phone _____ email _____

Church _____ District _____

Confirm that you are under forty(Y/N)_____

Attach your letter of 50 words or less as to why you would like to attend and how you will use the information received during Assembly upon your return home.

Please mail or email this form with attachments by **March 15, 2022** to: rubyeliz44@gmail.com

Ruby Hannah –SCCUMW treasurer + chair Scholarship Committee

3015 Audubon Drive

Hanahan, SC 29410

**TURN
IT UP!**

ASSEMBLY 2022

MAY 20 – 22, 2022
ORLANDO CONVENTION CENTER

WWW.ASSEMBLY2022.ORG

**Register NOW:
www.assembly2022.org**

In 2022 we will reflect on today's challenges and together find comfort and strength to move forward, building new ways for faith-filled women to make a difference in our communities and the world. We will recommit to our purpose, but also more. For such a time as this we will **TURN IT UP!**

TURN IT UP! for spiritual healing and renewal

TURN IT UP! for rebirth in a new time

TURN IT UP! for women leaders

TURN IT UP! for justice for women, children and youth

Come to Orlando to care for your spirit, worship with your sisters and celebrate the positive impact women create in the world.

Ann Alexander
Trip Coordinator
803.222.4958 Home
704.616.1133



Wondering how you can make a DIFFERENCE?

Want to be more INVOLVED?

Want to be part of the SOLUTION?

Want to share your GOD GIVEN TALENTS?

What are you waiting for?

WE NEED YOU!

“Serving others may not always be easy but we will be rewarded in eternity...Nothing is too small that God will not use it.

Nothing we do for God is in vain!” BibleStudyTool.com

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45

Florence District UMW CON
is looking for you!

Executive team members are needed.

LITTLE time BIG reward.

Contact Mildred Cunningham Chair of CON today.

843.382.8154

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THE FLAME...



*Merry
Christmas*
and a
Blessed New Year

from the
**Florence District United Methodist Women
Executive Team**