

Mission Echo



SCCUWF Newsletter | December 2022

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to all of our retiring officers for a job well done

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Your hard work made a difference.

2023 SC CONFERENCE

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Greetings From the Desk of the President

Clarice Blakeney



O' how wonderful it is to have this great opportunity to represent the South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith as President.

Your confidence in providing this awesome responsibility is very humbling. Please know that I am grateful and honored for your compassion and love. I owe thanks to so many for pouring into me over the years as a United Methodist. I am looking forward to the journey we will have

together as we impact the world with faith, hope and love for women, children and youth with our mission giving and service.

There is so much going on in our world and we must be willing to make changes and shift when necessary. I am certain we are up to the

task before us because we are bold and willing. We are golden and we just finished celebrating at our 50th Annual Meeting with



over 200 in attendance at First United Methodist Church in Myrtle Beach. We are fired up with inspiration after this uplifting, informative and caring gathering.

Thanks to all for attending the 2022 District Officer's Training on November 12,

2022 at Washington Street United Methodist Church in Columbia. There was truly "Newness in the Air" as our theme reflected with the speaker and trainers at this event. I am sure you found this training beneficial as you venture into the new conference year.

As we go forward, keep the spirit of sisterhood and togetherness. We have much work to do and every member is asked to play a part.

The 2023 calendar is full of events, programs and opportunities for growth. Please make plans to participate and fully engage in as many as you can, you will not be disappointed.

A heart to serve,

Clarice Blakeney,

President SCCUMF

South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith 2023 Mission Trip

The Asheville to Nashville Adventure

Adventure includes tour of Brooks-Howell Home
Beautiful Lake Junaluska
Tour of Scarritt Bennett
Bethlehem Centers, Nashville
(A UWF National Mission Institution)



March 27-30, 2023
\$165.00 Per Person

Price includes Round Trip Bus Ride
1 breakfast, 2 lunches and 1 dinner

Pick up in Charleston, Columbia, and Spartanburg, SC
Return March 30th to pick up points

Lake Junaluska-\$139.00 per night-The Terrace Inn (3/27/2023)

Travelers Must Make Hotel Reservations By February 25, 2023

Telephone: 800-222-4930

Best Western Plus Music Row-\$179.00 (3/28 & 29, 2023)

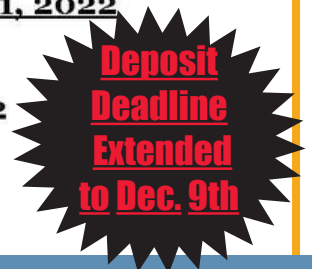
Travelers Must Make Hotel Reservations By December 31, 2022

Telephone: 615-242-1631

Rooms sleep Two-Free Breakfast

A Bus Deposit of \$100.00 is due December ~~2, 2022~~ ^{9th}

Balance of \$65.00 is due February 3, 2023



Deposit Deadline Extended To December 9th

South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith

2023 Mission Trip *The Asheville to Nashville Adventure* Registration

Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Contact Number: _____

Cost of Transportation and 4 Meals: \$165.00

Make checks payable to the South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith

Mail checks to:

Ann Alexander

PO Box 392

Clover, South Carolina 29710

Contact Information: MHAALL5@bellsouth.net

704-616-1133

Deposit of \$100.00 is due December ~~2~~^{9th}, 2022

Balance of \$65.00 is due February 3, 2023

Travelers must make their own hotel reservations: Deadline is December 31, 2022

Pick up locations: Please circle your pick up choice:

Charleston-Grace United Methodist Church-1601 Rittenberg Blvd., Charleston, SC-Depart 7:00 am

Columbia-Columbia College-Campus Police Parking Lot-Depart 9:10 am

Spartanburg-Silver Hill UMC-778 John B. White St. Blvd, Spartanburg, SC-Depart 11:00 am

Deadline Extended But You Must Act NOW. Book Today!

A “NEWNESS” IN THE AIR

from the new Vice President - Kathy Roys

Yes indeed, there is a “newness” in the air as many new officers have been elected at the conference, district, and local church levels of United Women in Faith in South Carolina. “Newness in the Air” was the theme of the training session conference officers provided to district officers in November. We are beginning to learn about the new and exciting ways we can become involved as United Women in Faith. If you have not done so already, please take a look at our new National UWF website at uwfaith.org. Click on the various topics, scroll down to the menu at the bottom, and familiarize yourself and others in your group with what United Women in Faith has to offer. There are many resources and opportunities available to learn about our organization and the work that we continue to do. For a detailed account of our activities, go to uwfaith.org/who-we-are/financials and look at our 2021 Annual Report.

As some shepherds witnessed on that first Christmas morning, life was no longer going to continue to be the same, but become much better! As Saul transformed into Apostle Paul, he learned the importance of sharing the resurrection story of Jesus

REACH OUT
and
STRETCH
YOUR
FAITH

Christ not just to his own fellow Jews, but to the Gentiles beyond Jerusalem, as well. He shared the good “news” that Jesus Christ gave his life for the sins of all people. This was something totally new to so many people and it spread around the world! Amazing things can happen when we embrace positive change! United Women in Faith still includes United Methodist Church members, but now goes

beyond to embrace all women of faith who love God and want to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ to help hurting women and children and youth wherever they may be. Let’s reach out, let’s stretch our faith, let’s share our mission to be the best disciples of Christ that we can possibly be.

I’m definitely stretching and changing and challenging myself to take on the new role as Vice President of the South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith. I look forward to all the new possibilities in store for us. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you.

Please let me know of any new ideas or suggestions you might have for implementing new ways to improve our ministry and better serve our God. Amen!

Have a wonderful Christmas and an awesome local Officers Training in January!

Kathy

Children in Jackson Need Clean Water

Ladies, as you may already know, Jackson, Mississippi faced serious flooding a few months ago which devastated their municipal water system. The water system in this city was already facing serious problems before the flood. Since that time, residents have had to boil water or buy bottled water.

At the end of September, members of our Conference Charter for Racial Justice Committee attended a Zoom meeting with our other Southeastern Jurisdiction conferences, 14 in all, to plan a new Charter for Racial Justice event for next year for each conference. During this meet-



ing, we learned from a public-school employee and United Women in Faith Mississippi Conference officer from Jackson, MS that even though residents in predominantly black communities in Jackson have been told by local officials that the water is safe to drink, it comes out of the tap looking brown and muddy. The residents refuse to drink it. This school employee told us the water fountains at the schools had to be covered to protect the children. Her UWF Conference has been supplying water to the school children. The other

conferences offered to assist in this effort to provide clean drinking water to school children. Our



UWF Conference is participating in this project, so we are requesting monetary donations to be sent through treasurers (local to district to conference) up until February 14, 2023. Please specify it is for: Jackson kids' water. The Bethlehem Center in Jackson, MS is coordinating this project. This is a National UWF Mission Institution.

Participation and discussion of this project can be counted as a Diamond Unit activity for local church units.

Thanks for showing these children some love this coming Valentine's Day!

**As of the time of this report, the Governor of Mississippi declared that a state of emergency will continue for the water supply in Jackson.*

This request for help is also on www.uwfaith.org/news/latest-news/.

Our Conference event on Racial Justice with an emphasis on environmental issues will be online June 24, 2023 at 10:00am.

Kathy Roy

Charter for Racial Justice Committee member

Submit donation prior to February 14, 2023

Be A Blessing!

Hello everyone!! The fourth quarter of 2022 ends on 11/30. Your District Treasurers can accept your 2022 donations until 12/5/22. WE ARE 27% AWAY FROM ACHIEVING OUR PLEDGE GOAL FOR THIS YEAR. Hopefully, the donations of the fourth quarter will be sufficient to turn that 27% into 100%. We can do this, but we need every member to dig deep. So, let's make this happen!! All funds need to be in my hands no later than December 15th. Our District Treasurers are working hard to process your Mission Givings and get them to me in a timely manner. I hope and pray your local units are meeting again and everyone is paying your pledges, donations to the 4 Missions, etc. Every member in South Carolina please prayerfully consider increasing your pledge for next year.

Have a thankful and glorious holiday season!

Thank you, *Ruby Hannah*

SPECIAL EMPHASIS MONTHS

February - Wallace Family Life Center

April - Columbia Bethlehem Community Center

September - Killingworth

November - Bethlehem Center Spartanburg

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY DAYS 2023

(Anchoring Our Action on Our Hope, We Walk by Faith Not by Sight)

Our FREE virtual Legislative Advocacy Days will be held on various days in February 2023

The 90-minute Workshops will feature knowledgeable Speakers on a variety of topics of interest and focus of South Carolina's United Women in Faith. Covid has changed the ways that we live, worship, and connect with others. Unfortunately, the Pandemic also multiplied the many challenges faced by our most vulnerable brethren. The Workshops will increase awareness of relevant issues and provide valuable information on advocacy as well as practical actions that can be taken individually and collectively to address the issues. There will be a 60-minute presentation followed by a Q&A session to address participant questions. The UWF Tech Team will record the four Workshops which will be available for future viewing. Workshop topics will include Healthcare, Predatory Lending, Mass Incarceration and Just Energy.

The Workshops are scheduled as follows:

Wed, Feb 1st 10 am – 11:30am

Tues, Feb 7th 7pm – 8:30pm

Thurs, Feb 16th 2pm – 3:30pm

Sat, Feb 25th 10am – 11:30am

The Global UWF continues to focus upon two Social Justice Priorities for this Quadrennium – Ending Mass Incarceration and Criminalization of Communities of Color and Just Energy 4 All. Both National campaigns are fully addressed on uwfaith.org website.

The SCCUWF continues to serve boldly as women united in faith believing that love in action can change the world. If you visit our webpage which can be accessed from the conference website, you will find this passionate affirmation:

Bold action, like faith, takes courage. Our bravery is inspired by God's love and our powerful commitment to improve the lives of women, children and youth. United Women in Faith works for justice through compassionate service and advocacy to change unfair policies and systems that harm women, children and youth—from racial and gender injustice to economic inequality, climate issues and more.

We seek to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.

United Women of Faith 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 2:13-17) and We are Alive in Christ!

Everyone is invited to participate in Legislative Advocacy Day

REGISTER IN ADVANCE FOR THIS MEETING:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0uf-GqrTwoH93pzlwYvOsyeu7Aw0l63ifu>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



Alternative Paper Registration should be mailed to Registrar Rebecca Eleazer, 5116 Burke Avenue, Columbia, SC 29203 Phone (803)467-5655

Name: _____ Email: _____

District: _____ Church: _____



Education and Interpretation

Beth Addis

I am beginning my two-year term as Education & Interpretation Coordinator for the Conference. I have served in various capacities through the years in the Anderson District and the Conference. I am a retired librarian who worked 31 years in a medical library and before that in other libraries.

Coming up in February is Wallace Family Life Center Emphasis Month. Each member of a local unit is encouraged to give \$5 to Wallace through her local unit treasurer. I researched the SCCUWF mission projects and although some of them have websites, they aren't kept up-to-date. Wallace doesn't seem to have a working website. They do have a Facebook page: www.facebook.com/wflc1979, but the last post was in Feb. 2016.

Bethlehem Center, Spartanburg, has a website: www.thebethlehem.center. However, it is also out-of-date. The last event on their calendar is Feb. 2022. Their Facebook page: www.Facebook.com/thebethlehemcenterspartanburg. Its last post was Nov. 12, 2022.

Columbia Bethlehem Community Center's website is www.columbiabethlehemcc.org. It seems to have been updated in 2021. Their Facebook page is www.Facebook.com/cbccserves. It was last updated in Oct. 2021.

Killingsworth's website is www.killingsworth.org. It is the most up-to-date. Its Facebook page is www.Facebook.com/killingsworth.home.

The offering at District Officers' Training Nov. 12 was approx. \$1,010, which will be divided among the 4 mission projects.

We will be having our Craft Room at our 2023 Mission u in Spartanburg in July. Now isn't too early to begin working on your jams, jellies, Christmas decorations, jewelry, etc. Remember, all the proceeds go to the mission projects. It's also a good time to do your early Christmas shopping.

As of now, we will continue collecting the used stamps for Marion Mission Storehouse. Remember to leave a ¼" border on the stamps.

Sue Owens has graciously continued to collect the pull-tabs and deliver them to the Ronald McDonald House in Greenville. If you live nearer one of these other Ronald McDonald locations, and you'd like to make your own delivery, here are the addresses and phone numbers:

Ronald McDonald House Columbia
2901 Colonial Drive
Columbia, SC 29203
803-254-3181

Ronald McDonald House Charleston
81 Gadsden St.
Charleston, SC 29401
843-723-7957

(Their website says nothing about collecting pull-tabs, but if you want to call and inquire, it wouldn't hurt)

Ronald McDonald House of Greater Charlotte
1613 E. Morehead St.
Charlotte, NC 29207
704-335-1191

Ronald McDonald House of the Coastal Empire
Savannah, GA
912-350-7641

(I couldn't find an exact address)

They also have a mobile program that gives dental exams and preventive treatments to underserved schoolchildren, ages 3-11, in Beaufort, Hampton, & Jasper Counties, SC.

Use same phone number or email address: bill@rmhccoastalempire.org.

My Contact Info: 703 Autumn Oaks • Anderson, SC 29621-2686 • baddis1108@yahoo.com

Wallace Family Life Center Update



Participants creates artwork at the Wallace Family Life Center

Photos Submitted

As my tenure on the Wallace Family Life Center comes to a close as the conference representative, I am humbled and happy for this awesome opportunity to serve. I am very please to introduce Frances McCluney as my replacement on the board. I am confident she will be the ideal person for the center and the conference.

The children and adults are enjoying their time spent at the center. It is inspiring to see them involved in the activities and learning experiences.

The wellness program is going good, the children are planting and harvesting with the assistance of the garden club, the afterschool and adult education programs continue. Plans are in place for a Thanksgiving celebration and Christmas activities and gifts.

The playground equipment has been picked out, however there are a lot of guidelines to be followed so we are checking on safety requirements before installing. The community is and has benefited from your donations and the resources you provide. Hopefully, the director will be making contact with the districts in the new year. I have had a wonderful experience and it is touching to see the needs of the marginalized being met. Looking forward to what we will do in the future, thanks again for your needed support.

Clarice Blakeney

Prior Representative to Wallace Family Life Center

The Wallace Family Life Center is a family oriented facility. Their mission is to provide educational, cultural, recreational, and religious programs to enrich the lives of the people that live in the Wallace/Bennettsville communities.

Greetings from Killingsworth

Submitted By: Jane Scott

Killingsworth is now 75 years old! We have touched many lives during this time. Our former residents, staff members and supporters have many stories to tell, and we love to hear them. If you have a story to share, please let me know about it.

I was not able to attend our UWF Conference Annual meeting, but I have learned of your generous donations of postage stamps and gift cards – **Thank You!!** These will be put to good use in our ministry.

Our third Virtual Gala “Home for the Holidays” will be history by the time you read this. Thanks to all who helped make this possible once again. You can find the recording of it on our website **Killingsworth.org** – and if you have not donated to the gala, it is not too late for that. That information is also on the website.

Our house is 122 years old and there are current urgent maintenance needs. Since the property has the historic designation, all exterior work must be done within certain guidelines, and these are expensive. The roof is slate and needs some repair. One need is for contractors who are licensed and have the expertise to work on historic structures to view our situation and submit bids. If you know of anyone who is

equipped to do this and would be interested, please let us know their contact information.

In a recent conversation with a current volunteer, I was told that one of our greatest needs at the moment is volunteers. We need women who live in the area to commit for a few hours at a time at regular intervals. Tasks that would be assigned to them include answering the door, logging in donations, inventorying items on hand, and more as situation dictate. If you live in the area, please consider giving a bit of your time to help.

Ongoing needs include postage stamps, cleaning products, office supplies, kitchen trash bags and more. Also, operating this facility and compensating our staff is expensive. We always need your monetary donations.

For updated information about the home, the program, our events, and our needs list you can always check out our website: **Killingsworth.com**. The house phone number is 803.771.6359.

Thank you for all that you do as United Women in Faith to keep this ministry alive and healthy.



Jane Scott, SCCUMW Representative to Killingsworth

To GIVE go to:
<https://killingsworth-984283.square.site/>

A promotional banner for the Killingsworth Stay at home Gala. The background is dark blue with festive holiday decorations including pine branches, pinecones, and silver stars. The text "Killingsworth Stay at home Gala" is written in a white, cursive font. At the bottom, a red banner contains the text "Is over HOWEVER you can still GIVE" in white, bold, uppercase letters.

Killingsworth
Stay at home Gala

Is over **HOWEVER** you can still **GIVE**

New Sea Islands Camp and Retreat Center is Open

The property of our former Rural Mission, Inc. ministry located on Johns Island was transferred to the South Carolina United Methodist Church Camps and Retreat Ministries. During the Covid-19 shut-down, this facility was lovingly renovated and updated to provide a new location to host camps and retreats in the Lowcountry. It is a beautiful, rustic location on the Bohicket Creek right at the Intracoastal Waterway. Bunk rooms have been updated and more added to sleep up to 68 guests. The house on the property has been spruced up to provide a cozy retreat space for pastors or small groups.



Special activities such as bikes to ride to the beach, kayak rentals, and boat rentals can be added for an extra fee. There is also a small chapel on the grounds, as well as a bath house. If you have never experienced this “God-kissed space,” you are in for a big treat!

For more information and rates, go to sccarm.org/sea-islands/ or call 864-836-3711. S.C. Camps and Retreat Ministries would appreciate donations for the continuing renovations on this campus. They also operate Asbury Hills in the Upstate mountains area.

It is a great facility for youth groups or adult small group spiritual growth retreats. My son enjoyed spending time there as a youth for the Feast and Famine/field gleaning experience offered to church youth groups at the time. You might even be interested in coming as a work crew to provide help for the continuing renovations going on. Check it out! Spread the good news! **Kathy Roys (Charleston District)**
Former Rural Mission, Inc. board member

There is nothing like the
POWER of PRAYER

Have you registered as a prayer partner? Are you encouraging your Unit/Circle to register.

Contact Vickey Harvey at
vttharvey62@gmail.com
for more information

Looking to get Unit/Circle Involved

Check out the

SOCIAL ACTION

READING PROGRAM BOOK

Or other topics your Unit/Circle is passionate about

Contact Patricia Armstrong at
aggie8711@aol.com
for more information

WRITE your LEGISLATORS ABOUT ITEMS IMPORTANT TO YOU

They are there for you.

Contact Patricia Armstrong at
aggie8711@aol.com
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“Keep The FAITH”

An Ode Celebrating the 50th Annual Meeting
of the UNITED WOMEN in FAITH
The South Carolina Annual Conference
The United Methodist Church

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Rev. Telley Gadson

What is your purpose, does faith beat at your spiritual heart?
God gives what we need, knowing the ending before the start!

Serving can seem chaotic, expectations bring on the tests,
but no worries for a woman of God, the Lord sees our best!

We will always need a Christian sister, as a faithful and faith-filled friend,
Trials and tribulations come, but angels-in-disguise, God always sends!

Don't sweat the small stuff, you've got too much work to do,
Don't forget you are a Daughter of King Jesus,
and His love and power will see you through!

When we reach out hands to help a child, a youth, or a woman in need,
We are planting agape seeds, setting many captives free!

United Women in Faith, a relevant and relatable new brand,
We honor all the sojourners of United Methodist Women,
for upon their shoulders, by faith, we shall stand.

I offer Greetings and Salutations from our great Episcopal Leader
and his gracious spouse too,
Bishop L. Jonathan and First Lady Felecia Brown Holston,
are sending love and prayers for us, all the way from Africa U!
Greetings on behalf of the Cabinet, my 11 partners
in district superintending and missional strategizing across the state,
Kindly remember us in your prayers,
this work is not easy, so please use our whole names!

Some think leadership is about being in charge,
just wanting to be somebody's boss,
These are they who have no clue or understanding about the faith it costs.

In closing, let me say, I am not running for any elected office,
my name on the voting ballot, you will not see;
but it is my honor to be the Bishop's Cabinet "Rep"
for the South Carolina Women in Faith...feel free to call me "PASTOR T!"

A snapshot of the 50th Annual Meeting

for more photos from the 50th Annual meeting go to www.umcsc.org/women/



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United Women in Faith Transformation Officer, Sally Vonner Served As Keynote Speaker



Current and Past SCCUWF Presidents Gathered for a Photo with Guest Speaker Sally Vonner (right)



Sue Owens Shares a laugh during the Annual Meeting

For more photos from the 50th Annual Meeting scan the QR Code or go to umcsc.org/women/



SAVE THE DATE

April 26-28, 2024

It's not too
early to start planning

"Get Together" Southeastern Jurisdiction 2024

April 26 - 28, 2024
Chattanooga, Tennessee
Chattanooga Convention Center

*"A new command I give you; Love one another. As I
have loved you, so you must love one another."*

John 13:34

Our 2024 event
"Get Together"
will be at the
Chattanooga
Convention Center
Chattanooga, TN
April 26-28, 2024



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South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith 2023 Calendar of Events

February – Wallace Family Life Center, Special Emphasis Month

February 1 – Social Action Workshop #1/10am – Virtual

February 7– Social Action Workshop #2/7pm - Virtual

February 16 – Social Action Workshop #3/2pm - Virtual

February 25 – Social Action Workshop #4/10am - Virtual

March 1 – Presidential Scholarship Applications due

March 23 – Legacy Fund Day of Giving, 154th year

March 27-30 -Mission Trip, Asheville to Nashville Adventure, North Carolina and Tennessee

April – Columbia Bethlehem Community Center, Special Emphasis month

April 9 – **Easter** – He is Risen!

April 22 - Spiritual Growth Event/10 am/Walterboro District UWF host - Virtual

May 20 – Come Together Be Together/10 am/Columbia District UWF host - Virtual

June 4-7 -SC UMC Annual Conference, Florence Center, Florence, SC

June 24 – Charter for Racial + Environmental Justice Event/10 am – Virtual

July 1 – Limitless Event / 10am-virtual

July 20-22 Mission u, Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, SC

September – Killingsworth Special Emphasis Month

October – Bethlehem Center -Spartanburg, Special Emphasis Month

October 20-21– SCCUWF 51st Annual Mtg. /12:30pm - 3 pm/St. John’s UMC, Aiken, Orangeburg District

November 11 – District Officers Training/ 9:00am /Columbia District UWF host

December 2 – Limitless Event /10am- virtual

December 25 – Baby Jesus is born.

A Scholarship from the United Women in Faith?

That's Right.



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You or someone you know can be the recipients of the 2023 South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith Presidential Scholarship

South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith is offering a scholarship to future leaders of United Women in Faith. As a supportive community, our desire is to financially assist young women with their higher educational needs.

For more information scan the QR code or go to:

<https://www.umcsc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023-Presidential-Scholarship.pdf>



Application must be submitted (postmarked) by March 1, 2023

Legacy Fund Endowment

Submitted by: Maureen Thomas - Legacy Larson



The United Women in Faith continue to celebrate The Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign today. Earlier this year we made a request that each unit/circle contribute at least \$1.00 per member to this fund on or before August 1st. Our goal was to report \$10,000 at the annual meeting in October. The purpose was to increase the cumulative conference contributions from inception to date to \$100,000.00. I am happy to report our cumulative total as of August 31, 2022 is **\$100,685.33**. Thanks to all individuals, units and circles who made this a reality. We know there is still more work to be done to reach \$60 million target and you have demonstrated what \$1.00 per person can do.

Our mission work for women, children and youth in vulnerable communities is and will continue to be more important than ever as our world deals with the lasting effects of COVID-19, wars and inflation. We must be equipped to continue our work of putting our faith, hope and love in action. Our gifts are at work!

We are grateful to all members, units, family and friends who have contributed. Your generosity ensures that the mission movement started by our foremothers in 1869 continues so that future generations of United Women in Faith can and will continue to lead, serve, and discover new ways to change the world.

Timeline of Women in Methodism

Submitted by Judy Roumillat - Historian

Learn about some of the amazing women who helped shape the history of the church.
This is just a start. There are many, many more!

Timeline of women's mission organizations

1856 Methodist Mission in India is established.

1869 Eight women form the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society during a meeting at Tremont Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston.

1875 Woman's Missionary Association of the United Brethren Church is created.

1878 Women in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South organize the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

1879 Meeting in Pittsburgh, women of the Methodist Protestant Church organize the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

1880 Women's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church is established.

1884 Woman's Missionary Society of the Evangelical Association is created.

1890 The Methodist Episcopal General Conference recognizes the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

1891 Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the United Evangelical Church is established.

1893 Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church is organized.

1904 Ladies Aid Societies are officially recognized in the 1903 Methodist Episcopal Discipline.

See Timeline on next page

Timelines Continues

1910 The Woman's Home Missionary Society and the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South are joined under one Woman's Missionary Council and made part of the general missionary organization of the church.

1921 Wesleyan Service Guild is organized for Methodist Episcopal women employed outside the home.

1939 The various women's home and foreign missionary societies of the uniting churches become the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The Wesleyan Service Guild remains a separate organization.

1946 Women's Society of World Service of the Evangelical United Brethren Church is created.

1949 Ellen Barnette and Pearl Bellinger become the first African-American women missionaries sent to India.

1968 The women's organizations are merged as the Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild.

1972 The Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild are united to form United Methodist Women.

2022 The United Methodist Women became United Women in Faith.

Eight women in 1869
Nearly half a **million** members today
One remarkable history

-United Women in Faith

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Announcing Newly Appointed Officers



Jacquelyn Session - Trip Coordinator

Jacquelyn Session, Nominations Committee member is the daughter of Robert Carter, Jr. and Betty Robinson Woods. She was born and reared in Sumter, South Carolina. She is employed as the Housing Project Coordinator for Santee Wateree Community Mental Health Center aiding individuals and families living with mental illness to help find and secure safe, decent, affordable, and permanent housing. Making a difference in the lives of others is her calling. She is a member of Saint Mark United Methodist Church. She serves as the United Women in Faith President, Girl Scout Cadet Troop Leader and Girl Scout Troop Advisor, Youth Ministry Coordinator and the Church's Administrative Assistant. She is active within her community serving as the Church Women United of the Greater Sumter Area Celebrations Chairperson, a Girl Scout Mentor for the Fanny Ivey Service Unit, Hartsville District United Women in Faith President and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She enjoys event planning, word search puzzles, arts and crafts and spending time with family and friends. She strives to put her Faith, Hope, Love and Service in Action. She is married to Sam James Session and blessed with a daughter, Samoria Jacquel and a grand fur pup Aria. Her motto is Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me".

Jacquelyn may be reached via email at: jacquelyn.session@outlook.com or phone: (803)883-6070.

Frances McCluney - WFLC Representative

Frances is a member of Union UMC in McBee, SC where she currently teaches the Adult Sunday School class, serves as chairperson of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, and is a member of the Finance Committee, the United Women in Faith unit, and the Adult Choir. Past experiences in the UMC include service as a Lay Delegate to SC Annual Conference, member of the Council on Ministries, youth leader, and president and vice-president of our UWF unit and Lay Speaking.

She is a retired educator with 39 years of service in Chesterfield County School District. During her career, she was selected Chesterfield County School District Teacher of the Year twice and served as leader of the Teacher Forum.

McCluney obtained both a B.S. and M.Ed. degree from Francis Marion University.

She currently serves as secretary of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Omicron Chapter in Chesterfield County, which supports and celebrates women educators.

She is blessed to still have both parents, Olin and Kathryn Morrison. She is married to Dale McCluney who is also retired and they have a daughter, Alexandra.

I am excited about this new area of service in my life. I think my background as a public school teacher and my genuine concern for the support of families and children will allow me to be of assistance to the **Wallace Family Life Center** and to those who depend upon it.

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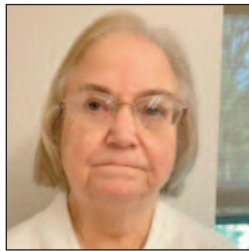
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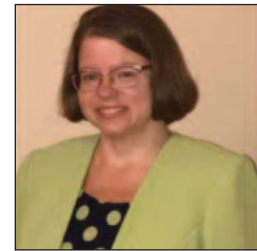
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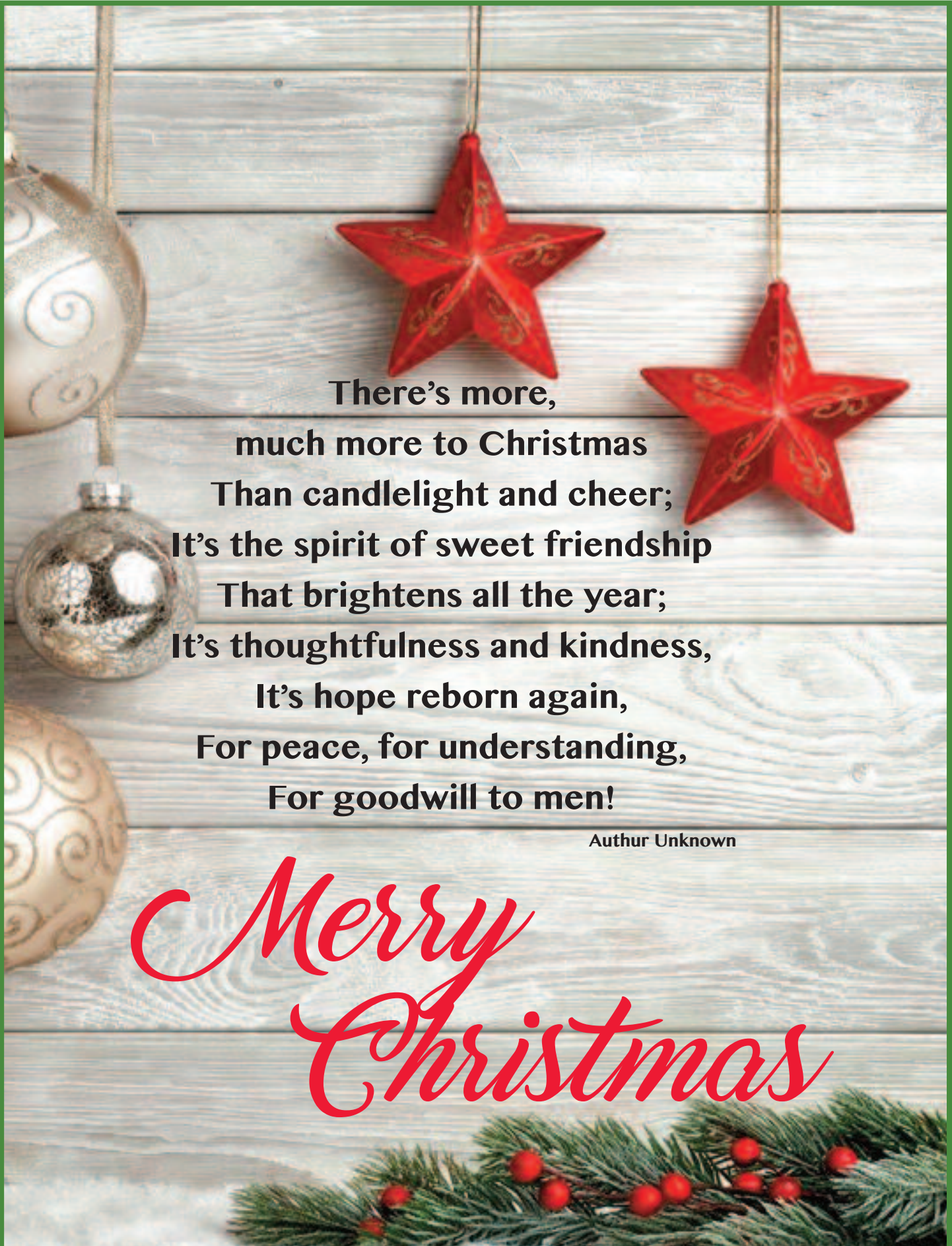
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**There's more,
much more to Christmas
Than candlelight and cheer;
It's the spirit of sweet friendship
That brightens all the year;
It's thoughtfulness and kindness,
It's hope reborn again,
For peace, for understanding,
For goodwill to men!**

Author Unknown

*Merry
Christmas*