Rock Hill District UWFaith Quarterly Newsletter

December 2024



United Women in Faith Informer



Officer Training

Come and join the fun as we fellowship together and share information on the coming year.

You do not have to be a unit officer to attend.

Hosted by Green Pond and Clover Chapel UMCs (at Green Pond UMC) 983 Bethel St, Clover, SC

Saturday, January 25, 2025

Registration & Refreshments 9:15 am Information Session: 10 am



According to His Purpose

We know that God works all things together for good for the ones who love God, for those who are called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28 (CEB)

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Informer is the quarterly newsletter of the Rock Hill District UWFaith. It is published in December, March, June, and September and sent via email to UWF Unit Presidents who then share it with their circles and members. If you wish to be added to our Informer email list, please send your request to rockhillumw@gmail.com.

News items, photos, and event announcements for the *Informer* can be sent to your Cluster Leader or sent to **rockhillumw@gmail.com**. Keep in mind we are published only 4 times a year.



President & Communicator

Lynne Chandler grew up moving from one Air Force Base to another until her parents settled in South Carolina. She spent much of her adult life in Abbeville, SC before being widowed then marrying Philip (a 2nd career UM pastor) and moving around the state 4 more times. Her 2 children live in Rock Hill, as does grand-daughter, Ella. Her husband's 2 children and 4 grands live in Arizona. She is a retired special education teacher & lives with her retired husband, 2 dogs, & 2 cats.

Lynne enjoys sewing, crocheting, reading, movies, and Trivia. She has served in Children's Ministries (Sunday School, Children's Choirs, VBS, Bible Buddies), UMYF, Confirmation Classes, UMW (Reading Program, Unit President, Prayer Shawl Ministry), Bible Study, and helped out as needed. She is a member of Woodland UMC, where she is part of the Abigail Circle, Choir, serves on the Christian Education committee, and volunteers with the Memory Connection.

She sought a position on the District UMW because she wanted to know others who attended conference events. She believes the best thing about being on the board is the fellowship with other Christian women. During her time as president she hopes to get to know more of the women in the district and would love to visit each unit either for a regular meeting or special event.

Her favorite scripture varies but is currently Deuteronomy 31:8-9

The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

Sisters, I am honored to serve as your president. Please don't hesitate to call on me if I can help your unit in any way. I would love to visit with you in your circle or unit. Please call, text, or email me to make arrangements.

I hope you will take advantage of all the district has to offer: Officer Training in January, our new Mini Mission u in March, Day Apart in the spring, Annual Meeting in September, & Reading Groups on Zoom. The Informer comes out in December, March, June, & September. We also have a Facebook group Rock Hill District UWF. We have a great Leadership Team and each of us is willing to help you in anyway we can.

Have a Joyous Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

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Vice President

Nichole Nickens was born in Gastonia, NC and is a lifelong Methodist. She has 3 older brothers. She is married to Eric and has 3 boys, ages 19, 16, and 2. So she is still the only girl. She enjoys touring and researching historical sites, listening to music and true crime podcasts, shopping, and spending time with family.

She is a member of Green Pond UMC and has served the church as Administrative Council Secretary, SPPRC, Communications Coordinator, Finance Secretary, Higher Education Chairperson, Committee on Nominations & Leadership, and Church Musician. She is a member at Green Pond UMC.

Nichole's purpose for serving on the District UWF Leadership Team is to bring in a younger generation's ideas and excitement. She thinks the best thing about UWF is the wonderful fellowship of women. In the coming year, Nichole hopes to visit with more units and participate in events they host. Please invite her!

Her favorite scripture is Jeremiah 29:11(NIV)

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord. "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future."

Nichole Nickens call/text: 704 458-3294 verneenickens@yahoo.com

Secretary

Barbara Gaither was born in Erie, Pennsylvania where she lived until relocating to SC in 2017 in order to be near her daughter and two wonderful grandsons. She has 3 younger sisters and a younger brother. In her spare time she enjoys reading, gardening in flowerpots, and water aerobics.

Barbara has been Methodist since the age of 5. She served her Pennsylvania church in many capacities including Council Chair, SPRC Chair, UMYF Leader, and Missions Chair. Since coming to SC she joined St. John's UMC in Fort Mill where she has served on the Lay Leadership Team and been involved as Annual Conference Delegate, Adult Class Leader, Circle Leader, and Book Study Leader. She previously served as Cluster Leader for Fort Mill.

Barbara's reason for being on the District UWF Leadership Team is to spend time with wonderful Methodist sisters and to give back to the organization that has enriched her life for 40+ years. To her, the best thing about UWF is the sisterhood wanting to **learn** and **act**. Her goal for 2025 is to encourage local unit secretaries to recognize the importance of their role.

A favorite scripture for Barbara is

Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10

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Treasurer

Frances Bratton was born and raised in York County and has been Methodist all her life. She is the eldest of five, with 2 brothers and 2 sisters. She was married to her late husband for almost 42 years. She has two grown sons and 2 wonderful grandsons. In her spare time she catches up on reading, TV shows & movies; enjoys cyber window shopping without spending money; does word puzzles & jigsaw puzzles; bakes; collects recipes & recipe books; & enjoys other activities.

She is presently the Chair of SPRC, Church Treasurer, & UWF Secretary at Green Pond UMC. Her previous positions include UMW President, Secretary of Trustees, SPRC Secretary, Financial Secretary, Alternate & Lay Member to Annual Conference, Chair of Nuture, Chair of Education, Superintendent of Church School, Nominations & Leadership Secretary, Communications, & member of the Praise Choir.

She is part of the District UWF Leadership Team because they are "women of faith who know God and share the same common goal: mission and sisterhood." The best thing about UWF is connecting with other women of faith and fellowship. Her goal for the year is to develop a good working relationship with the unit treasurers in the district.

Frances has several favorite scriptures. The one she refers to most often is Luke 1:37. For with God nothing shall be impossible.

Thank you treasurers, for your generosity and support this year through your quarterly remittances to all our UWF Missions: locally, nationally, and globally. As a reminder, the due date for 4th quarter (Sept 1-Nov 30) remittance is due Dec. 3rd (no later than the 5th). The 1st quarter begins December 1-Feb 28, 2025. Any remittances received after the due date will be applied to the next quarter. I look forward to working with you and seeing all unit treasurers at Officer Training on January 25.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday with family and friends!

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Rock Hill District UWF 2025 Budget

(The 2024 budget was mistakenly printed in the District Annual Meeting Program)

Officer' Expense (travel, postage, supplies)	\$623.70
Mission U (defray cost for team to attend)	\$500.00
District Day Apart (bulletin, speaker, musician, tech.)	\$200.00
District Annual Meeting (printing, speaker, musician, tech)	\$400.00
Officers' Training (printing, supplies)	\$100.00
Audit	\$100.00
Publication (book center, shipping cost)	\$100.00
Assembly (defray cost for team to attend)	\$100.00

Total 2025 Budget \$2,123.70

Pledge to Mission 2025 \$16,000.00

Membership Chair

Nancy Rivers was born in Gassaway, WV and is a lifelong Methodist. She grew up in various towns in North Carolina, West Virginia, and Florida and now resides in Fort Mill, SC. Having been married 38 years, she has two daughters (both married), three grandsons, and three grand-puppies.

Active in St. John's UMC in Fort Mill, Nancy is Handbell Director, Choir Member, Trustee, Delegate to annual conference, substitute Sunday School Teacher, and

UWFaith Circle Co-leader. Currently, she is taking classes in the Lay Servant Ministries Program whenever possible. In her previous church, Nancy served as the Unit President of United Methodist Women, taught at numerous Mother-Child Retreats, and led Spiritual Growth studies. In her spare time, Nancy enjoys reading, working in the yard, playing with her grandchildren, crocheting, and music.

In addition to the fellowship of women, the best thing about United Women in Faith is the amazing volume of high-quality mission work in which the organization is engaged. During her time as Membership, Nurture and Outreach Chair, she hopes to work with units and churches to grow membership in UWFaith. In addition, she is serving as Dean for our new District Mini Mission u which will be held on March 1. More information will be available at Officer Training in January. One of her favorite Bible verses is

Let all that you do be done in love. 1 Corinthians 16:14 (KJV)

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Nominations Chair

Crystal Barrs was born and raised in central Pennsylvania, 54 miles north of Harrisburg. She is Methodist from birth and is a member of Good Shepherd UMC. Although she has no children, she has helped raise many. She lives with her parents and helps care for them. She has nieces, nephews and great nieces & great nephews who are her heart. Crystal retired last year and enjoys counted cross-stitch, reading, Sudoku, handbells, singing, and attending UWFaith events.

She has held many positions in her church (Church of the Good Shepherd): President, VP, & Treasurer of UWFaith; Vice Chair of Church Council; Trustees; Committee on Finance; and Lay Servant. She joined the District UWFaith in 2012 on Nominations, became Nominations Chair from 2014-2015, moved up to Vice President for 4 years, then served as President for 4 years. To Crystal, the best things about United Women of Faith are the opportunities for learning and growing in faith. Her goal this year is to build our database for future leaders in UWFaith.

Her favorite scripture is Romans 12 (the entire chapter in the New Living Translation).

I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving and wish everyone a Safe & Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. If you are interested in joining the District Leadership Team in the next few years, please let me know. Let's talk about it.

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Program Resources

Bette Jean Janicke was born in York, SC and moved to Rock Hill when she was 7 years old. She is a lifelong Methodist. She has no siblings. Her spouse is deceased but she has one daughter and one son. Her son is married and has 2 sons. Her grandsons (ages 15 and 13) are her heart. She also has 3 grand-puppies. In her free time, Bette Jean quilts, reads, and spends time with her grandsons.

BJ has served and continues to serve Woodland UMC in many ways: Church Council Secretary, SPRC, Endowment Committee, Choir, Handbell Choir, Quilt Ministry, Worship Committee, UWF Secretary, Circle President, Sunday School Leader, Alternate Delegate to Annual Conference, She feels honored to be part of the District Leadership Team, working with other women to share information on how we can help women, children, and youth. The best thing about UWF in Bette Jean's opinion is the fellowship with other UWF members. Her goal this year is to increase the number of women participating in the Reading Program; to encourage them to report their reading.

Her favorite scripture is Psalm 139:1-2,4 You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.

Check our Facebook Group "Rock Hill District UWF" I will be reading 5 children's books that will count toward the Reading Program. Listen to them to complete Plan I..

Bette Jean Janicke Call/text: 803 517-1665 bjanicke@comporium.net



Spiritual Growth

Linda James was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA. She is a lifelong Methodist with a family history of Methodism for generations. She is married and has a sister and mother still living in Pennsylvania. She has 3 children and (finally) a precious granddaughter. In her spare time she enjoys reading and watching wild animals in her backyard (deer, fox, turkey, and many species of birds).

At Woodland UMC she is lay delegate to Annual Conference, President of UWF, Sunday School Teacher, choir member, and serves on the Christian Education Committee. UMW/ UWF has been a big part of her life since childhood (tagging along with her grandmother & mother).

Being on the District Leadership Team is her way of carrying on and giving back. The best thing about UWF for Linda personally is the sisterhood of her circle. On a broader basis, she appreciates the opportunity to help meet the needs of women, children, and youth. In the coming year, Linda hopes to reach others and bring them into the sisterhood of UWF.

Her favorite scripture is Jeremiah 29:11. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

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Social Action Chair

Bonita Mobley was born and raised in Rock Hill and is a life-long United Methodist although she has knowledge and experience with other denominations. She has seven siblings, 2 sons and agrand fur baby named Kodak.

Bonita enjoys traveling and doing crafts. Her favorite color is purple. She has served as UMW President, Youth Ministry Leader, and Event Coordinator at her church.

Bonita has wanted to belong to a group that shares her same beliefs. She desires to do God's will for His kingdom.

Her focus on the Leadership Team is Social Action. She hopes to learn more about her position and bring more awareness to Racial Justice issues.

Psalm 34:1 is one of her favorite scriptures.

I will praise the LORD at all times. I will constantly speak his praises.

I hope to be able to attend the Legislative Advocacy Day at Epworth Children's Home in Columbia on Tuesday, March 18. More information will be available in the March Informer. In the meantime we can watch past sessions on YouTube. Go to the Conference UWF channel SCC UWF to view the videos.

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E&I Chair (Missions)

Margaret Parker was born and raised in Lenoir, NC. She is a lifelong Methodist and currently attends St Luke UMC in Lancaster. Margaret has two grown children: a son and a daughter. She is blessed with 2 granddaughters (Maggi, 24 and Tori, 16) and a great grandson (Easton, 4). She has 3 sisters and 1 brother who are all still living. In her spare time she likes to read or just be lazy.

She has served in many capacities at her church including President of UMW, Children's Sunday School Teacher, Church Treasurer, Administrative Council Chair, Administrative Council Secretary, and other positions that don't come to mind right now.

After moving to Lancaster she was invited to a UMW activity and discovered a group of women that she wanted to be part of. One thing led to another and when she was asked to accept a position, she did. To Margaret, the best thing about UWF is the many varied activities offered to participate in and to meet other UWF Women at the district and state level and learn from their experiences. She also likes making new friends. She hopes to share information regarding missions with the local units and encourage them to meet the requirements for the Mission Today award.

Her favorite scripture is *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.* Philippians 4:13

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Historian

Jane Carter was born and raised in Winston-Salem, NC by loving, Christian parents. She is a lifelong Methodist, but attended the Moravian Church with her husband until moving to SC. The devout history and beliefs of the Moravian faith fascinate her. She is married (49 years) with 2 beautiful daughters and 2 grandsons. Her hobbies include church, church events, traveling with the Red Hatters (She is Vice-queen for her chapter.), and researching family history. She enjoys teaching others the basics of Genealogy 101.

Jane has served her UWF unit at Bethel UMC (Chester) as President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Program Resources, and Nominations. On the church level she served as Sunday School Secretary, Church Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Administrative Assistant. She has also served on the Worship Committee and Administrative Council.

Jane has always loved history and the UMW/UWF has an extraordinary history. She loves the sisterhood that we share in Christ's name. She enjoys seeing what other units are doing and sharing our faith with one another. As Historian, Jane hopes to keep records of all important events for our future. She feels it is important to record our history. "If we don't know where we have been, we won't know where we are going."

Her favorite scripture is 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

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Please send in pictures and write-ups about your unit events so we can share ideas and celebrate with you.

Send to rockhillumw@gmail.com



Lancaster/Chester Representatives

Cluster Leader

Clara Steele was born in Lancaster and graduated from Lancaster High School. She lived in New Jersey over a

decade before returning to Lancaster. She attended Baptist churches until 5 years ago when she joined Camp Creek UMC. She has 2 sisters, one in Charlotte and one in Lancaster, and a brother in Lancaster. She lives with her 3-year-old Yorkie named Prancer. She has 3 adult children, 5 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. She has a Yorkie named Prancer and a cockatiel named Monkeybutt.

Clara serves as President of her UWFaith unit and assists with the Clothes Closet. She is on the Bereavement Committee and participates in Nursery duties. In her spare time, Clara loves to crochet, spend time with friends and family, and do Karaoke.

As a member of the Leadership Team she wants to make the world better by shining God's light through herself. She feels the best thing about UWF is that all women can come together no matter what denomination, race, or political standing. This year she hopes to get more young ladies involved in UWF

Her favorite scripture is Jeremiah 33:3.

Call to me and I will answer you,

and I will tell you great and hidden

things that you have not known.

I want women to know that they are ALL welcome to join us in this sisterhood! Wishing y'all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Officer Training in January.

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Nominations

Linda Matthews was born in Wuerzburg, Germany where she lived for 8 years before returning stateside with her



military family. They lived in Florida and Texas, before moving to South Carolina. She was raised and baptized in the Baptist church but became a Methodist at age 17. She has 3 older brothers and 2 younger sisters. She is married and has 2 daughters Amanda and Anna.

Linda has a few pets: 4 dogs, 3 cats, 2 male ducks, 15 chickens, and a white peacock named Kevin. She enjoys being a fire fighter and a first responder. In her spare time she likes to fish, hunt, and sing karaoke.

At Camp Creek UMC, Linda is on the PPRC, oversees the Senior Group, works in the Clothes Closet, serves as VP of UWF and is a Prayer Warrior.

She joined the District Leadership Team because she wanted to . She loves connecting to others and sharing God's love and His word. This year she hopes to help women grow closer to the Lord through UWFaith as we work together for the common good.

Her favorite scripture is John 3:16
For God so loved the world that He
gave His only begotten Son that
whoever believes in Him should not
perish but have everlasting life..

I want people to know I love them from the heart-just as Jesus does! When I say something I mean it!

Linda Matthews call/text: 803 288-6777 drillsgtlinda@gmail.com

PICTURE YOURSELF HERE

Rock Hill/Fort Mill Representatives

Cluster Leader

We have not found someone to serve as Cluster Leader for the Rock Hill/Fort Mill Cluster.

The job of the Cluster Leader is to stay in contact with the Unit presidents in her cluster, encourage units to attend events and work toward the various awards. She serves as a liaison between the Leadership Team and the UWF units in her cluster.

If you are interested in this position please talk to

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OR

Crystal Barrs, Nominations Chair

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OR

Lynne Chandler, President

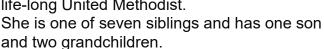
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Don't forget to pre-register for Officer (& member) Training which will be held on January 25. Zoom will be available. but in-person is so much more fun and rewarding. Pre-registration form is on page 18.

Nominations

Jane Mobley was born and raised in Rock Hill and is a life-long United Methodist.



During her free time she enjoys relaxing and watching TV. She is a member of Mt Olive UMC where she is President of the Usher Board and serves on the Nursing and PPRC committees.

She joined the Rock Hill District Leadership Team because she wants to be part of a group that believes in the same principles and values as herself.

Her goal this year is to get more women involved with United women in Faith. She is going to attain this goal as she has already recruited her sister, Bonita Mobley, to join the District Leadership Team in the position of Social Action Chair.

Her favorite scripture is Matthew 19:26

Jesus looked at them and said, "With
man this is impossible, but with God
all things are possible."

Let me know if you are interested in the Cluster Leader position for Rock Hill/Fort Mill.

Jane Mobley call/text: 803 616-4917 janemobley1964@gmail.com



York/Clover Representatives



Cluster Leader

Linda Hughes was born and raised in Clover. Both she and her husband Ed came from large families that even farmed together! She thanks

God for her four children and six grandchildren. They bring much joy to her life! Linda has goldfish and pigs for now, but hopes to get a dog soon. Linda enjoys watching true inspiring movies and reading the Bible and Christian literature. She tries to walk 2 miles a day Monday thru Saturday and loves listening to 106.9 radio.

A member at St. James UMC, she has served as Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School Teacher, President of her UMW Unit, Membership Chair, and Mission Chairperson. She is currently a part-time Sunday School teacher and is in the rotation as Worship Leader.

She previously served as Social Action Chair and felt led by the Holy Spirit to serve as Spiritual Growth Chair. "Because the Holy Spirit is doing a new thing within me, I want to share God's Love, Grace, and Mercy." She feels that UWF encourages you to take a faith leap and they are helpful in helping you understand your position/positions. She hopes that others will see a little more of Jesus in her in the coming year.

She has many favorite scriptures. One of them is Proverbs 3:5:

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own under-standing.

Greetings, dear sisters in Christ. May your hearts and spirits rejoice as we celebrate the birth of Jesus! May your joy overflow into the new year! I'm excited!

Linda Hughes call/text: 803 280-6763
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Nominations

Erica Hughes Odom is new to the District Leadership Team. She is the daughter of David and Ruth Hughes; mother to



Dennis J Mitchell, Jr (Raven); grandmother to Joshua Mitchell; and widow of the late Vernon Odom. She is happy to join her aunt, Linda Hughes, in serving the Rock Hill District UWFaith and the York/Clover Cluster.

Erica is the United Women of Faith President at St James UMC in York, SC. She currently serves as recording secretary for United Automobile, Aerospace, and Implement Workers of America (UAW) Local 5285, Mt Holly, NC; member of Coalition of Labor Union Women; Silver Life member of the Western York County Branch of NAACP; member of AP&B Society Hoodtown Lodge #16 in Sharon, SC.

Erica enjoys gardening, shopping, reading, and travel. Most importantly, she loves her service for the Lord!

As a nominations representative for the York/ Clover Cluster she hopes to find bold and courageous women who are willing to work in leadership positions.

Her favorite scripture is Romans 8:38-39
For I am convinced that neither death
nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height
nor depth, nor anything else in all
creation, will be able to separate us
from the love of God that is in Christ
Jesus our Lord.

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Rock Hill District Annual Meeting

What a Friend!



Hopewell-Lancaster Hosts the District

Hopewell UWF in Lancaster hosted our 2024 District Annual Meeting in September with a delicious breakfast and wonderful hospitality. Author and poet, Kimberly Davis, presented a wonderful program and donated a few of her books to the district.

We celebrated the generosity of our units who go above and beyond in providing for missions locally and globally in addition to giving through UWF. During the Memorial Service, a bell was rung in memory of the ladies we lost in the past year. Awards were given to units and individuals. Lynne Chandler, District President, presided over our officer elections and Sandra Jeter, Past District President, installed our officers for 2025. Many thanks to Hopewell UWF! We are grateful for everyone who took part in the program and all attendees. Thank you!











More pictures are on the next page



More Pictures from District Annual Meeting















SC Conference UWFaith Annual Meeting



Rock Hill District Hosts Conference Annual Meeting

The South Carolina Conference UWF Annual Meeting was held October 25-26, 2026 at Woodland UMC. A record number of women from Rock Hill attended the event (about 50). A favorite resting area was the "Rock & Relax" room where a variety of rocking chairs welcomed tired women. Many of our district units helped make the event a success. Deep appreciation goes to Woodland's UWF and staff for setting up, guiding women to different areas, serving food, and making a million other arrangements before, during and after the event. Woodland's men helped with moving tables & chairs and parking cars. The District Leadership Team helped with registration check-ins, serving snacks, guiding people, and serving communion.

Gratitude is due to multiple churches in our district who donated money, snacks, and "goodie bag" items. Those churches include Hopewell & St James in York; Green Pond in Clover; Good Shepherd, Camp Creek & Hopewell in Lancaster; Philadelphia & St John's in Fort Mill; Mt Olive & Woodland in Rock Hill; Bethel in Chester; and El Bethel in Fort Lawn. Also Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry provided items for the goodie bags.













Killingsworth Gala

Rock Hill District "Puts on the Ritz" at the Annual Gala

Women from across the Rock Hill District traveled to Seawell's in Columbia for the annual Killingsworth Gala. The Gala is a major fundraiser for Killingsworth Home for Women. Attendees saw a fashion show and heard stories about the work at Killingsworth. Everyone enjoyed dressing up for the occasion.

Right: Sandra Jeter (past RH District President) and Marlene Spencer (past Conference President) enjoy the evening.

Below: Clarice Blakeney (immediate past Conference President) joins a group from the Rock Hill District. *Front:* Blakeney, Linda Hughes, Clara Horton (past RH District President), Lynne Chandler (RH District President), Crystal Barrs (past RH District President). Back: Neena (friend), Linda Matthews, Barbara Dill, Mary Alice Ratterree.





The Gala is always in November. We will let you know the date as soon as we can. It would be wonderful to have a crowd attend from the Rock Hill District.

Items of Interest continued

New Event for Rock Hill District

Have you ever wanted to attend Mission u in Spartanburg but couldn't get away from work or home responsibilities?

Now Mission u is coming closer to you!! The Rock Hill District will host a new event in 2025...a Mini Mission u! It will take place on Saturday, March 1 at St John's in Fort Mill. Go ahead and mark it on your calendar because you won't want to miss it! More information will be provided at Officer Training in January.

Do You Know a Girl or Woman in Need of Money for College?

SCCUWF offers Presidential Scholarships every year. More information and application forms are available online at *umcsc.org/women* Contact Lynne Chandler (mrs.lynnechandler@gmail.com) if you need help.



Don't forget to register for our Annual Officers Training! Each church unit is encouraged to have an officer/member or two at the training. Details on page 1 and page 17.



Officer Training

Pre-registration Form

Hosted by Clover Chapel UWF and Green Pond UWF

Location Green Pond UMC 983 Bethel St, Clover, SC

Date January 25, 2025

9:15-9:45 Registration/Refreshments

10-11:30 Information Session

An offering will be collected for UWF Mission Giving



According to His Purpose

We know that God works all things together for good for the ones who love God, for those who are called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28 (CEB)

Church/City _			

Name	Unit Office	Email	Check if 1st Timer?	Check if Under 40?	Check if Zoom

Please send registrations to Nichole Nickens via mail, email, or text. Use the form or include the requested information. Mailed registrations should be sent early to ensure delivery. You can register as a unit or individually. Please register by Saturday, January 18, 2025.

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