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Columbia District

Local Unit Officer Training

Saturday, January 14, 2023

8:45AM Registration 9:45AM Gathering 10:00AM Program Begins

**Host: Mt. Hebron UMC
3050 Leaphart Road
West Columbia, SC 29169**

Theme: Inspire! Influence! Impact!

Scriptural Reference: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10 NIV



All United Women in Faith Local Unit Officers will have an opportunity to:

- **Participate in small-group interactive discussions;**
- **Exchange ideas for effective leadership;**
- **Connect with UWF from other churches.**

A Love Offering will be collected and donated to the four SC Mission Projects.

The Executive Committee will meet immediately after the Local Unit Officer Training.

Thank You for your participation!



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Registration Form

(No registration fee! Make a copy of this registration form and keep for your record.)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (H) _____ (Cell) _____

Email _____

Name of Church/UWF Unit _____

Office Held in UWF Unit _____

Check the workshop you will attend.

<input type="checkbox"/> President	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Action Coordinator
<input type="checkbox"/> Circle Leader	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Nurture & Outreach Coordinator
<input type="checkbox"/> Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/> Education and Interpretation Coordinator
<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/> Program Resources Manager
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/> Historian
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications Coordinator	<input type="checkbox"/> Committee on Nominations
<input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Growth Coordinator	<input type="checkbox"/> Cluster Leader

Food Allergies No Yes List known food allergies _____

Vegetarian No Yes

Mail or Email Registration Form to
Tiffany Phillips
 2336 Hard Scrabble Road
 Columbia, SC 29223
tiffphillips2014@yahoo.com
 803-543-9405

Registration Deadline: December 31, 2022

Greetings From Your President...

This has been a very busy and productive year for our United Women in Faith. Even thru the pandemic and a name change, we have been active and working for our district to meet our mission goal of helping women and children in need. Wow!! You ladies are wonderful.

We had our Officer Training in January so we could train our unit officers and exchange information with the leaders serving our units. We had our Day Apart in March and “Took off our Masks”, a spirit filled time for all of us that attended.

Some of us went to the Assembly 2022 in Orlando, Florida in May and we came back ready to “Turn it Up”. Many of our members gathered together in their homes to watch the event virtually and even though they were virtual, they felt the same energy and commitment to “Turn it Up”.

This year we attended Mission u in person, and it was so nice to see everyone. Hugs were plentiful and our ladies were inspired and lifted up by the spirit filled sessions as we studied and learned together. The studies were “Who can we be Together” and “Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom”. Our youth studied “Community in the Midst of Challenging Times”. Our time together was so special, and the studies were thought provoking and inspirational.

Our 50th Annual Meeting was held on September 17, 2022 in person at Union UMC. Our theme was “50 Years in Mission: And the story continues to Unfold”. We had a tea party, a great speaker, our District Superintendent, Rev. Fran Elrod, and we celebrated together all that we have accomplished this year. We celebrated many of our units with a slide show and our Historian, Pat Hoesly, had many boards with photos of all our celebrations. We loved seeing all of the pictures she somehow was able to capture during our events this year. **Thanks** to our **powerful executive team** for the planning and work to make this meeting so powerful. **Thanks** to **Union UMC** for the beautiful table settings and all the hard work they did in making us feel welcome and keeping everything running smoothly.

As we “Turn it Up” in 2023, we have many events planned, beginning with our Local Unit Officer Training on January 14th at Mt. Hebron UMC. Please plan to attend as we share, learn and fellowship together.

Columbia District you are the best group of United Women in Faith. I pray that everyone has a blessed and happy holiday season. Christ is alive in each of us and I look forward to being His hands and feet this coming year as we “Turn it Up”.

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New year to all of you!!!!

Love, peace and grace,

Debra Schooler, President

Columbia District



Notes from the Vice President
Food for thought for United Women in Faith

Mother Teresa's *Anyway* Poem

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self centered;
 Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;
 Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies;
 Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;
 Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;
 Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;
 Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;
 Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;
 Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and your God;
 It was never between you and them anyway.

Thank you for all you do for United Women in Faith.

Happy Holidays!



Love.



Grow.



Serve.

Carrie R. Murray
 Vice President
 Columbia District United Women in Faith
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Secretary's Desk

The Columbia District United Women in Faith Executive Committee met in person October 18, 2022, hosted by Frances Burns UMC.

President Debra Schooler welcomed new officers.

Persons in attendance included: Debra Schooler, Carrie Murray, Tiffany Phillips, Sandra Love, Lexie Chatham, Connie Branham, Rhonda Washington, Mary Nell Trussell, Pat Hoesly, Stella Chisholm, Vilma Cobb, Becky Travis, Marlene Sipes, Flo Johnson and Linda Kennedy.

Absentee members were Diann Selph, Sharee Washington, Patricia Armstrong, Christine Porter, Betty Void, Rosemary Wilds, Debbie Keisler, Vanessa Key, Faye Love and Karen Furr.

Devotion and prayer were given by Sandra Love.

Reports were given by the following officers:

Secretary Report Diann Selph the minutes appeared in the September issue of the Gleanings and were adopted. (Carrie Murry took minutes in the absent of Secretary Diann Selph and reminded everyone to send reports to the secretary).

President Debra Schooler

It has been a very busy time. We held the Columbia District 50th annual meeting on September 17th at Union UMC. The meeting was well attended and everyone that I spoke to was very pleased with everything. We had a tea and many of us wore our hats to the tea. We installed our officers, approved the budget, and recognized our guests. Our speaker, Fran Elrod, the District Superintendent of the Columbia District, was our keynote speaker and everyone enjoyed her message. Union UWF did an outstanding job preparing for the meeting and decorating for the tea. The food was excellent, and the decorations were outstanding. We browsed through boards of pictures by our historian of meetings and activities in the past and viewed a presentation of our circle's activities - "Down Memory Lane". Our team did an excellent job of getting our reports together and Carrie, Rhonda and Sharee prepared our beautiful program books. Thanks to everyone for your hard work in making this a very successful meeting.

I spent Monday at the SC Conference Center in a workshop learning about the Birkman method for identifying our leadership styles. Very informative and helpful in identifying our strengths and weaknesses as leaders. We all took the survey test, and we were put into categories defined by our answers. At the end of the workshop, we were given specific strategies to be more effective as leaders based on our strengths and weaknesses defined in the test. The workshop was very helpful to me and the other participants.

I attended the bishop's leadership training this summer and we talked about how each of us can support the bishop and our conference by promoting communication between the churches and the conference staff. It is important to work on the 4 priorities set by the bishop - 1. Developing Leaders, 2. Engaging our communities, 3. Connecting with and growing Disciples and 4. Measuring and Evaluating Current Realities and Missional

Possibilities. If you are interested in finding out more about these 4 priorities, you can go to the UMCSC.org website and download the information and watch a video. I encourage each of you to take the time to review this information.

I am going to the UWF annual meeting on October 21st - 22nd in Myrtle Beach. I will report on the meeting upon my return. I am sure I will have lots of good information to share with you ladies.

November 12 is the Conference Officer Training hosted by Wesley UMC and will be held at Washington Street UMC. Please make every effort to attend so we can increase our knowledge about our positions. This will help us as we work with our district leaders in January at our Local Unit Officer training on January 14th at Mt. Hebron UMC.

As we head into the end of the year, please encourage your units to meet their pledges so that we can end the year in a good position.

Vice-President Carrie Murray

Columbia District UWF In-Person Annual Meeting and 50th Anniversary Tea Party Celebration was held Saturday, September 17, 2022 at 10:00AM. The event was graciously hosted by Union UMC under the leadership of Becky Travis.

The theme for the occasion was *50 Years in Mission: And the story continues to unfold...*

The theme was enhanced by a time of spiritual formation through heartfelt greetings, inspirational songs, liturgical dancers and a profound message from keynote speaker, Rev. Fran M. Elrod, Columbia District Superintendent.

Twenty-one (21) units received individual and unit awards for several areas of mission and volunteer work, and the Women of the Year were absolutely gorgeous.

Continuing and new district officers, as well as members, pledged themselves to do their best to fulfill the mission and purpose of UWF by way of a stirring installation ceremony conducted by Dr. Sandra Hamlin, president of Bluff Road UWF.

The tea party celebration followed the business portion of the Annual Meeting. Beautifully decorated tables, the luncheon, the posters, and the walk down memory lane video provided the perfect setting for food, fun and fellowship.

The Columbia District team pulled off an awesome Annual Meeting and 50th Anniversary Celebration that was coordinated by Vice President, Carrie R. Murray. Results from the evaluation forms reflected a 4.8 out of a possible 5 approval rating. Many thanks to all participants and attendees!

Upcoming events:

1. **SCCUWF Annual Meeting** will be held October 21-22, 2022, at First UMC, in Myrtle Beach, SC with Marion District as host.
2. **Conference Officer Training for District Officers: Nov. 12, 2022**, at Washington St. UMC – hosted by Wesley UMC.
3. **Columbia District Officer Training for Local Unit Officers: January 14, 2023**, at Mt. Hebron UMC.
4. Training will be much like it was last year. The only difference is that it will be an in-person event.

CWU

I, along with several ladies from UMC denomination attended the virtual CWU State Assembly Annual Meeting September 23, 2022. The event, which was hosted by CWU Columbia Unit, was well planned, organized, and informative.

Maxine Grate, a member of Grace UMC, received the Key Woman Award, and Debra Schooler, a member of Lebanon UMC was elected President-Elect of the State CWU.

CWU supports work toward, and fights for the rights of all humans. Human Rights Day Celebration was held October 7, 2022. During this event, persons or groups are recognized for the work they do in support of human rights. I submitted Jan's Van Breast Cancer Screening Ministry at Union UMC as a group nominee to receive the CWU Columbia Unit Human Rights Award. This group represents the United Methodist Denomination and is most deserving of the Human Rights Award.

The next CWU event is **World Community Day: A Call to Prayer** scheduled for November 4, 2022.

Treasurer Report Tiffany Phillips

Money received:

2nd Quarter Remittance:

Pledge to Missions- \$3,100.00

Special Mission Recognition-\$120.00

Gift to Mission-\$30.00

Call to Prayer-\$83.00

Bethlehem Center Columbia-\$40.00

Bethlehem Center Spartanburg-\$40.00

Killingworth-\$40.00

Wallace-\$940.00

Total: \$ 4,393.00

Day Apart Offering Received: \$300.00

(\$75.00 sent to Each Mission)

Expenses in 2022:

Gleaning Printing March \$ 400.18

Gleaning Mailing March \$ 66.24

Audit \$300.00

Officers Expense Day Apart: \$25.00

Day Apart Speaker Honorarium \$150.00

Bank Charges: \$18.00

Check Book Balance: \$6,480.89

Communication Coordinator Sharee Washington – Gleanings articles are due **November 13, 2022**. Cluster leaders are encouraged to send photos and news updates of their churches for the upcoming gleanings.

As of October 18, 2022, only 11 people completed the Columbia District Annual Meeting evaluation. The evaluation was in the Program book and available to fill out online.

Spiritual Growth Report Sandra Love

The Day Apart event will be held March 4, 2023 and hosted by Frances Burns UMC. She will contact Dawndy Mercer Plank as the number one choice for Day Apart speaker. Reverend Meegian Gossard will be the second choice.

Spiritual Growth Retreat will be virtual in 2023.

Social Action Patricia Armstrong – No Report

MNO Connie Branham

Will contact units and work on getting new members.

Education & Interpretation Rhonda Washington

No report from the 4 missions

The deadline to collect can tabs have been extended thru the Conference training on November 12. The ladies were asked to help collect tabs from their churches as I will not be readily available to get to the churches the week of October 24 and October 31 for collection. I will drop off the can tabs at Ronald McDonald House – Columbia the week of November 14.

Mary Nell Trussell Program Resources

The new United Women of Faith Reading Program for 2023 has been announced. You may find it at uwfaith.org/reading-program/ on the internet. I think the books will also be listed in the November/December *response*. You will be able to find all the titles and a paragraph about the books. I will have the complete 2023 list in the *December Gleanings*. I'll also include which ones are in the Richland and Lexington County Libraries. We may read books from 2018 – 2023 this year.

I want to highlight three books from the Spiritual Growth category:

1) *The Big Deal of Taking Small Steps to Move Closer to God*

This book by Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie, a bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, shows how to develop a stronger relationship with God and an effective spiritual lifestyle by taking small steps that will lead to big changes.

2) *Daughter of Cana (Jerusalem Road, Book 1)*

Hired to oversee a wedding feast in Cana, Thomas and Tasmin, twin siblings, meet Jesus when He changes the water into wine. Thomas and Tasmin argue when Thomas decides to follow Jesus. She decides to follow the Nazarene's group and bring her brother home.

3) *God Unbound*

This book is about Paul's letter to the Galatians. Paul has given himself to God's mission in the world which is a mission to everyone. The author feels that the God we love is much bigger than we knew and not bound by our theology or tradition. It is time for us to see and know the unbound God.

Now is the best time to begin reading for 2023. As usual, I challenge all of you on the Columbia District Team to complete at least Plan I of the Reading Program this year.

Chair of Nominations Christine Porter

Mrs. Porter along with Mrs. Chisholm will work hard to ensure that we have a nominee for each district office.

Historian Pat Hoesly – Pat encouraged everyone to send her pictures of unit activities and events.

Cluster reports were received from the following leaders:

Cluster 3: Becky Travis; Cluster 4: Sandra Love for Faye Love; Cluster 5: Carrie Murray for Karen Furr;
Cluster 6: Linda Kennedy

Business

District Officer Training: November 12, 2022, at Washington Street UMC hosted by Wesley UMC.

Conference Annual Meeting: October 21-22, 2022, at First UMC, Myrtle Beach, SC.

Theme: *Embracing Change, Sharing Grace!*

Closing Prayer was given by Sandra Love

Diann Selph

Columbia District Secretary
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Rhonda Washington/Sharee Washington
Communication Chairs

RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Conference		Date	
District			

I recommend:

Name:							
Address:							
Phone home:				Phone mobile:			
E-mail:							
Age:	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s+
Race/ Ethnicity:				Employed:	Yes	No	

Why I think you should consider this person (attach extra sheet if necessary):

Position(s) I would recommend this person for:

Signed:	Phone:
Mailing address or e-mail:	



Please return to: _____

A Note From Our Treasurer:

Thank You for all your contributions to help the missions we support as United Women In Faith! Your support really makes a difference.

Hope to see all Treasurers at Officers' Training on January 14 at Mt. Hebron.

1st Quarter Remittances Reporting Period 12/01/2022 - 02/28/2023

1st Quarter Remittance Form are due by 03/05/2023

(Remittance form received after 03/05/2023 will be counted towards 2nd Quarter)

2nd Quarter Reporting Period 03/01/2023- 05/31/2023.

2nd Quarter Report due before 06/05/2023

Remittance Sent/ Love Offerings (Sep 2021-August 2022):

Pledge:\$ 44,038.50

SMR Special Mission Recognition: \$1,685.00

Gift to Missions: \$810.00

Gift in Memory: \$650.00

World Thank Offering: -\$4,360.33

Columbia BETHLEHEM CC:\$ 4,273.50

Spartanburg BETHLEHEM CENTER:\$ -\$5,272.50

Conference Love Offering:\$55.00

Killingsworth: \$5,613.00

Wallace Family Life: \$7,492.50

Call to Prayer and Self Denial: \$2,485.33

Legacy Fund: \$ 150.00

Deaconess and Home Missioner Donation: \$200.00

Scholarships: \$30.00

Assembly Offering: \$30.00

UNCOR:\$363.00

Scarritt Bennett Center:\$30.00

Special Emphasis Months:

FEBRUARY - WALLACE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

APRIL- COLUMBIA BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CENTER

SEPTEMBER - KILLINGSWORTH

NOVEMBER - BETHLEHEM CENTER SPARTANBURG

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. Please send all Remittance forms/money to me at the address below.

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Columbia District Treasurer

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Social Action Coordinator Report

Greetings Columbia District UWF,

This year has been a whirlwind. As is typical of UWF you rose to the occasion. The work that has been done and is being done in our Units/ Circles is heartwarming. I know there is much that I am not aware of, so I thank each of you for all you do to support the mission of United Women in Faith. I have served on the District Team as Social Action Coordinator for 4 years. It has been wonderful getting to know everyone and maturing as a woman of faith actively involved in mission. UWF is a great organization to find your place.

It was great seeing so many of you at the Annual meeting. It was a great way to end my role as Columbia District Social Action Coordinator. I know you join me in congratulating Lexie Chatham on her new role as Columbia District Social Action Coordinator. Lexie is a member of Mt. Hebron. I have no doubt Lexie will do an outstanding job.

Gracious thanks to all who supported the Diamond Unit Award, Supporter of Campaign for Children and the District Mission project.

Supporters of Campaign for Children

We are a powerful, fearless force driven by God's love and united in sisterhood. With a focus on women, children and youth, we act for justice and transform communities.

We face the realities we see in the world, even when they are not the ones we would like to see. However, our goal is not to bear witness simply to harms but also to God's love by acting boldly to change those harms.

Bluff Road
 Brookland
 Francis Burns
 Gilbert
 Grace
 Mt. Hebron
 Platt Springs
 Trenholm Road
 Virginia Wingard Memorial
 Wesley

Charter for Racial Justice Diamond Units

Strives to establish color-blindness through Jesus Christ and experiences life lived in Acts 2:44-47
“All the believers were together and had everything in common...praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved”

Bethel Columbia

Chapin

Brookland

Francis Burns

Gilbert

Grace

Mt. Hebron

Platt Springs

Trenholm Road

Virginia Wingard

Wesley

Peace and Blessings

Patricia Armstrong

Columbia District Social Action Coordinator

2022 - More than Conquerors

Message from Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

I give thanks to God and give thanks to you the United Women in Faith of the Columbia District!

It has been my joy and pleasure to serve as your Spiritual Growth Coordinator this year. Looking forward to future years to come as we continue to learn and grow together.

Our District Day Apart will be Saturday, March 4, 2023 at Francis Burns 5616 Farrow Rd, Columbia, SC 29203. Registration begins at 9:30am. The program will begin at 10:00am. Please watch for future emails for registration forms and more details.

Our theme “Who can we be Together”. Our speaker will be named at a later date.

District Officer training will held on Saturday, January 14.

The Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat will be virtual on April 22, 2023 hosted by the Walterboro District.

Please mark your calendar to make yourselves available to attend both of these events.

Love Peace and Grace

Sandra Love

Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Program Resources Report

I hope everyone will enjoy reading books from the United Women of Faith Reading Program during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. In this issue of *Gleanings*, you will find a list of the new books for 2023 and the books for 2023 that may be found in the Richland and Lexington County Libraries.

For more information go online to uwfaith.org. Go to the Reading Program page and click on the **Reading Program Catalog**. You will find a summary of the Reading Program and requirements for each of the four plans. Also included is a paragraph about each book for 2023.

On the left of the Reading Program page, click on **Previous Reading Program Catalogs** for a chart of all books in this year's program. You may read books from 2018 through 2023.

Books marked as bonus books count as two books in that category. To receive the bonus credit for the spiritual growth bonus books, you must participate in or lead one of the studies. Just reading these books outside of a study group counts as one book.

Several movies also give Reading Program credit. These are: *Hidden Figures*, *Pushout*, and *The Hate U Give*. These give credit in the category of the corresponding book.

You may receive credit for listening to the *Faith Talks* podcasts. Listening to at least 2 episodes counts as one book in the spiritual growth category.

Mary Nell Trussell

Columbia District Program Resources

2023 Reading Program Books in the Richland County Library

Education for Mission

Being Sheela: The Life Journey of an Immigration Lawyer by Adithi Rao

The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson

“I Am A Man”: Chief Standing Bear’s Journey for Justice by Joe Starita

Pachinko by Min Jin Lee

Stamped for Kids: Racism, Antiracism and You by Jason Reynolds & Ibram X. Kendi

Leadership Development

All We Can Save: Truth, Courage and Solutions for the Climate Crisis by Ayana Elizabeth Johnson

Change Sings: A Children’s Anthem by Amanda Gorman

Ida B. the Queen: The Extraordinary Life and Legacy of Ida B. Wells by Michelle Duster

A Knock at Midnight: A Story of Hope, Justice and Freedom by Brittany Barnett

Miosotis Flores Never Forgets by Hilda Eunice Burgos

On the Come Up by Angie Thomas

Nurturing for Community

Eyes That Kiss in the Corners by Joanna Ho

Firekeeper’s Daughter by Angeline Boulley

Magic Like That by Samara Cole Doyon

The Prodigal Prophet by Timothy Keller

Together: The Healing Power of Human Connection in a Sometimes Lonely World by Vivek H. Murthy

White Fragility: Why It’s So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism by Robin DiAngelo

World of Wonders: In Praise of Fireflies, Whale Sharks, and Other Astonishments by Aimee Nezhukumatathil

Social Action

Black Was the Ink by Michelle Coles

Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent by Isabel Wilkerson

The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah

The Green New Deal by Jeremy Rifkin

Nibi’s Water Song by Sunshine Tenasco

What Can I Do? My Path From Climate Despair to Action by Jane Fonda

Spiritual Growth

I’m Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness by Austin Channing Brown

Until Unity by Francis Chan

2023 Reading Program Books in the Lexington County Library

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Social Action

Bright Star/Lucero by Yuyi Morales

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Nibi's Water Song by Sunshine Tenasco

Spiritual Growth

I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness by Austin Channing Brown

What Is God Like? By Rachel Held Evans and Matthew Paul Turner

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READING PROGRAM 2023

Book Title	Author	Year	Category	Youth/Child	Bonus Book	Notes
Being Sheila: The Life Journey of an Immigration Lawyer	Adithi Rao	23	Ed for Mission			
Book Woman of Troublesome Creek – a novel	Kim Michele Richardson	23	Ed for Mission			
How Far Do You Love Me?	Lulu Delacre	23	Ed for Mission	Children		
I Am a Man — Chief Standing Bear's Journey for Justice	Joe Starita	23	Ed for Mission			
Pachinko — a novel	Min Jin Lee	23	Ed for Mission			
Phoebe — A Story	Paula Gooder	23	Ed for Mission			Korean, Avail in English
Stamped (for Kids) — Racism, Antiracism, and You	Jason Reynolds and Ibram X Kendi	23	Ed for Mission	Youth		
Super Cilantro Girl/La Superniña del Cilantro	Juan Phillipe Herera	23	Ed for Mission	Children		
Susan Angeline Collins — With a Hallelujah Heart	Janis Bennington Van Buren	23	Ed for Mission		BB	
All We Can Save — Truth, Courage, and Solutions for the Climate Crisis	Ayana Elizabeth Johnson and Katherine K Wilkinson	23	Leadership Dev		BB	
Change Sings — A Children's Anthem	Amanda Gorman	23	Leadership Dev	Children		
Ida B the Queen — The Extraordinary Life and Legacy of Ida B. Wells	Michelle Duster	23	Leadership Dev			
Knock at Midnight — A Story of Hope, Justice and Freedom	Brittany Barnett	23	Leadership Dev			
Miosotis Flores Never Forgets — a novel	Hilda Eunice Burgos	23	Leadership Dev	Children		
On the Come Up	Angie Thomas	23	Leadership Dev	Youth		
Pioneer Black Clergywomen — Stories of Black Clergywomen of the United Methodist Church 1974-2016	Rev. Dr. Josephine Whitely-Fields	23	Leadership Dev			
Spiritual Leadership	Oswald Sanders	23	Leadership Dev			Korean, Avail Eng, Sp
Barber's Cutting Edge	Gwendolyn Battle-Lavert	23	Nurt for Comm	Children		
Eyes That Kiss in the Corners	Joanna Ho	23	Nurt for Comm	Children		
Firekeeper's Daughter	Angeline Boulley	23	Nurt for Comm	Youth		
Land is Not Empty — Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery	Sarah Augustine	23	Nurt for Comm		BB	
Magic Like That	Samara Cole	23	Nurt for Comm	Children		LP
Nevertheless — American Methodists and Women's Rights	Ashly Boggan Dreff	23	Nurt for Comm			
Prodigal Prophet — Jonah and the Mystery of God's Mercy	Timothy Keller	23	Nurt for Comm			Korean, Avail Eng, Sp
Stay This Way Forever	Linsey Davis	23	Nurt for Comm	Children		
Together — The Healing Power of Human Connection in a Sometimes Lonely World	Vivek H. Murthy	23	Nurt for Comm			Avail in Spanish
Vail's Tales	Vail Johnson and Ed Payne	23	Nurt for Comm	Children		
White Fragility — Why It's so Hard for White People to Talk About Racism	Robin DiAngelo	23	Nurt for Comm			Avail in Spanish
World of Wonders: In Praise of Fireflies, Whale Sharks, and Other Astonishments	Aimee Nezhukumatathil	23	Nurt for Comm	Children		

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Black Was the Ink	Michelle Coles	23	Social Action	Youth		
Bright Star (Lucero)	Yuyi Morales	23	Social Action	Children		Avail in Spanish
Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent	Isabel Wilkerson	23	Social Action		BB	Avail in Spanish
Cousins — Connected Through Slavery, a Black Woman and a White Woman Discover Their Past – and Each Other	Betty Kilby Baldwin and Phoebe Kilby	23	Social Action			
Four Winds — a novel	Kristin Hannah	23	Social Action			
Green New Deal	Jeremy Rifkin	23	Social Action			Avail In Korean
New American — A Novel	Micheline Aharonian Marcom	23	Social Action			
Nibi's Water Song	Sunshine Tenasco	23	Social Action	Children		
What Can I Do? My Path from Climate Despair to Action	Jane Fonda	23	Social Action			Avail Eng, Ko, Sp
Big Deal of Taking Small Steps to Move Closer to God	Vashti Murphy McKenzie	23	Spiritual Growth			
Community in the Midst of Challenging Times — A Biblical Exploration of Luke 13	Kenya Cummings	23	Spiritual Growth	Youth		Mission u Study Bonus if attending Mission u
Daughter of Cana (Jerusalem Road Book 1)	Angela Hunt	23	Spiritual Growth			
Freedom, We Sing	Amyra Leon	23	Spiritual Growth	Children		
I'm Still Here — Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness	Austin Channing Brown	23	Spiritual Growth			
Isalah and the Worry Pack — Learning to Trust God with All Our Fears	Ruth Doring	23	Spiritual Growth	Children		LP
Our Growing Tree — From Self-Love to the Beloved Community and All of God's Creation: Biblical Exploration of Luke 13	Ilka Vega	23	Spiritual Growth	Children		Mission u Study Bonus if attending Mission u
Until Unity	Rev Francis Chan	23	Spiritual Growth			
What is God Like?	Rachel Held Evans and Matthew Paul Turner	23	Spiritual Growth	Children		
Who Can We Be Together? A Biblical Exploration of Luke 13	Candace Simpson	23	Spiritual Growth			Mission u Study Bonus if attending Mission u

News from Education and Interpretation

Wallace Family Life Center

Thanks for giving to Wallace Family Life Center

Serving on the Wallace Family Life Center board has been a privilege, honor and rewarding experience. I am very grateful to the United Women in Faith for this impactful opportunity. I am very thankful the many experiences I have had with the Hartsville District to help prepare me for a time such as this. I am finishing up a 4- year term on the board at the center. Half of the time was during the Pandemic which we all were a part of and know the limitations we endured.

The Wallace Family Life Center has been in existence under United Methodist Women (now United Women in Faith) since 1979. The mission is to provide educational, cultural, recreational and religious programs to enrich the lives of the people in the Wallace community. Over these more than forty years many lives have been changed and improved because of the work at the center. Many women, children and youth have benefited from the numerous resources, funds, prayers and manual work provided over these forty-three years. We are so very appreciative of the love you show, support you give and the contributions you make to assist the Wallace Family Life Center with the programs for the community. Plans are being made to add additional programs to increase hands on learning. The new director is collaborating with agencies, the school district and businesses to expand the quality of life for the community. With your continued support the future will be bright for years to come because of your love, caring and giving spirit. Wallace Family Life Center is extremely grateful for the many people who freely give to the projects, programs and activities that are making a world of difference for so many.

Thanks again for all your support, contributions, visits and prayers. It truly makes a big difference in the community.

Clarice Blakeney, WFLC Board Representative



Students attending Adult Education class.

The Wallace Family Life Center Director with 2 people bringing donations.



Bethlehem Center – Spartanburg

The Bethlehem Center started the fall season with a busy schedule. Below are a few of the programs I will highlight:

The Highland Early Learning Center: The 3k, 4k, and Head Start programs are well underway, with some spaces still open in the 4k now that they can attend public schools. A fall festival has been planned for October 28 to provide an opportunity to reach out to parents and encourage them to enroll their children.

The S. O.A R. Youth Program: currently has 45 children enrolled in the after-school program, with a goal of 60 for total enrollment. Patrena is very pleased with her afterschool staff, noting the assistance with learning and getting their homework completed.

Senior Programming: Currently the need is for their “Sew to Sow” group. A list was provided for our annual meeting and the next Mission Echo. The Spartanburg units are aware of their needs and items have already been dropped off, along with a gift card.

Upcoming: The board is busy selling coupon books and getting ready for our largest fundraiser “Auction for a Cause” and another event is planned for the end of January with a dinner and entertainment night.

From the administrative side, The Bethlehem Center is updating several educational protocol guidelines, establishing an Advisory Council, new phone lines in the office for better efficiency, and a

new alarm system for safety. Fall assessments at the center will soon be underway.

I have been the mission rep for one year now. In the last year, I have seen firsthand just how hard our director is working through a significant amount of growth with a full-time staff of 14 employees, increasing revenue through grants and continually looking towards researching new funding ideas.

The Bethlehem Center board is celebrating Patrena's work anniversary, 10 years of taking a center that was ready to fold, and now moving forward to the revitalization and positive changes taking place inside the building and out! With the support of our conference and each one of us stepping up our commitment to contribute to our 4 SCC missions, we can continue to improve our communities to better serve women, children, and youth.

Jan Fleming

SCC Mission Rep.

Ronald McDonald's House

Thank you Francis Burns UWF & Bethel UWF
for your pop tabs/monetary donation



Beth, Ronald McDonald's House and Rhonda, Columbia District E&I Coordinator

Rhonda Washington

Columbia District Education and Interpretation Coordinator

Cluster Reports



United
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Quarterly Report to District *United Women in Faith* Executive Committee
Bluff Road United Women in Faith
July- 2022 to October-2022

July 21-23 Mission U, Spartanburg Methodist College

7-31-2022 Call to Prayer and Self Denial program in our unit meeting.
Learned a lot about deaconesses.

- **8-15-2022--Back to School Bash Donations to Burnside Elementary School**—Joint venture with the church and United Women in Faith. Leadership of Mrs. Helen Lebby and Mr. Charles Riley.



Photos Courtesy of Charles Riley

- At the **Columbia District United Women in Faith 50th Anniversary Annual Meeting** on September 17th 2022, Bluff Road earned the following recognitions:
 - **Campaign for Children Award**—advocating for the needs of children
 - **Five Star & Gold Seal Unit Award**—Supporting the five areas of mission giving: Pledge to Mission; Gift to Mission; Gift in Memory; World Thanks Offering; Special Mission Recognition.

- **Mission Today Award**—Met pledge to mission and 10 out of 15 additional activities. Throughout the year Killingsworth, Columbia Bethlehem Center, Spartanburg Bethlehem Center, and Wallace Family Life Center missions were supported financially.
 - **Remembering our Fifty Years United Women in Faith-Individual**
 - **Christine Huskey, 2022 Woman of Distinction Award**
- One member of our unit also served on the District Annual meeting program by installing district officers for the year 2023.
- Three members of our unit attended the **Columbia District Annual Meeting** and participated in the Tea Party Celebration put on by the gracious women of Union United Methodist Church in Irmo. See pictures from the event below.



- Additionally, Bluff Road contributed **15 health kits** to the Columbia District United Women in Faith mission project for donation to **Transitions**.



Other Activities Attended:

10-4-2022 I attended ***The South Carolina Silent Witness Ceremony***, put on by the Office of the Attorney General. This event was held on the steps of the Capitol building. It is held yearly. During this Silent Witness ceremony, wooden silhouettes were used to represent the women and men who died in 2021 because of domestic violence. Of the 50 silhouettes represented, **37** were female domestic violence homicide victims; 12 were male. It was sad to hear the bell ring after each name was called and the silhouette was brought forth. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The following is a poem written in the program book at this event:

Unknown

Domestic violence does not discriminate by gender, race or ethnicity.
People in every socioeconomic status experience this type of violence.

Domestic violence victims are all around us:
in our neighborhoods, workplaces and our places of worship.
Therefore, let us have a moment of silence to remember
those victims of whom we are unaware.

Domestic violence affects us all.

10-15-2022-Church Fall Festival —The unit gave financial support to this church event. The children were filled with joy.



Report by Faye Love
Cluster 4

South Carolina Conference United Woman of Faith Myrtle Beach, SC



SCCUWF Annual Meeting 2022 (Myrtle Beach, SC) Columbia District UWF Attendees



SCCUWF Annual Meeting 2022 (Myrtle Beach, SC) Francis Burns UWF Attendees



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Columbia District UWF Calendar of Events 2023

January

January 1	<i>Happy New Year!</i>	
January 14	Columbia District Local Unit Officers Training Columbia District Executive Committee Meeting Host: Mt. Hebron UMC	In-Person

February

February:	Wallace Family Life Center Special Emphasis Month	
February 1	SCCUWF Social Action Workshop #1 10:00AM	Virtual
February 7	SCCUWF Social Action Workshop #1 10:00AM	Virtual
February 16	SCCUWF Social Action Workshop #1 10:00AM	Virtual
February 25	SCCUWF Social Action Workshop #1 10:00AM	Virtual

March

March 4	Columbia District Day-Apart Retreat Host: Francis Burns UMC	In-Person
March 23	SCCUWF Legacy Fund Day of Giving (154 years)	
March 27-30	SCCUWF 2023 Mission Trip: Ashville to Nashville	

April

April:	Columbia Bethlehem Community Center Special Emphasis Month	
April 9	Easter – Christ Is Risen Today!	
April 18	Columbia District Exec Committee Meeting Host: Bethel UMC (Columbia)	In-Person
April 22	SCCUWF Spiritual Growth Event Host: Walterboro District	Virtual

May

May 20 **SCCUWF** Come Together Be Together Host: Columbia District Virtual

June

June 4-7 **SCUMC** Annual Conference Florence Center – Florence, SC

June 20 Columbia District Executive Committee Meeting Host: Grace UMC In-Person

June 24 **SCCUWF** Charter for Racial and Environmental Justice Event Virtual

July

July 1 **SCCUWF** Limitless Event Virtual

July 20-22 **SCCUWF** Mission u Spartanburg Methodist College In-Person

September

September **Killingsworth Home Special Emphasis Month**

September 16 Columbia District 51st UWF Annual Meeting Host: Grace UMC In-Person

October

October: **Bethlehem Community Center Spartanburg Special Emphasis Month**

October 17 Columbia District Executive Committee Meeting In-Person
Host: Lexington UMC

October 20-21 **SCCUWF** Annual Meeting Host: Orangeburg District St. Johns UMC, Aiken

November

November 11 **SCCUWF** District Officers Training Host: Columbia District In-Person

December

December 2 ***SCCUWF** Limitless Event In-person/TBD

December 25th *Merry Christmas*

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"She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness." Proverbs 31:26

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