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June 2021





Did You Know?

<p>...Wallace Family Life is working to host a Kids in the Kitchen Nutrition & Health Camp</p>	<p>...ASSEMBLY 2020 Will be held in Orlando May 20 -22, 2022</p>	<p>...Killingsworth held two fundraisers but if you missed them - prepare now to give as they plan for one later this year</p>
<p>...Socks, basketballs, belts, paper towels and gift cards are just a few of the items on the Bethlehem Center Columbia need list</p>	<p>...The United Methodist Women were able to meet for events all year long... Not in Person but Virtually</p>	<p>...Bethlehem Center Spartanburg can always use monetary gifts but can also use individually package after-school snacks</p>

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

From the Desk of Pernerva Washington-Thomas Florence District President

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1

Hello to my Sisters in Christ of the Florence District. WHAT A MIGHTY GOD WE SERVE! To the Florence District UMW UNITS this was a wonderful year. Even though we were faced with many challenges due to COVID-19 and other unforeseen scenarios in families throughout the world. We still count it as blessings, knowing that GOD is good. Our inspiring theme "Knitted together" encouraged my heart, through Scripture I was motivated along the way to be the voice for Jesus the Christ. Today, I want to personally thank our Leader, Mrs. Cathy Ford whose tender voice and inspirational words from GOD strengthened me along the way.

I want to again thank you for allowing me to serve as your District President this year 2020-2021.

Beginning with the life altering experiences such as the new platform that we were forced to use. We have now added new words to our virtual vocabulary ZOOM and GOOGLE MEET just to name a few.



I appreciate and thank you. Even though thank you seem so small yet it is very important that you know your participation and giving to our Pledge and Missions Projects is appreciated. To the Units that gave to us this past year, you are priceless!

I thank you for your attendance to the United Methodist Women's events thus far and the South Carolina annual Conference, whether you attended virtually or in-person. I appreciated each one of you for all you do.

Florence District
United Methodist

Women let's never forget our purpose, which is to be community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

I am available to you at all times..

Sisterly Yours In Christ,

Pernerva



Florence District United Methodist Women 2021 Calendar of Events

JULY

July 10.....FD Team Meeting Virtual
 July 24, 31 Mission u Virtual

AUGUST

Aug 7.....Mission u Virtual

SEPTEMBER

Special Emphasis Month - Killingsworth - Columbia

Sept 11.....FD Team Meeting.. Virtual
 Sept 25.....FD Annual Meeting Virtual

OCTOBER

Special Emphasis Month - Bethlehem Community Ctr Spartanburg

Oct 23-24.....Annual Meeting. Hartsville/Virtual

NOVEMBER

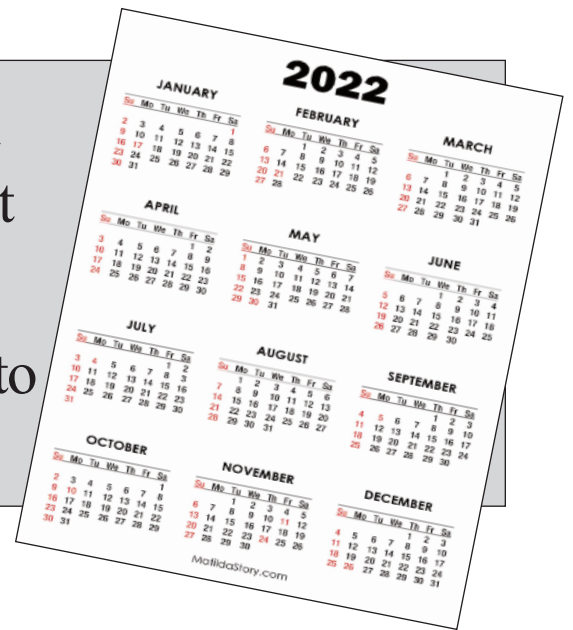
Nov 6.....District Officers' Training. Florence/Virtual
 Nov TBA. FD Team Meeting..... Virtual

DECEMBER

Merry Christmas

Interested in your Unit
 hosting a meeting/event
 in 2022 let us know.

Wouldn't it be nice for us to
 meet at your church?



South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women 2021 Dates to Remember

February – Wallace Family Life Center, Special Emphasis Month

February 3 – Social Action Workshop #1/10am – Virtual

February 9– Social Action Workshop #2/7pm - Virtual

February 18 – Social Action Workshop #3/2pm - Virtual

February 27 – Social Action Workshop #4/10am - Virtual

March 1 – Presidential Scholarship Applications due

March 23 – Legacy Fund Day of Giving, 152 years young

April – Columbia Bethlehem Community Center, Special Emphasis month

April 4 – **Easter** – He is Risen!

April 24 - Spiritual Growth Event/10 am/Rock Hill District UMW host - Virtual

May 15 – Come Together Be Together/10 am/Anderson District UMW host - Virtual

June 6-9 -SC UMC Annual Conference

July 22-24 Mission u, Spartanburg Methodist College

Or

July 24 – Mission u/10 am + 1 pm - Virtual

July 31 – Mission u/10 am + 1 pm - Virtual

August 7 – Mission u/10 am + 1 pm - Virtual

September – Killingsworth Special Emphasis Month

October – Bethlehem Center -Spartanburg, Special Emphasis Month

October 23– SCCUMW 49th Annual Meeting/10 am + 1 pm/Hartsville District UMW host - Virtual

November 6 – District Officers Training/ 10 am /Florence District UMW host – Virtual

December 25 – Baby Jesus is born.



From the Desk of the Treasurer - Pearl R. Brown

When PRAISES Go Up BLESSINGS Come Down.

Your financial commitment to the “PURPOSE” of United Methodist Women is a blessing to our many local, national and global mission projects. Thank you for honoring your pledges and contributing to **SPECIAL MISSION PROJECTS, SUPPLEMENTARY GIFTS** and the **LEGACY FUND**.

Quarterly reports are due by the 5th of the month following the end of the quarter.

1st quarter December 1 – February 28

2nd quarter March 1 – May 31

3rd quarter June 1 – August 31

4th quarter September 1- November 30

Just a reminder certificates will be prepared based on remittance reports received on or before the 5th of August, 2021.

Need Remittance Forms?

Forms for remitting reports, ordering pins and cards can be downloaded from the website: unitedmethodistwomen.org/forms-for-treasurers.

Or you may request forms by calling 843-319-6450 or email: prbrown2076@gmail.com

YOU MAY SEND LEGACY FUND DIRECTLY TO:

UMW National Office
475 Riverside Dr.
15th Floor
New York, NY 10115

Praying that God will continue to pour out His blessings upon each of you

Spiritual Growth Reminders

Azilee DeeDee Dickey

Proverbs 13:20 says, "If you want to grow in wisdom, spend time with the wise. Walk with the wicked and you'll eventually become just like them."

An Awesome 2021 Virtual Spiritual Growth Event was held April 24 hosted by St. James United Methodist Women. Surely, the presence of the Lord was in this event. Special thanks to Vickie Harvey, SC Conference Spiritual Growth Coordinator and her committee for an informative and inspiring program. I pray you were able to attend as our speaker was the Rev. Wendy Hudson Jacoby who presented: "Community, Call and Creativity in the Life of the Women in Moses' Life." Hats off to the Rock Hill District and the Virtual attendees from the Florence District. Thanks for your continued support. Now it is time to register for

our Virtual Mission u. With that in mind have you registered? It is scheduled for July 24, July 31 and August 7, 2021, at 10:00am. Per the Mission Echo, "During the upcoming Mission u event, we will examine the culture

*Spiritual
Growth
Mission u*
@10:00am
July 24, July 31
and August 7, 2021

of violence that impacts children in and out of school, and how we as God's people can deepen our moral witness and respond faithfully." There will be two studies for adults and one for youth. Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom; Living into the Church's Moral Witness Through Radical Discipleship by Darryl W. Stephens and Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools by Monique Morris.

The Youth study will be Becoming Peacemakers in a Culture of Violence: A Curriculum for Youth Leaders by Jay Godfrey.

Ladies, please remember to become Prayer Pals. Send your information to me (Azilee Dickey email deejie721@yahoo.com or Vickie Harvey at 440 Goldmine Road Spartanburg, SC 29307 or email: vtharvey62@gmail.com). Please provide the following information: Name, Address, email address, birthday, phone number and other information you wish your prayer partner may need to know.

If you haven't yet joined South Carolina United Methodist Women Conference on Facebook for the latest information and events do it now. Do not forget to continue to read the Advocate and send in your articles. I salute you the Wise Women of Florence District!

In His Service and Yours,

Azilee

Online

2021 Virtual Mission u Registration Form

July 24, 31, - August 7, 2021

10:00 a.m. – 12 noon

Youth July 24, 31, 2021 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Theme: There’s Far More Here Than Meets The Eye

Name: _____ District: _____

Address: _____ City and zip: _____

Phone (cell): _____ Email: _____

Please select one of the classes below: You must attend all three sessions.

___ Spiritual Growth: **Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom:**

___ Issue Study: **Pushout: Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools.**

For Youth

___, **Becoming Peacemakers in a Culture of Violence**

___, **I agree** to have my contact information shared with our National UMW Organization.

Since there is not a registration fee, we encourage you to make a donation to our four Mission Projects. Please send all donations to the conference treasurer, Ruby Hannah, 3015 Audubon Dr., Hanahan, SC 29410.

For more information contact Betty Swinton, Dean: 843-845-1971 or swint723@aol.com

MISSION u IS FOR YOU!

As we spend time together at Mission u, I invite you to meet:

Danisha, age 11, is a prostitute who sees herself as gainfully employed and on her way out of poverty rather than a child who is being molested/raped/exploited.

Mia, age 13, describes school as having fights every day, smoking in the gym, having the presence of guns, and having four armed police officers present daily. She sees no use to go to school because you can’t learn anything anyway.

Shannon, a first grader, refused to write anything, covering up her inability to read, as well as her lack of phonetic awareness. Her teachers felt she would write when she felt ready to.

We will discuss these and others who are facing challenges in today’s educational systems. Real life situations need real like solutions. How can we work to shut down the school-to-prison pipeline? Join us for **PUSHOUT!**



Mission u 2021

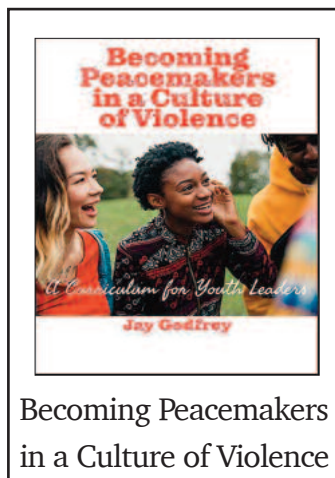
2021 Virtual
Mission u
July 24 | July 31 | Aug. 7
10 a.m. to noon | Zoom

There's Far More Here
THAN MEETS THE EYE

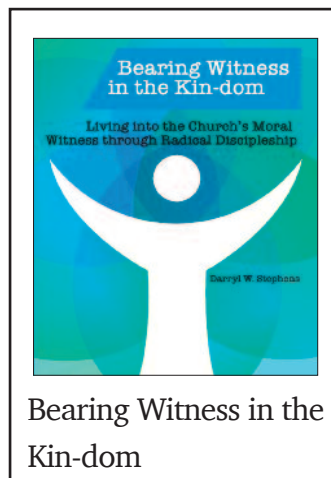
Youth Event: July 24 & 31st

To Register Copy link: <https://bit.ly/3f8jIq1>

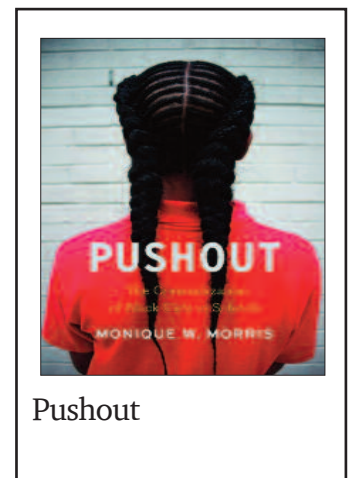
This year's studies are:



Becoming Peacemakers in a Culture of Violence



Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom



Pushout

Order books from:

www.umwmissionresources.org • www.amazon.com or any local bookstores

There is no Registration Fee for Mission u.
You are encouraged to make a donation to the Mission Projects.

All donations should be sent to the Conference Treasurer.
Ruby Hannah
3015 Audubon Drive • Hanahan, SC 29410

For more information contact:

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Tired Of Sitting On The Sidelines?

Interested or know someone that is?

Contact Amelia Fulton - 843.534.8550



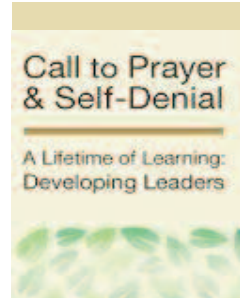
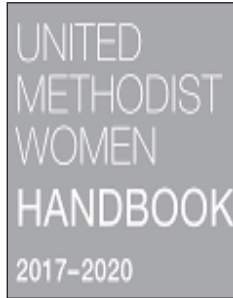
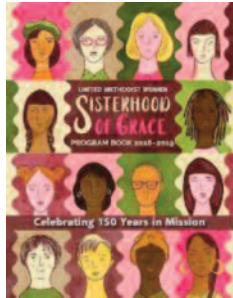
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To purchase Contact Stephanie Bolden - Secretary of Program Resources.

843.610.7394 • stephaniebolden1958@gmail.com

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Thank you to all of the Units that completed the 2020 Unit Survey (Census). Plans are being made now to increase the number of Units responding to the survey next year. We would like to have a more accurate representation of Florence District UMW in the National database.

Ethel F. Holmes, MNO Coordinator

Presidents the deadline is quickly approaching for the submission of all Annual Reports.

Don't leave your Unit out.

Submit all forms by the form deadline.

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Wesley Chapel Celebrates Mother’s Day

Submitted by: Dorothy McClam
 Wesley Chapel UMW
 Lake City, SC

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Women presented their annual Mother’s Day Program on May 9, 2021. The program’s speaker was Mrs. Pernerva S. Thomas. Mrs. Thomas is currently serving as the Florence District President of United Methodist Women. Romans 5:1-5 was the focus Scripture. The message focus was “Mothers of Faith.” “Women are the backbone of the home. Faithful women are the backbone of the Church,” Mrs. Thomas affirmed. She emphasized the importance of prayer, stating that



a mother has to pray and she has to be about God’s business. “Mothers of faith lift up others in the Spirit of Christ,” she added. “Our Mother’s Day service was very inspiring. Our speaker was dynamic. Her message spoke volumes to me, to all women, and to mothers. I extend a heartfelt thanks to our speaker, Mrs. Pernerva Thomas, for bringing us such a powerful message,” said Mrs. Betsy Graham, president of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Women. Mrs. Thomas stressed the value of putting God first. She closed her message with a stirring rendition of “He Touched Me.”

Asbury Women Adorned Straw Hats At Annual Program





May 5, 2021

Dear Florence District UMW,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$200.00 in support of our 29th Annual Golf Tournament on May 3, 2021. Your contribution of a large, variety of door prizes was received on May 3, 2021 and your support is greatly appreciated.

With your donation and God's help, we continue to aid women in crisis. Our current and future success is made possible by the continued generosity of our supporters.

You are making the Killingsworth Difference! ***Thank You!***

With deep gratitude,

Rev. Schrendria Robinson, MPH, CHES
Executive Director

Florence District United Methodist Women Crossword Puzzle

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Announcements



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2021 PRESIDENTIAL
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JOYDEN GLOVER &
JILLIAN SPENCER

Calling Young
Ladies Between
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is for you.

SEPTEMBER
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July 31
August 7
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