

Gleanings

News

JUNE 2023



United
Women
in Faith

Mission u 2023



LIVING THE GOOD NEWS
Reflecting God's Love

Join us at Mission u as we explore the good news and what it means for our lives!

Jesus' teachings in the Gospels proclaim the good news of the kin-dom or reign (*basileia*) of God. In fact, Jesus mentions the kin-dom 90 times in the Synoptic Gospels! What does the Bible tell us about God's *basileia* and why do we call it the kin-dom? For Jesus, the kin-dom was not simply something to talk about but something we could live and experience. From the Lord's Prayer to the beatitudes to the parables, this good news is at the heart of Jesus' preaching, teaching and ministry.

Come! Let's explore together the heart of Jesus' good news and what fresh vision it offers us as we seek to be in mission today.

Our 2023 Mission u will offer the following curriculum available on our [e-store](#) by January 2023:

Living the Kin-dom: Exploring the Lord's Prayer as a Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation by Riva Tabelisma (Adult)

Seek and You Shall Find: Living in the Kin-dom by Rachel Mosher (Youth)

We Are the Kin-dom by Kathleen Stone (Children)

Join us !

**Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, SC
July 20 (Thurs afternoon) thru July 22 (Sat Lunch)**

2023 Mission u Registration Form

July 20-22, Spartanburg Methodist College
Theme: Living the Kin-dom

Please print clearly

Name: _____ Suitemates: _____

Address: _____ City and zip: _____

Phone: _____ District: _____

Please provide email if you wish for confirmation to be sent electronically:

Please Check All That Apply

Under 40 Youth (12-18) Attending first time Conference Officer District Officer

Clergy Missionary Deaconess Day participant youth chaperone

Limitless (18-30) **Coming on Wed- 7/19/2023 (for event set up)**

Special needs: Please help us address and meet your needs by listing them on the back of this form. If you have a physical condition that requires our consideration for classroom, dorm, or campus please indicate. Also, please list any dietary needs or restrictions. Hearing loss is a limitation and we can seat you close to the study leader. If you will need transportation on campus please let us know on the back so we will have enough transportation available.

Emergency contact: _____ contact number: _____

Adult participants study:

Living the Kin-dom: Exploring the Lord's Prayer as a Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation by Riva Tabelisma

You will need to purchase the book before attending because books are not available on site: In order to save on shipping order with others.

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For Youth and Limitless Ladies only: Youth Study: Seek and You Shall Find: Living in the Kin-dom by Rachel Mosher

_____ Age _____ date of birth _____ grade entering in the fall

Name of Chaperone: _____ cell phone: _____

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Youth registration, Chaperone registration, and additional required forms must be mailed together.
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Are you interested in participating in a plenary? _____ Would you like to help with on campus transportation? _____

Mail completed form with check made payable to SCCUMW to: Vikki Hill, SCCUMW Mission u, 518-A Oak Dr., Lexington, SC 29073

Adult resident: \$ 185 * Day Student: \$120.00 * Youth resident: \$130.00 Amount enclosed: _____

****Registration deadline is July 1, 2023**Late registration is \$15 **All suitemate forms must be mailed together****

****Please read general Information Sheet for more details about this event****

Limitless

You are invited to a *Limitless* party!!!!

When: July 1, 2023

Where: Washington Street UMC
1401 Washington Street • Columbia, SC 29201

Time: 10:30 am to 1:30 pm

What: A time to fellowship, worship, play
and donate!

Theme: We are Friends Together

Games • A speaker • Fellowship time • Great food/snacks.

*Please bring some canned vegetables for our soup kitchen and
some feminine products for our girls closet.*

Plan to have some fun with us and see what we are all about.

Register - debrajschooler@gmail.com

**WE ARE
LIMITLESS...**
...AND YOU CAN BE TOO!



Greetings From Your President...

Greetings United Women in Faith. Our year is flying by fast. We have lots going on in our conference and our district this spring and summer. The annual conference for our United Methodist church is quickly approaching. Please be in prayer for our conference and all of our churches as we seek to go forward during this time of uncertainty.

Even though churches are disaffiliating from the United Methodist church, it does not mean that our United Women in Faith have to disaffiliate. We welcome the women in these churches to continue being part of the United Women in Faith. We are driven by God's love and united in sisterhood to work to improve the lives of women, children and youth. We invite all women to join us and take action in a world that is hurting and in need of our love and action.

On July 1, we will have a Limitless party for our young ladies at Washington Street UMC. Please invite the youth in your churches to attend and enjoy fellowship, fun and faith as we celebrate being "Limitless". The flyer is attached to this newsletter with details and registration information. This is an opportunity for you to involve your youth in a United Women in Faith event. We need our young people to carry on for us and to learn to love serving our women, children and youth.

Mission u will be July 20-22 in person at Spartanburg Methodist College. Vanessa and the mission u team have been working hard on this event and it will be a time of spiritual growth, fellowship and fun. The youth are invited and we will have some time with our youth and adults to interact and fellowship together. The registration forms are in this newsletter, so plan to be there and join our sisters in Christ as we worship and learn.

Mark your calendars for our annual meeting on September 16 at Grace UMC. We will be in person and we invite you to celebrate all that we do in the Columbia District to serve our sisters, youth and children in need!! Registration forms and info are attached.

There are forms that are due before the annual meeting so we can share all that our units are doing and have done this past year. Please take note of the due dates and where to send them on the form attached.

Lots of information is in this edition of the "Gleanings", so it is important to make sure you read and note the dates of our meetings and the registration deadlines! I look forward to seeing you ladies at our meetings and events!!!!

Blessings to each of you!

Debra Schooler, President

Columbia District United Women in Faith



Notes from the Vice President

Greetings United Women in Faith!

As United Women in Faith, we have been called by God to lead a life worthy of His calling. How do we do that?

Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, admonishes them to “Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.” (Ephesians 4:1-3 New Living Translation (NLT))

Today, we, United Women in Faith, follow the principles of Paul’s teachings to honor God by doing the work for which He has called each of us to do. Because God created His children as one body and one family, He requires us to conduct ourselves in a manner that honors Him and His Works.

Therefore, through the working of the Holy Spirit, we put up with one another; we bear with one another; we accept and appreciate the diverse talents and skills of one another. We rejoice in God’s works through the Spirit of Unity.

This Spirit of Unit that resides among us is the reason why we are able to minister to those who lack basic necessities of life as well as recognize and support those units and individuals for a job well done.

We thank you local units for sending in reports of your activities to Cluster Leaders. We love hearing what you are doing to fulfill the purpose of United Women in Faith. Your ideas could spark interest and creativity in units that are not as active as others. So, keep sharing!

We appreciate your generous contributions to local and global missions and for your participation in local, district and conference events. It is exciting to see ladies from across the district and conference fellowshiping with one another at Officer Training events; Black History Observance; A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial programs; Women’s Day Celebrations; Legislative Day workshops; Day-Apart Retreat; Spiritual Growth Retreat; Come Together Be Together event; Mission u; District Annual Meeting and Conference Annual Meeting.

Several of us are affiliated with Church Women United and participate in special events. Most recently, two young women from the United Methodist Denomination received an award from Church Women United of Columbia for Outstanding Young Church Women for 2023 in recognition for living out the gospel message in their home, church, community, and place of business.

Congratulations to **Anna Schafer – Cayce UMC** and **Ayanna White – Francis Burns UMC**.

Thank you so very much for all you do for United Women in Faith.

Carrie R. Murray

Vice President

Columbia District United Methodist Women

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Secretary's Desk

The Columbia District United Women in Faith Executive Committee met in person April 18, 2023, hosted by Bethel UMC. The meeting was called to order by President, Debra Schooler at 6:20pm. Devotion and prayer were also given by Debra Schooler (standing in for Sandra Love).

In attendance were Debra Schooler, Carrie Murray, Diann Selph, Tiffany Phillips, Rhonda Washington, Lexie Chatham, Connie Branham, Mary Nell Trussell, Pat Hoesly, Stella Chisholm, Betty Void, Faye Love, Carole Yubanks, Flo Johnson, and Linda Kennedy.

Absent: Sheree Washington, Sandra Love, Vilma Cobb, and Debbie Keisler

Secretary Diann Selph: The minutes were printed in March 2023 Gleanings. It was moved by Vilma Cobb and seconded by Tiffany Phillips to accept the minutes as written. The motion was carried and so ordered.

Business: A proposed letter will be sent to churches that are disaffiliated from the United Methodist church. It was also suggested to send letters to inactive churches.

We welcomed new Cluster Leaders:

Cluster 2 - Carole Yubanks

Cluster 5 – Flo Johnson

College Place Gift: There is still discussion concerning the gift from College Place United Methodist Church.

Changes to Columbia District United Women in Faith Standing Rules:

You can miss **two** meetings a year.

Reports were given from the following officers:

Debra Schooler - President

Greetings to my sisters in Christ. I hope and pray you are well and busy serving our sisters in Christ and those in need.

Columbia District Day Apart was held Saturday, March 4, 2023, hosted by Francis Burns UWF, and these women did a wonderful job of hosting us. Rev. Meegian Gossard was our speaker, the theme for this event was “Inspire, Influence and Impact”. The program was well attended, and everyone left feeling inspired.

During our first executive meeting this year we set goals and added them to our reports. I pray everyone is making progress on their goals.

I have been working on identifying our inactive units and the units that are disaffiliating. Thank you, Vilma, and Stella, for helping with this project. I have prepared a spreadsheet with info about the churches and their units. I also emailed the pastors or secretaries for information about their units, if they are active or not, and for a contact name so that we can communicate with these churches and see if we can help. I plan to have a meeting with the

Cluster leaders in May to go over the responses I receive and plan to visit and offer our help in getting these units going again.

I also drafted a letter to the Churches that are disaffiliating to invite their UWF groups to continue as a UWF unit. The executive board will sign off on the letter before I send it out.

Rhonda and I will be on a conference call with the Columbia Bethlehem Center and their Board to hear what they are planning for this year and how we can help. We also will ask for information to share with our units that support them and asked for information.

I am sharing information from the Leadership Development Day training that I attended in January. Everyone should find this info helpful in their roles with our UWF.

We have two new cluster leaders, Flo Johnson and Carole Ready, and now we have a full executive team.

We are updating our Standing Rules to incorporate the guidance from Conference on units that are disaffiliating or becoming inactive. I hope this project will be completed by June. We are also updating the Rules for attendance at our executive meetings to change excused absences from 3 to 1 so that we can be more productive and better at communicating with our members.

Blessings to each of you!!!!

Carrie R. Murray – Vice-President

Columbia District United Women in Faith (UWF) Day Apart

Francis Burns United Methodist Church hosted the Columbia District Day Apart Spiritual Growth Retreat Saturday, March 4, 2023. Attendance for the event totaled more than 50 United Women in Faith representing numerous churches throughout the Columbia District. The retreat was filled with heart-felt greetings, inspirational devotion and music and updates on mission activities. The speaker for the occasion was Rev. Meegian Gossard, Pastor of Rehoboth-Columbia UMC. She addressed the theme: **“Inspire, Influence and Impact”** with Isaiah 41:10 as the scriptural reference. Participants enjoyed a fellowship meal immediately following the service. Each attendee received a gift bag, complements of FBUMC UWF. Sandra Love, Columbia District Spiritual Growth Coordinator was the program organizer.

United Women in Faith Celebrate Women’s Day and Women’s History Month

Bluff Road UMC Annual Women’s Day Celebration was held March 5, 2023, during the 11:00 worship hour. **“Using Our Voices for God’s Glory”** was the theme for the occasion. Faye Love served as Worship Leader. The Guest speaker was Rev. Telley L. Gadson, District Superintendent and Chief Missional Strategist, Hartsville, SC.

Special presentations included Bluff Road UWF Woman of the Year, Christine Huskey and Special Mission Recognition to three members of the church who have made outstanding contributions to the church and the community. Maya Angelou was highlighted during the Women’s History moment.

Francis Burns UMC Annual Women’s Day Celebration was held Sunday, March 19, 2023, during the regular 9:00AM worship service. UWF President Carrie Murray served as Worship Leader. Ladies representing diverse

ages, talents and leadership roles in the church participated in the service to include a multi-generational Women's Choir.

In recognition of Women's History Month, Maya Angelou, a celebrated poet and civil rights activist, and Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett, who was instrumental in making the COVID-19 vaccine were highlighted through a video presentation. Gladys Morgan-Bell, the Francis Burns UMC United Women in Faith Woman of the Year received a certificate and Special Mission Recognition pen for her service in the local unit.

The Guest Speaker of the occasion was Rev. Faye Jones, Associate Pastor, Union UMC, who addressed the theme: *Speaking Through Wisdom and Faith: Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories.*"

I. DeQuincey Newman UMC Annual Women in the Pulpit Women's Day Program was held Sunday, March 19, 2023, at the 10:00AM worship service. Mrs. Tia Robinson, president of UWF was the worship leader. The theme for the occasion was **"Mosaic of Faith: We Are All Part of God's Story."** Women who held various leadership positions in the church made special presentations. The president of UWF presented the 2023 Woman of Year, Ms. Mona McFarlan.

Rev. Shirley Nichols from Saint Stephen UMC, Orangeburg, SC, delivered the Women's Day message.

South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith 2023 Mission Trip The Ashville to Nashville Adventure March 27 – 30, 2023

Thirty-eight (38) United Women in Faith from across the South Carolina Conference, to include Rebecca Eleazer, Nettie Greene and Carrie Murray who represented Francis Burns and Columbia District UWF, embarked upon an adventurous tour of four spectacular sites.

We first visited Brooks-Howell Home, a retirement community located near downtown Ashville, NC. We receive a gracious welcome, a tasty lunch and invaluable information via video presentation of the amenities provided for seniors 62 years of age and older. We presented them with a beautiful bag of gift cards that were donated by UWF units and individuals. Pictures already appear on the Brooks-Howell website. Check it out. You will see some familiar faces!

The next stop was at the beautiful Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center located in the scenic mountains of Western NC where we were welcomed and later enjoyed a delicious dinner. Some participants enjoyed a walk and an inspirational gathering at the Cross. This event concluded with breakfast and an inspirational devotional before departing for Nashville, TN.

Our third adventure included a tour of Bethlehem Centers-Nashville, a UWF National Mission Institution that serves as a Family Resource Center that is committed to educating and caring for at-risk children and youth; serving the needs of seniors; feeding the hungry and providing hope, help, and healing for those in need. We saw babies, two, three and four-year-olds, seniors, teachers, support staff, and a "Meals on Wheels" volunteer. We saw Love in Action! We also presented the director of the facility with a bag of gift cards to be used to support their work.

The final stop was a tour of the grounds and historic buildings at Scarritt Bennet Center. A non-profit, owned by United Women in Faith, Scarritt Bennett focuses on four tenants: Empowerment of Women; Racial Justice; Spiritual Formation; Transformative Education. Located near Vanderbilt University and Music City, the eleven-acre site has plenty of meeting and event spaces. The Historic Wightman Chapel is often the venue for weddings, and we had an opportunity to see a new bride and groom who had just gotten married on the property. Our tour guide played a medley of tunes on the church organ just before departing the premises.

United Women in Faith is **inspiring, influencing and impacting** lives of women, children, and youth in local and global communities.

Tiffany Phillips- Treasurer

***Response Subscription to start May/June issue**

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***Day Apart 2023:**

Money Received: \$870.00 (58 Registered/ Paid \$15.00)

Love Offering: \$535.00 (\$133.75 sent to each mission)

Expenses:

Speaker Honorarium: \$200.00

Communion Elements: \$54.76

Lunch: Francis Burns: \$ 781.33

***Expenses:**

Audit: \$300.00

Gleaning Printing March \$364.21

Gleaning Mailing March \$76.76

Communication Coordinators - Rhonda and Sharee Washington

Articles for the Gleanings are due May 15.

Spiritual Growth Report - Sandra Love

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Theme: "Inspire, Influence and Impact." Isaiah 41:10.

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Thanks to the Francis Burns United Methodist Church for their splendid hospitality.

There were 38 evaluations submitted. All with 4's and 5's. Two suggestions for possible locations for 2024 and two suggestions for guest speakers.

Social Action - Lexie Chatham

I am continuing to send to our Columbia District UWF units/circles information from Patricia Armstrong, our State UWF Social Action Coordinator, concerning possible mission opportunities based on relevant social, economic, and environmental issues. Unfortunately, I'm still needing contact information for many churches.

Response to Legislative Advocacy Days was impressive, especially to the Predatory Lending session. As a follow up, I was asked to provide a handout that churches could give to people seeking food or monetary help. The following is a good summary of alternatives available to those seeking the services of predatory lenders. The following handout is provided by the Hiway Credit Union.

For units/circles looking for ways to participate in social action activities, the UWF resource website contains many suggestions and worthwhile ministries. This library is well equipped with videos and written material for bible studies, outreach opportunities, letter writing, etc. It's designed for leaders, future leaders and anyone interested in making an impact to improve lives and environmental stewardship. For example, Just Energy for All is addressed in webinars held at 3:00pm on the first Tuesday of each month. These and Faith Talks webinars can be found at uwfaithresources.org under Podcasts & Webinars. Incidentally, listening to two of these webinars counts as having read one book in the UWF Reading Program. Listening to three of these webinars counts as having read two books for this perk.

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I'm sure there are many other notable social, economic, and environmental projects being done by our local UWF units/circles in the Columbia District. Let's share your ideas and outreach with our UWF sisters. I'd love to pass this information along and promote cooperation, but I'll need your help to do so. Please email me a brief description of your projects, remember to include the contact information of the Social Action Coordinator of your unit/circle.

Membership, Nurture & Outreach - Connie Branham

MNO Coordinator reminded everyone that only one more Gleanings will be published before the September Annual Meeting when Woman of the Year Honorees will be recognized. A form for submitting information regarding honorees will appear in the June Gleanings. The deadline to submit the information to her is August 18. Connie requests that Officers and Cluster Leaders help her compile a list of MNO Coordinators and their contact information for each church in the district. I checked with Angela Allen concerning the Census and no information is available at this time regarding this year's reporting.

Education & Interpretation - Rhonda Washington

At the E&I Committee meeting in February, we decided to stop collecting stamps for the Marion Mission Storehouse which was where the used stamps were sent. If your district or a local church wants to continue collecting stamps, that is their prerogative, but they will have to mail them.

The mailing address is:

Marion Mission Storehouse

PO Box 38, 402 E. Highland Ave.

Marion, IN 46952

Any you have on hand may be brought to Mission u or to the Conference Annual Meeting in Aiken. But after that, the conference will no longer collect them.

Beth Addis, SCCUWF E&I Mission Coordinator

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Anderson, SC 29621-2686

864-314-5932 (c, preferred); 864-224-6005 (h)

baddis1108@yahoo.com

Program Resources - Mary Nell Trussell

I hope everyone is reading our UWF books. We have almost 4 months to finish the program that you are working on.

I want to emphasize a new online resource to you. It is found on page 45 of the March/April response magazine. It is a members-only portal. To sign up, go to the main website at uwfaith.org. A password will be sent to you. This login password will also give you access to members-only materials on the e-store.

The main page has announcements of special interest to members and features stories that show our members and mission partners putting their faith and love into action. The main page also features quick links to useful information like the Reading Program, Program Resources, Mission Maps and Where the Money Goes.

Each week a scripture, prayer, inspirational thought, or encouragement to care for your body, mind, and soul can be found on the main page. There is a listing of upcoming events, webinars, and more, plus quick links to our growing store of program and mission videos and our e-store, United Women in Faith Resources.

Let me recommend two books for your reading. One is *The Four Winds: A Novel* (Social Action). Its setting is during the time of The Great Depression and The Dust Bowl. I learned some historical facts and how terribly hard life was for some people during that time. Yet there was always hope that things would get better!

A Knock at Midnight: A story of Hope, Justice, and Freedom (Leadership Development) is another eye-opening book. A young lawyer came to see firsthand the injustice in mass incarceration. She works hard to bring hope and justice to a system that resists them.

Committee on Nominations - Stella Chisholm

Just a reminder tenure reports are due in by August 2023.

Historian - Pat Hoesly her church made Easter Baskets and Angel Tree gifts. For the 25th year in the month of October, they will be presenting Spring in the Patch. Pat is asking you to continue to send pictures of events that are occurring in your Local Units.

Cluster reports were received from the following leaders:

Cluster 4: Faye Love, Cluster 5: Carrie Murray and Cluster 6: Linda Kennedy.

Please note it was moved and second that the Columbia District United Women in Faith give \$100.00 to Killingsworth. The motion was carried and so ordered.

Dismissal prayer was given by Carrie Murray.

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:

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

3rd Quarter Remittances Reporting Period 6/01/2022- 8/31/2022

3rd Quarter Remittance Form are due by 09/05/2022

Remittance form received after 09/05/2022 will be counted towards 4th Quarter.

4th Quarter Reporting Period 9/1/2022 thru 11/30/2022. Report due before 12/5/2022.

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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.

Tiffany Phillips

Columbia District Treasurer

2336 Hard Scrabble Rd

Columbia, SC 29223

Social Action Coordinator Report

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YOU HAVE ALTERNATIVES

If you are facing debt problems, you may feel that a payday lender is your only option. Not true—you have a number of alternatives to taking out a high-cost payday loan.



Payment Plan with Creditors

The best alternative to payday loans is to deal directly with your debt. Working out an extended payment plan with your creditors may allow you to pay off your unpaid bills over a longer period of time.



Advance from Your Employer

Your employer may be able to grant you a paycheck advance in an emergency situation. Because this is a true advance, and not a loan, there will be no interest.



Credit Union Loan

Credit unions typically offer affordable small short-term loans to members. Unlike payday loans, these loans give you a real chance to repay with longer payback periods, lower interest rates and installment payments.



Consumer Credit Counseling

There are numerous consumer credit counseling agencies throughout the United States that can help you work out a debt repayment plan with creditors and develop a budget. These services are available at little or no cost. The National Foundation for Credit Counseling (nfcc.org) is a nonprofit organization that can help you find a reputable certified consumer credit counselor in your area.



Emergency Assistance Programs

Many community organizations and faith-based groups provide emergency assistance, either directly or through social services programs for weather-related emergencies.



Cash Advance on Your Credit Card

Credit card cash advances, which are usually offered at an annual percentage rate (APR) of 30% or less, are much cheaper than getting a payday loan. Some credit card companies specialize in consumers with financial problems or poor credit histories. You should shop around, and don't assume that you do not qualify for a credit card.

RESPONSIBLE SMALL-LOAN CHECKLIST

If you are searching for an alternative to a payday loan, look for these features.

- At least a 90-day repayment term, repayable in installments
- No unfair collateral requirements (such as a car title)
- Reasonable limits on renewals (you should not be able to renew a short-term loan more than four times per year)
- Full consideration of your ability to repay the loan
- No mandatory arbitration clause in the agreement

AVOID THE DEBT TRAP

If you get behind on a traditional loan from a credit union or bank, you (the borrower) pay late fees or penalty fees only one time.



The payday loan "debt trap" forces you to pay fees every month. In the end, revolving payday loan fees increase your debt load and financial hardship. This vicious cycle can lead you into bankruptcy, rather than helping you get back on your feet.

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Social Action Coordinator

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Report from Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Thank you for prayers and participation in another successful Day Apart!!

Huge thanks to our speaker Rev. Meegian Gossard, pastor at Rehoboth Columbia delivered a powerful message on the **Theme: “Inspire, Influence and Impact”**

Isaiah 41:10

“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

Thank you to the Francis Burns for their splendid hospitality.

There were 38 evaluations submitted. All with 4's and 5's.

Two suggestions for possible locations for.2024. Two suggested suggestions of guest speakers.

The conference Spiritual Growth retreat was held virtually this year. Theme “Finding Hope” Scripture Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV) ¹¹For 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.

The speaker was Scarlett Hester pastor of Bluffton United Methodist Church in the Walterboro District. Scarlett has been involved for many years with United Methodist Women and is a compassionate preacher with a wonderful smile and a loving heart. Hope you took time to attend.

Get ready for Mission u Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, SC July 20 through July 22. Registration forms are in the Gleanings or Mission Echo. Come let u explore together the heart of Jesus’ good news and what fresh vision it offers us as we seek to be in mission today.

PRAYER PALS

Growing spiritually is a better way that we can understand our part in God’s mission and ministry in our world. Connecting with our other United Methodist Sisters in our conference through prayer and blessings can help us become stronger in our Christian journey. If you are interested in participating in this connection, please contact me or your district Spiritual Growth Coordinator. You will be given your prayer pals information and they will be given yours.

Please send this information to Vickie Harvey email: vtharvey62@gmail.com or mail it to 440 Goldmine Road Spartanburg SC 29307

Please fill out the following information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Birthday: _____ Phone: _____

Other information you wish your prayer partner may need to know:

Sandra Love

Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Program Resources Report

I hope everyone is enjoying reading books from our UWF book lists. You have two more months to finish your programs. Program Resources Managers, please send me the names of those in your unit who participated in the UWF Reading Program this year **by August 15**. Please include your church, the names of the participants, and the program completed. Thank you!

Mission u is coming up soon. The study book is entitled *Living the Kingdom: Exploring the Lord's Prayer as a Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation*. The author invites us to step away from our automatic recitation of the prayer and search the meaning of each line. There is still time to order books before Mission u. Please email me at mntrussell83@gmail.com if you would like for me to order a book for you.

UWF has a new e-store website (uwfaithresources.org). The website's resources are organized into five categories. Once on the website, click on the three lined icon at the top left to find the categories. Click on the down arrow to the right of categories. Then click on the down arrow beside each category. The categories and some of these resources are:

- 1) Educate – Mission u materials, Reading Program lists, and response magazine
- 2) Organize – Prayer Guides and offerings materials
- 3) Lead – *Bylaws Handbook* and financial forms
- 4) Grow – Bible studies, spiritual growth materials
- 5) Serve and Advocate – Justice campaign material, brochures.

Check out these other new outreach programs:

- 1) There are Soul Care Retreats with a manual giving step-by-step guidance on hosting your own retreat.
- 2) Faith Talks (<https://uwfaith.org/resources/podcasts/>) is a bimonthly podcast exploring contemporary issues from a Christian woman's perspective. I have enjoyed one of these on prayer.
- 3) Voices from the Field is a quarterly webinar featuring interviews with our US and international partners. We can hear firsthand about the impact our member giving is making in the lives of people around the world. I enjoyed a very interesting webinar featuring a deaconess and a tour from Brooks Howell Home in Asheville.
- 4) You Tube features videos about UWF programs at <http://www.youtube.com/c/uwwomenfaith>.
- 5) There are free digital samples of past issues of response magazine at uwfaith.org.

This information can also be found in the January/February *response* on pages 44-45.

Mary Nell Trussell

Columbia District Program Resources

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 Philippe 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		

READING PROGRAM 2023

Book Title	Author	Year	Category	Youth/Child	Bonus Book	Notes
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			
Isaiah 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 MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE AND OUTREACH

Greetings Sisters in Christ,

I have two VERY IMPORTANT items to pass along to you at this time. Both items are "**time sensitive**" so please make note of the due dates listed.

The Information and link for the Unit Survey for 2022 arrived just in time for this Gleanings.

Your response to the Survey will allow the United Women in Faith National Office to:

- * Deliver more resources on the areas that matter most
- * Gather engagement data based on region
- * Celebrate all the work you will be doing on behalf of women, children and youth.

This is a group effort and cannot be done without your help. The link to access the Unit Survey is:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SouthCarolina>

Your response is due by **June 30th**. Your participation is essential. If you have questions, please contact Angela Allen at angela.allen@charter.net

Also, it is time to report your unit's honoree for WOMAN OF THE YEAR. A form is included in this publication of Gleanings for reporting the name of your honoree. Please make a note on the subject line of your email "Woman of the Year" to help ensure I do not miss anyone's name. This information is due to me by **August 18**. Honorees will be recognized at the Columbia District Annual meeting in September. My email address is: cbranham2@sc.rr.com


If you have any questions about either of these items, please contact me.


Blessings,

Connie Branham,
MNO Coordinator

News from Education and Interpretation

SUMMER 2023 NEWSLETTER





SUMMER AT THE COLUMBIA BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CENTER

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We are preparing for an exciting summer at Columbia Bethlehem Community Center. **Summer feeding will start on June 5th, serving breakfast at 10 a.m. and lunch at 1 p.m., Monday - Friday.** Children and families will be encouraged to stay between the hours of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily for arts and crafts, games, special guests and more. We have already secured Richland County Public Library to bring out the mobile library for story time and free book giveaways. Unlimited Hands On Science will do a series of STEAM presentations and hands on activities where children can make items to take home. Columbia Marionette Theatre will present two of their best selling shows, "Tortoise & Hare" and "Build It Better with the Three Little Pigs."

If your church circle or group would like to volunteer please email cbccexecutive@umcsc.org.

308 McRae Street
Columbia, SC 29203

Facebook.com/CBCCServes

www.columbiabethlehemcc.org

UPCOMING EVENTS



Be sure to join us on **June 17th** for our **Father's Day Fish Fry**.

Come out between 12-4 pm to celebrate fathers with us.



Join us for a fun-filled day at our **Outside Fun Day on July 1st!**

Bring your family and friends to enjoy good music, food trucks, ice cream and other great treats.

SAVE THE DATE: August 12: Back to School Bingo



MEET OUR BOARD CHAIR

WHITNEY WILLIAMS

A native of Columbia, Dr. Whitney Chisholm Williams earned her bachelors from the University of South Carolina in public relations and health education. She had over 5 years of experience in corporate event planning before deciding to get her doctorate in pharmacy. Williams entered into the pharmacy profession to explore her passion for health education as it relates to preventative care, particularly

amongst minority groups, to eliminate health disparities and promote health equity. Now early in her career, she is a HIV specialty pharmacist committed to providing the best patient care. Williams lives in Columbia with her husband, Johnavon, her daughter Leila and twin boys, Jackson and John Christopher.

MOTHER'S DAY AT THE CBCC: A DAY FILLED WITH LOVE AND APPRECIATION

For Mother's Day, we hosted a special event to celebrate all the amazing moms out there. It was a day filled with love, laughter, and appreciation for all the hard work that mothers do.

We were honored to have so many wonderful moms join us and we hope that they felt the love and gratitude that we have for them.

We look forward to having you join us for upcoming events at the CBCC.



News from Killingsworth

This spring we announce a new Executive Director to our program! Susan Brown Sirmon has been a part of our staff in various roles for several years and we welcome her to this new position. We look forward to her leadership as we continue in our work.

Rev. Schrendria Robinson left our program after serving here for about four years. We wish her well as she pursues other interests. Thank you Schrendria for a job well done.

Recently we participated in Midlands Gives and held our annual golf tournament. Both were quite successful, and we appreciate all your contributions to these events. Thank you!

Our last article told of the need for repairs to the house and we are working toward getting the work done. We have received a generous property grant from UWF National to help with this cost. This money comes from your Pledge to Mission offerings – thank you for your faithful support of this avenue of giving. Currently we are looking for contractors to complete the repairs.

A great need we have at this time is woman power at our facility. We need volunteers to commit to being there to greet residents and guests as they enter the house and to do some clerical tasks. If you live in the area, we ask you to prayerfully consider helping us in this way.

Another need is for women interested in applying for open staff positions. If you or someone that you know has a heart for working with women, please reach out us for more information. Our contact information is shown at the bottom of the page.

As usual, there are items that are needed for the house. These include paper products, gift cards to Walmart, Food Lion and Office Depot, postage stamps, laundry detergent, and more. Our up-to-date list is available on our website. Items can be ordered through Amazon and delivered to our front door. We are looking at the possibility of having an in-person gala this year! Hopefully I will have information about this by the time that I see you at Mission u.

We appreciate all that you do to keep this mission alive and viable. Thank you for your loyal support.

Jane Scott, SCCUFM Representative

Killingsworth Home, 1831 Pendleton Street, Columbia, SC 29201
803.771.6359 www.killingsworth.org

Wallace Family Life Center

Wallace Family Life Center continues to be in mission to enrich the lives of people in the Wallace, South Carolina community. Thanks to all who have recently made monetary donations, as well as gift cards, materials, and supplies; your gifts will support our programs and help to maintain the center. We covet your prayers as we seek to find ways to show God's love to his people. Recently, Mrs. Linda Sanders has been named as the Interim Executive Director of WFLC. She is supervising the daily operations and working with staff and the public to continue the work of the Center. We would like to thank our former Director, Rev. Robin Miles for all her hard work and pray that God will bless her as she continues to spread the gospel.

We are excited to host two events this spring which will benefit families in the Wallace area. As the cost of food has placed an undue burden on many families, we are pleased to host a food distribution event. On Friday evening, May 19th, about forty families will receive bags of groceries free of charge during a drive-through event at the center. We know that God will bless this endeavor as we seek to assist families struggling to meet basic needs.

Wallace Family Life Center is also hosting a Fun Day on the afternoon of Saturday, May 27th. This activity is planned for children and adults and will include a hot dog supper. There will be Bingo games with prizes for adults and games and other activities for the younger set. This event will be a celebration of this past year's adult program activities and the end of school for the children.

Plans are underway to host additional events during the summer months.

In order to meet an ongoing need at the Center and to provide assistance to senior citizens, Wallace Family Life Center is continuing its partnership with Goodwill Industries.

Goodwill offers a Work Training program which employs seniors for a limited number of hours each week. These seniors will be providing valuable service to the Center.

Again, we thank you for the wonderful ways in which you support Wallace Family Life Center. Your generosity and your prayers are always welcome as we look for ways to serve.

Submitted by Frances McCluney, Conference Representative to WFLC Board

Cancelled Stamps Update:

At the E&I Committee meeting in February, it was decided to stop collecting stamps for the Marion Mission Storehouse which was where the used stamps were sent. If your district or a local church wants to continue collecting stamps, that is their prerogative, but they will have to mail them.

The mailing address is:

Marion Mission Storehouse
PO Box 38, 402 E. Highland Ave.
Marion, IN 46952

Any you have on hand may be brought to Mission u or to the Conference Annual Meeting in Aiken. But after that, the conference will no longer collect them.

Beth Addis, SCCUWF E&I Mission Coordinator

703 Autumn Oaks
Anderson, SC 29621-2686
864-314-5932 (c, preferred); 864-224-6005 (h)
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Rhonda Washington

Columbia District Education and Interpretation Coordinator

Annual Reports for the Columbia District UWF

Celebration of Life for our Heavenly Sisters

Send to Sandra Love- slgtar@aol.com

Due by August 15

Woman of the Year

Send to Connie Branham- cbranham2@sc.rr.com

Due by August 18

Mission Today Awards

Send to Rhonda Washington- rhondawashington@hotmail.com

Due by August 15

Reading Program Recognition

Send to Mary Nell Trussell- mnrussell83@gmail.com

Due by August 15

Campaign for Children

Send to Lexie Chatham- lexiechatham@yahoo.com

Due by August 15

Charter for Racial Justice

Send to Lexie Chatham- lexiechatham@yahoo.com

Due by August 15

Five Star and Gold Seal Units are determined by the Treasurer based on Remittances from September 1 to August 31.

Questions about Five Star and Gold Seal Units- send to

Tiffphillips2014@yahoo.com

Local Unit President Form

Send to Debra Schooler- debrajschooler@gmail.com

Due by September 1

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE
FOR OUR HEAVENLY SISTERS**

August 15, 2022 thru August 15, 2023

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**Please submit names of your members that transitioned to heaven
between August 15, 2022 through August 15, 2023.**

Please mail your list to Sandra Love 107 Hexham Cir, Irmo, SC 29063

Or

Email to: slgtar1117@gmail.com

2023 WOMAN OF THE YEAR INFORMATION

Recipient's Name _____

Recipient's Phone # _____

Local Unit Name _____

Information Submitted By _____

Telephone # _____

Email Address _____

Please email this information to:

cbranham2@sc.rr.com

Please enter "Woman of the Year" in the email subject line.

Deadline is: August 18, 2023

MISSION TODAY ACTION FORM

Please Send Completed Form To: ___Rhonda Washington rhondawashington@hotmail.com
 131 Hawks Nest Court Columbia, SC 29212 Cell: 803-629-4503 _____

Send by this date: ____/____/____

Unit President: _____ Date: _____

Unit Name: _____ Number of Members in Unit: _____

Units, which include all circles, must complete at least 10 of the following items. All units must complete #1.

Check if your unit:

- ____ 1. *Made and met its Pledge to Mission.
- ____ 2. Used the **Daily Prayer Guide at most meetings** to pray for people in mission and for our mission work with women, children and youth.
- ____ 3. Added at least one or more members to its roll.
- ____ 4. Had at least one member who subscribes to **response: the magazine of women in mission**.
- ____ 5. Had at least one member (other than a conference or district officer) attend Mission u and/or a district or local mission study.
- ____ 6. Had at least one member (other than a conference or district officer) attend the District Annual Meeting.
- ____ 7. Had at least one member (other than a conference or district officer) attend the Conference Annual Meeting.
- ____ 8. Had at least two members who wrote to at least five people listed in the **Daily Prayer Guide** – at least once during the year.
- ____ 9. Participated in **education programs for children through prayers and donations of funds, supplies or volunteer hours at schools, homes and churches. This includes Vacation Bible School participation.**
- ____ 10.* Is a Five Star Unit, contributing to all five channels of Mission Giving which are Pledge to Mission, Gift in Memory, Gift to Mission, Special Mission Recognition and World Thank Offering.
- ____ 11. Had at least one person complete one of the plans in the Reading Program.
- ____ 12. Invited a district or conference officer, other than a member of the unit, to one unit meeting during the year.

Check if your unit, circle, or subgroup:

- ____ 13. Included a **response** moment where an article from **response: the magazine of women in mission** was lifted up as a way to tell the mission story in at least three meetings.
- ____ 14. Had at least two programs from the Program Book.
- ____ 15. Implemented the Charter for Racial Justice Policies in at least two ways.

*Those items noted with an asterisk will be verified by the district treasurer. [Rev.2/2022](#)

Support Campaign for Children

Reporting Period: September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023

Church:

President:

Contact:

Email address:

Phone

School District for your unit:

Total Approximate Hours:

List of Activities

Approximate Hours

Send Report to

**Lexie Chatham
301 Sortwell St, West Columbia, SC 29169
lexiechatham@yahoo.com**

Charter for Racial Justice Diamond Units

The Diamond Unit certificate is awarded at each District Annual Meeting to each unit that **completes three or more activities** from the list below that demonstrates the unit's commitment to the ideals in the Charter for Racial Justice. At least **one of the diamond-marked activities must be included**. You are to send a copy of this completed form to your District Social Action Coordinator before **August 15**, in order to be recognized at your district annual meeting and receive the Diamond Unit certificate.

Please mail form to: Lexie Chatham, 301 Sortwell St, West Columbia, SC 29169 or email:






lexiechatham@yahoo.com

Name of Church: _____

Contact Person & Phone: _____

DATE COMPLETED

ACTION CHOICES

1. _____ 1.  Watch a video related to the Charter for Racial Justice
2. _____ 2.  Give a book report on a Reading Program Book selected from the Social Action area
3. _____ 3.  Share articles from *Response* and *New World Outlook* or *UWF Action Alerts* relating to racism
4. _____ 4.  Supply each member with a copy of the *Charter for Racial Justice*
5. _____ 5.  Present a program using the Charter for Racial Justice
6. _____ 6. Use a program on racial justice/human rights from the UWF Program Book
7. _____ 7. Participate in a UWF Social Action/Human Rights Mission Study
8. _____ 8. Give a report to the unit about an experience of attending a musical or theatrical performance by person(s) of a different race, culture, or ethnic background
9. _____ 9. Send at least one member to UWF Legislative Day
10. _____ 10. Participate in postcard-writing which encourages legislation favorable to the economically deprived or challenged
11. _____ 11. Experience worship, Bible study, or UWF unit program/activity with an ethnic group different from your own
12. _____ 12. Attend or host an international tasting party, culture fair, or other international event
13. _____ 13. Participate in a Bible Study on Racism
14. _____ 14. Celebrate Black History Month in February
15. _____ 15. Suggest and plan with your pastor a pulpit exchange with a pastor of another race
16. _____ 16. Plan an event with a unit of a different race or ethnic background (a celebration, worship, Vacation Bible School, etc.
17. _____ 17. Other: Participated with UWF webinar –

Local President's Report for 2023

For Period September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023
Due September 1, 2023

UNIT: _____ PRESIDENT: _____

I. Membership:

Number of Members in Unit: _____
 Number of Deceased Members: _____
 Number of New Members: _____
 Number of Members pledging \$5.00 for Wallace Family Life Center: _____

II. Contributions:

Actual Amount Sent for the 5 Star Requirements:

Pledge to Missions: _____ World Thank Offering: _____

Gift to Memory: _____ Gift to Mission: _____

Special Mission Recognition: _____ Call to Prayer & Self Denial: _____

Actual Amount Sent for the Gold Seal Requirements:

Killingsworth: _____ Wallace Family Life Center: _____

Columbia Bethlehem Community Center: _____

Bethlehem Center – Spartanburg: _____ Rural Mission (John's island): _____

III. Participation:

District Events: (Number of persons from your unit attending each meeting)

Annual Meeting (September 2022): _____ Day Apart (March 2023): _____

Local Officer's Training (January 2023): _____

Conference Events: (Number of persons from your unit attending each meeting)

Annual Meeting (October 2022): _____ Officer's Training (November 2022): _____

Come Together Be Together (May 2023) _____ Mission u (July 2023): _____

Legislative Day (February 2023): _____ Spiritual Growth Retreat (April 2023): _____

Attended Events for the 5 Mission Projects (like Killingsworth Gala): _____

Mission Day (May 2023): _____

IV. Mission Education:

Reading Program: # of participants for 2023: _____

Subscriptions to Response: # of participants: _____

Program Book Used: _____ Prayer Calendar Used: _____

Diamond Unit (Charter for Racial Justice): _____ Mission Today Unit: _____

VI. Support Campaign for Children: _____ School District for your unit: _____

Send in your yearly report for Campaign for Children by August 15, 2023.

VII. Other: Send in your yearly report for the unit listing all activities by September 1, 2022.

Email to Debrajschooler@gmail.com

Columbia District United Women in Faith Officers 2023

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starrjackson8@yahoo.com

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vilma29223@live.com

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mail@bobtravis.com

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betty0629@att.net

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mhafer@mthebronumc.com

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marlenesipes@yahoo.com

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dlkeisler@comporium.net

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cready6326@aol.com

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Red Bank
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Union
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Columbia District UWF Calendar of Events 2023

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 51 st 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
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December

December 2	*SCCUWF Limitless Event		In-person TBD
December 25 th	<i>Merry Christmas</i>		



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"Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her" Luke 1:45

