

# Mission Echo



SCCUWF Newsletter | June 2023

The Mission Echo is the quarterly UWFaith Newsletter

## United Women in Faith Awards Five Scholarships

# Congratulations!



Florence District

**Mya Barr-Cook**



Greenville District

**Adrienne Brockman**



Walterboro District

**Olivia Fogel**



Greenville District

**Juliana Lundgren**



Walterboro District

**Anna O'Cain**

Each scholarship is awarded to financially assist young women with their higher education needs. The goal with the scholarship is to recognize future leaders and provide support through prayer and financial gifts.

All the applicants were outstanding, intelligent, and dedication Christians. Their accomplishments thus far in their young lives are amazing. South Carolina UWFaith is so blessed and thankful for these inspiring young women and their families.

Twenty-five Presidential Scholarships have been awarded since 2017.

Gifts to the Scholarship are accepted on behalf of all members of UWFaith in South Carolina.

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2023 Mission u is in-person event. Make plans to attend. Registration information inside.

# Greetings From the Desk of the President

This year is going so swiftly. It is already halfway through the conference year. A huge thanks to everyone for your support, all your gratitude does not go unnoticed.

As I read, see and listen, I am convinced we are on the trajectory to inspire, influence and impact. We must use our gifts and talents to bring others into our Sisterhood of United Women in Faith. Our membership report is very remarkable. We have exceeded our numbers and units reporting from last year. Our growth will help us continue the necessary work we are committed to accomplishing as an organization of mission and uplifting others.

Please continue to participate in the events planned by the conference coordinators to give you information and ideas for things to take back to include in your districts and local units. There is so much we can and need to do for our communities to provide assistance for the marginalized. Many resources are available on the national website and I

encourage you to visit and keep abreast of the national updates.

We are always looking for persons to serve in leadership on the conference level. Please consider filling out the talent form from the Nominations Committee. I strongly encourage you to willingly share your skills, expertise and love for service with the South Carolina Conference of United Women in Faith.

Thank you for your pledges and donations to help improve the lives and conditions for others. The Mission Trip giving was greatly appreciated by Brooks-Howell and Bethlehem Centers. We are making a united effort for those in need locally and globally.

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Clarice Blakeney

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**Much preparation has been going on for the following events for this year.**

**I hope you can participate! Vice President - Kathy Roys**

First, we have a brand-new **Charter for Racial Justice Event: Racial + Environmental Justice.**

I thank all of you for participating in our campaign earlier this year to provide safe drinking water to the children in Jackson, Mississippi. Working on that project made me wonder if there might be a problem with water in any communities in South Carolina, and I discovered some communities of color in our state are dealing with a toxic water supply. The **South Carolina Environmental Law Project** will be sharing information about the work they are doing for these communities in our state. Please join us to learn what you can do to help these affected communities. Participation can be applied

towards your unit's Diamond Unit certificate. This online event will be on June 24 from 10:00am-11:30am. Online registration is available. Invite others to join us!

Next is our biggest event of the year: **Annual Meeting**, which will take place on October 20-21. St. John's United Methodist Church in the lovely city of Aiken is our event site with the Orangeburg District being our host. We are lining up all kinds of great activities. The registration form is included in this newsletter. Please note the deadline date for early registration is September 30th. Registration fees will increase after that date. At this time, all regis-

tration will be done by regular mail. Check out the highlights page for details on this event. We will be practicing **Community Creation Care**, so please bring a refillable water bottle to prevent more plastic from going into our landfills and entering our environment. We will also be reducing paper as much as possible. We will have various displays with useful information you can photograph and share with others. Plan to check-in at registration early to take advantage of all the activities being offered at that time.

**South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith  
2023 Annual Meeting Highlights**

**Theme: "Unity in Christ" Ephesians 4:2-3**

**Keynote Speaker: Rev. Shirley Peterson Gordon  
The Wesley of Orangeburg**

**Location: St. John's United Methodist Church  
104 Newberry Street SW, Aiken, SC**

**District Officers' Training** will be on November 11 at Trenholm Road United Methodist Church in Columbia. Registration check-in is from 9:00-

9:30am. The gathering assembly starts at 9:30am. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Kathy James, Director of Church Relations at Epworth Children's Home. She will be giving the latest updates on all the services now being offered by Epworth, and will share ways you can be involved. Lunch is included. Your district president will be providing more information later.

Each of these events will be lots more special if you are there! Come join your sisters in faith for learning, inspiration, fellowship, and fun.



Your sister in Christ, *Kathy*



South Carolina Conference

# United Women in Faith



## New Event Coming This Year!!

Racial and Environmental Justice Online Workshop

**Saturday, June 24, 2023**  
**10:00am**

We have learned about a water crisis in Jackson, Mississippi, now learn about water concerns for communities of color in **South Carolina.**

Guest speaker will be from the **South Carolina Environmental Law Project.**

Workshop presented by the

**South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith**  
**Charter for Racial Justice Committee**

Earn activity credit for your unit's Diamond Unit certificate by attending, sharing, and acting on this situation.

**Register here: <https://bit.ly/3LVTXtd>**

# 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)

**Join us :**

At Spartanburg Methodist College July 20-22, 2023

## **NEWS FROM THE FUN COMMITTEE FOR MISSION U**

Come join us on Friday night for a United Women in Faith version of "Switch". We will see how many of you can answer questions about UWF and maybe some surprise questions. We will have volunteers and "voluntold" participants. We want lots of you to participate.

While we are playing "Switch", we will have two teams - one team will be 4-5 youth and one team will be 4-5 adults in a "project runway" game. We will have a bag of miscellaneous items for each team and they will be instructed to make an outfit from these items. We will see how creative our youth and our adults can be.

If you would like to volunteer to participate in our night of fun, please complete the volunteer form at registration!!!



# 2023 SC Conference UWFaith Mission u

Thursday, July 20 - Saturday, July 22, 2023

Spartanburg Methodist College

## Theme: Living the Good News

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Registrar: Vikki Hill  
803-206-9534  
[vhill13103@gmail.com](mailto:vhill13103@gmail.com)

### **General Information Please Read Carefully**

**Youth /Chaperone Covenant and Consent forms:** Youth participants must complete a registration form, covenant, and parental consent form, information, and covenant forms for adult chaperones. These forms must be mailed together. Registration is incomplete until all forms are received by the registrar. Forms are located on the web at: <https://www.umcsc.org/women/> or may be secured from the registrar.

**Registration:** Thursday afternoon from 12:30-3:50pm and 6-6:45pm in **Ellis Hall Atrium**

**First Timer's and Clergy Orientation:** Thursday, 3:00-3:45pm in **Ellis Hall**

**Opening Plenary:** Thursday, 4pm

**Offering:** An offering for our 4 missions will be received during the closing plenary on Saturday before lunch.

**Books:** Please remember that the study book will not be available in the resource room. This is a change made by UWF National. You **MUST** order your books ahead of time from:  
<https://www.umwmissionresources.org/>

**Housing:** Resident participants will be housed in college dormitories. College dorm style twin bed is longer length than a regular twin bed. (2 flat sheets will be better than a fitted sheet) and bath linens, bathmat, soap, warm blanket or spread for a single bed, pillow, coat hangers, comfortable clothes and walking shoes, flashlight, raingear, Bible, **water bottle**, pens, notebook, trash bags, jacket or sweater, tote bag/book bag for your Bible and Study Book and other items necessary for your comfort away from home. Classrooms and dormitories may be cold bring appropriate linens and clothing!

Please bring cash or checkbook for shopping in craft room and resource room. No credit cards accepted.

**Refund policy:** Requests must be submitted to the registrar via email before July 1, 2023. **Remember that registrations are transferrable if you need to cancel. NO REFUNDS AFTER JULY 1, 2023**

**Keys:** There is a \$10 deposit at registration for keys and it is refunded at checkout. **THERE WILL BE A \$100 CHARGE FOR LOST KEYS-NO EXCEPTIONS**



United  
Women  
in Faith



# 2023 Mission u Adult Registration Form

July 20-22, Spartanburg Methodist College

Theme: Living the Good News

Mail in form below and 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     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:

<https://uwfaithresources.org/prodlist.cfm?catid=0>

Are you interested in participating in a plenary? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to help with on campus transportation? \_\_\_\_\_

**Adult resident: \$ 185 \* Day Student: \$120.00 \***

**\*\*Registration deadline must be postmarked by July 1, 2023\*\***

**\*\*Late registration is \$15 and postmarked by July 9, 2023 \*\*All suitemate forms must be mailed together\*\***

Mail completed form with check made payable to SCCUMW to:

SCCUMW Mission U

Vikki Hill

518-A Oak Dr.

Lexington, SC 29073

Phone: 803-206-9534

email: vhill13103@gmail.com

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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



## 2023 Mission u Youth Registration Form

July 20-22, Spartanburg Methodist College

Theme: Living the Good News

Mail in form below and 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\*\*\*

\_\_\_\_ Day participant

Dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_ gluten-free \_\_\_\_\_ nut allergies \_\_\_\_\_ other explain \_\_\_\_\_

Physical needs: \_\_\_\_\_ golf cart \_\_\_\_\_ dorm \_\_\_\_\_ other explain \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_ contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Age (12-18) \_\_\_\_\_ date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ grade entering in the fall

Name of Chaperone \_\_\_\_\_ cell number \_\_\_\_\_

Youth/Chaperone Covenant and Consent forms: Youth participants must complete a registration form, covenant, and parental consent form, information, and covenant forms for adult chaperones. These forms must

be mailed together. Registration is incomplete until all forms are received by the registrar. Forms may be secured from the registrar.

You will need to purchase the book before attending because books are not available on site:

<https://uwfaithresources.org/prodlist.cfm?catid=0>

Youth: \$ 130

**\*\*Registration deadline must be postmarked by July 1, 2023\*\***

**\*\*Late registration is \$15 and postmarked by July 9, 2023 \*\***

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South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith

**Application for Bess Dowling Ware Mission u Scholarships**

**Spartanburg Methodist College July 20-22, 2023**

**“Living The Good News- Reflecting God’s Love “**

South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith are offering sizeable scholarships for Mission u thanks to the generosity of the Bess Dowling Ware family. To honor their Mother who enjoyed Mission u, then called School of Christian Mission every summer, a scholarship in her name is provided for others to experience the event their Mother loved so very much. With much excitement she looked forward to this annual event.

**Two scholarships in the amount of \$100 each for two individuals who meet one of the following criteria: adult under the age of forty or adult first time to Mission u.**

**Two scholarships in the amount of \$200 each for a youth attendee and her chaperone are available. Each \$200 scholarship will be shared with \$100 to youth registration cost and \$100 to chaperone registration cost. The youth makes the application and names her chaperone.**

**Application deadline is postmark or email date of July 1, 2023.**

A brief paragraph stating (50 words or less) why you want to attend Mission u and how you plan to use the information received during Mission u upon your return home is required.

Please provide the following:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Confirm that you are adult under forty(Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ or adult first time attendee (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ or confirm you are a youth attendee(Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ List your age \_\_\_\_\_ Name your chaperone \_\_\_\_\_

**Attach your letter of 50 words or less** as to why you would like to attend Mission u and how you will use the information received during Mission u upon your return home. For questions call Vanessa at #803-917-4803

Please mail or email this form with attachments by **July 1, 2023** to: vangekey1@aol.com

**Vanessa Key –Dean Mission u  
4006 Bachman Road  
West Columbia, SC 29172.**

# South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith 2023 Calendar of Events

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

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

July 1 – Limitless Event / 10am-~~virtual~~ *This event changed to in-person*

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

September – Killingsworth Special Emphasis Month

October – Bethlehem Center -Spartanburg, Special Emphasis Month

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

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

December 2 – Limitless Event /10am- virtual

December 25 – Baby Jesus is born.

Get your United Women in Faith  
Nametag

**TODAY!**



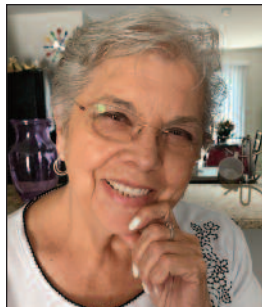
**\$10** + 7% tax

If needed, shipping is additional

**Orders can be emailed to [tina@mrsign.net](mailto:tina@mrsign.net)**

# Keep Striving

## Every Dollar Helps



**Ruby Hannah**  
Treasurer

Hello everyone!!  
As we look to the end of the second quarter of 2023, I wanted to share some information about the numbers for the first quarter. We started the year with a total giving of \$93,666.45 which is a very good beginning. Included in that amount is Pledge to Mission of \$49,434.75, World Thank Offering was \$6,576.80 and Call to Prayer & Self Denial was \$4,280.00. Our four Mission Projects received

a total of \$28,119.90. Special Mission Recognition was \$2,070.00. The other smaller donations totaled \$3,185.00. So, we are off to a good start!! Our District Treasurers are working hard to process your Mission Givings and get them to me in a timely manner. Despite the changes taking place in our churches, I hope and pray your local units are meeting again and everyone is paying your pledges, donations to the 4 Missions, etc. Let's pray for each other and our churches!!

**Thank you**

*"We make a living by what we get.*

*We make a life by what we give."*

*- Winston Churchill*



# Education and Interpretation News

Beth Addis

I thought I would start by explaining the conference's collection of stamps for the Marion Mission Storehouse. Last year, when there was no E&I Mission Coordinator, President Cathy Ford took on the project of shipping the stamps to Indiana. She found that it was very expensive. She investigated the price the mission received when it sold the stamps. She was told they received \$0.50 per pound for regular stamps. Occasionally they would sell a rare stamp for more. The conference was spending an average of \$1.75 shipping costs to provide \$0.50 of financial support.

At its Executive Committee meeting in February, the conference decided to stop collecting stamps for the Marion Mission Storehouse after the Conference Annual Meeting in October because the shipping costs were too expensive. You may bring any you have on hand to Mission u or to the Annual Meeting in Aiken. Check with your District E&I Mission Coordinator or District President to see if they can be taken to your District Annual Meeting. If you aren't attending either meeting or don't know anyone who is, don't mail them to me, mail them directly to Indiana.

The decision by the conference does not preclude any local unit or district continuing to collect stamps. But, you'll have to mail them directly. The address is:

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

None of the SC Conference officers I have contacted have ever had a phone number for the mission and the mission doesn't have a website.

I was told that I published an incorrect website in the December *Mission Echo* for Bethlehem Center, Spartanburg. It is **[www.thebethlehem.center](http://www.thebethlehem.center)**.

Sue is happy to deliver your pull-tabs to the Ronald McDonald House in Greenville. But, if you live in the Upstate and wish to deliver them yourself, here is the address: Ronald McDonald House, 706 Grove Rd, Greenville, SC 29605. Their phone is 864-235-0506, and their hours are Sunday-Saturday, 8 am-8 pm.

It's nearly time for Mission u and the E&I craft room. **Please pre-price your items!** If your items don't sell and you want them back, you may pick them up Friday evening. All items which aren't picked up will be distributed to one of the mission projects to use as it sees fit.

It's also not too early to be thinking about our gifts for the mission projects during the conference Annual Meeting. We will again be collecting gift cards and new postage stamps. I will be contacting each project to find out what kind of gift cards they would like to receive.

**My Contact Info: 703 Autumn Oaks • Anderson, SC 29621-2686 • [baddis1108@yahoo.com](mailto:baddis1108@yahoo.com)**

# Wallace Family Life Center Update

Submitted by Frances McCluney, Conference Representative to WFLC Board

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

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

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

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.

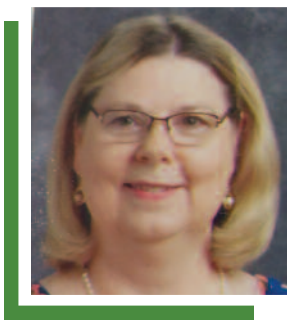
We are excited to host two events this spring which will benefit families in the Wallace area. As the cost of food has placed an undue burden on many families, we are pleased to host a food distribution event. On Friday evening, May 19th, about forty families will receive bags of groceries free of charge

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.



Frances may be reached via email at:  
fmmcluney@gmail.com or phone: (843) 307-6299

# News from Killingsworth

Submitted By: Jane Scott

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*

**KILLINGSWORTH**  
transforming women

Killingsworth Home, 1831 Pendleton Street,  
Columbia, SC 29201  
803.771.6359 [www.killingsworth.org](http://www.killingsworth.org)

# What an Adventure!

The South Carolina Conference of the United Women in Faith 2023 Mission Trip “The Asheville to Nashville Adventure” was truly just that! There were 37 adventurous and mission driven women journeying from Monday, March 27th through Thursday, March 30th, 2023 for this everchanging three-day excursion.

Our first stop was at Brooks Howell Home in Asheville, North Carolina for a delicious lunch and

tours of this retirement community that provides independent living, long and short term skilled, respite and home care services for residents that need specialized care. The residents were blessed with our collections of gift cards to Michaels and Walmart along with art craft supplies (yarn, paper, stickers) as reminders of our love and appreciation to each of them.

The adventures continued with an additional tour of beautiful Lake Junaluska in Ashville, North Carolina where one night lodge at the

beautiful Terrance and delicious meals were enjoyed. The women explored the gardens, meditation areas, trails, strolls to the Cross and shopping at the Book Store for souvenirs.

On Tuesday, March 28th, we traveled to Nashville, Tennessee with beautiful sceneries along the way.



UW Faith paused for a picture during the recent mission trip

On Wednesday, March 29th, Scarritt Bennett located in Nashville, Tennessee was toured and a delicious meal was enjoyed.

This beautiful site is owned by United Women in Faith. Today, Scarritt Bennett Center works to continue the powerful legacy of the Scarritt students, faculty, and staff in the fight for women’s empowerment, racial justice, and dignity for all.

The Bethlehem Centers, Nashville, a United Women in Faith National Mission Institution was visited. This is a nonprofit family resource center that promotes self-reliance and positive life choices for children, adolescents, and seniors in the North Nashville community

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# Asheville to Nashville Mission Trip Snapshots





# What an Adventure Continues

through the delivery of quality programs and services. They are truly continuing the ministry of “changing lives and building futures.” The Bethlehem Centers, Nashville were provided much needed gift cards to Walmart and Kroger’s to aid in fighting the food desert crisis within the area to meet the need of women, children, and youth of the community.

The South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith were truly blessings within the “Asheville to Nashville” communities as we are within ours! We really put our faith, hope, love in action through service to bless these communities that were visited. These mission opportunities allowed

the South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith to reflect on the purpose of our organization to ensure that we are enhancing the lives of women, children and youth. Thank you for your willingness to travel on this mission trip and making a positive difference in the lives of others. Please stay tune for the 2024 Mission Trip to the Southeastern Jurisdiction Conference in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Peace, love, and blessings,



**Jacquelyn Session**  
**Mission Trip Coordinator**  
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*Jacquelyn*



*Special “Thanks”  
to  
Valorie Pryor and  
Jacquelyn Session  
for providing the  
snapshots of the  
Asheville to Nashville  
Mission trip.*



*Thank You South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith for making a positive difference in the “Asheville to Nashville” Adventure. Thank you for mailing and/or presenting the much-needed gift cards/craft items/monetary donations for Brooks Howell Home, Asheville, North Carolina and Bethlehem Centers, Nashville, Tennessee.*

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|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Beth Addis        | Elizabeth Greene  | Blondell Miller    | Marlene Spencer     |
| Ann Alexander     | Nettie Greene     | Mary Montgomery    | Lillie Stephenson   |
| Angela Allen      | Ralphine Halls    | Eartha Pinckney    | Betty Swinton       |
| Clarice Blakeney  | Jane Hallums      | Valarie Pryor      | Ruby Williams-Times |
| Doretha Cooper    | Brenda Lawson     | LeaAndre Roberts   | Maureen Thomas      |
| Azilee Dickey     | Joyce Lewis       | Kathy Roys         | Linda Turner        |
| Jacqueline Dingle | Tonya Mack        | Jacqueline Session | Donna Vendiver      |
| Rebecca Eleazer   | Mary Mahoney      | Jessica Sanders    | Pamela White        |
| Cathy Ford        | Ernestine Mickens | Jimmie Shuler      | Barbara Wilson      |
| Loretta Friday    | Shirlene McMillan | Diane Smith        | Helen Woods         |
| Coretha Grate     |                   |                    |                     |

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| Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church, Bamberg   | Grace United Women in Faith, Charleston |
| Mt. Elon United Women in Faith, Jefferson     | Jerusalem United Women in Faith, Cross  |
| Francis Burns United Women in Faith, Columbia | Zion United Women in Faith, Cross       |



**51<sup>st</sup> South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith Annual Meeting  
 October 20-21, 2023  
 St. John's United Methodist Church 104 Newberry St NW Aiken, SC**

For registration information contact Hazel Darby, Registrar (803)516-1354 / [hazeldarby@bellsouth.net](mailto:hazeldarby@bellsouth.net)

**Theme: "Unity in Christ"**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

**Check all that apply:**

- First Timer     Conference Officer     District Officer     Past Conference President  
 Under 40     Unit President     Mission Director     Clergy  
 Age 14-30     Voting Delegate     Missionary / Deaconess  
 Childcare needed – Number of Children \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

Attending Friday dinner \_\_\_\_\_ Attending Saturday lunch \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian\_\_ Gluten Free\_\_

**\*\*By registering for this event, you understand that your photo may appear in any SCCUWF publication/media avenues. \*\***

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**Friday, October 20**

**Registration check-in: 12:30pm – 3:00pm / Late check-in: 6:15pm-7:00pm**

**Displays and activities, Limitless donations drop-off, Soul Care Prayer Room**

**Session 1**

- 2:45pm Gathering & Opening /featured local mission organization/Bible Study – **Faith Center Sanctuary**  
 4:00pm Break with option of light chair exercise (Faith Center Sanctuary)  
 4:15pm Workshop on **Community Creation Care: Climate Justice** – Faith Center Sanctuary (option to view displays, do mission encouragement & support card making, or go to Soul Care Prayer Room)  
 5:30pm Dinner – **MEAL TICKET REQUIRED** (inside name tag holder)

**Session 2**

- 6:45pm Gathering music  
 7:00pm Communion Worship Service – **Main Sanctuary**

**Saturday, October 21 Registration check-in: 8:00am-9:00am**

**Session 3**

- 8:45am Gathering, Memorial Service, General Business, Informational Moments, Special Recognitions, Offering, Keynote Speaker: Rev. Shirley Gordon, Orangeburg Wesley Foundation – **Faith Center**  
 12:15pm Lunch – **MEAL TICKET REQUIRED**

**Session 4**

- 1:15pm Retirement of Officers, Nomination & Election of Officers, Installation of Officers, Announcements

**Mail early registration fee of \$45 payable to SCCUWF to Hazel Darby, 109 Meatcutter Rd., Bamberg, SC 29003 postmarked by September 30. Late registration fee postmarked by October 14 is \$55. Onsite fee is \$65.**

# Have you seen our digital resources?

While the internet is nothing new, we have all been thrown into new depths over the past few years, discovering ways we can connect with one another and engage resources to nurture our faith and support the ways we put faith, hope, and love in action.

**United Women in Faith Digital** is a safe and secure online space to do exactly that—access online versions of your favorite United Women in Faith resources, and connect with over 4,000 other members on the platform!

Visit **[uwfaith.org/digital](https://uwfaith.org/digital)** and create your free account or log in.

Participate in the Reading Program  
You can connect with readers from around the world to talk about the books you love. For more information visit the site listed above.



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United Women in Faith, hosted by Jennifer R. Farmer.**

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<https://www.spreaker.com/show/faithtalks>  
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favorite podcasts.



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## **Need United Women in Faith Resources?**

Check out the United Women in Faith Web Store.

***<https://uwfaithresources.org>***

You will be able to locate your familiar Mission u study books,  
Program Resource and Daily Prayer Guides, as well as  
PDF resources arranged within specific categories.



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# **SPECIAL EMPHASIS MONTHS**

February - Wallace Family Life Center

April - Columbia Bethlehem Community Center

**September - Killingworth**

November - Bethlehem Center Spartanburg

# VACANCY...

“Your Word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.” Psalm 119:105 NLT

Time is of the essence, as we are working hard to fill our vacancies  
for South Carolina Conference  
**Officers and Southeast Jurisdiction Board of Directors**  
**and**  
**Program Advisory Committee - PAG.**

Attached to this newsletter are talent blanks for both.

I understand we are being impacted by the  
Disaffiliation-Separation of churches from the United Methodist Church,  
however, our focus remains the same.

A Charge to Keep I Have and a God to Glorify.

Search your hearts ladies. Your wealth of wisdom, knowledge and  
experience are greatly needed.



In His Service and Yours, Azilee Dickey *Azilee*

For more information (803)491-6699 or [deejie721@yahoo.com](mailto:deejie721@yahoo.com).

# SOCIAL ACTION CORNER

For essentially three years what we knew as normalcy was defined by life saving measures to protect us from a new virus that captured the attention of the World Health Organization (WHO) in 2019. COVID 19 changed everything. The word unprecedented was routinely used during "the COVID era". I ask you to consider this, are we living in unprecedented times as it relates to the climate in our nation? If your answer is yes or I think so or if your answer is no or I don't think so you're feeling as many others do. So during this time of wonder: will the United Methodist Church survive; will this nation come together or will we allow our differences to consume and destroy us; is God listening, does He still care- you may also be wondering 'just what shall I do?' That answer is easy. We do what we as believers have been called to do.

**The national body of United Women in Faith has adopted two priority focus discussed below.**

**Interrupting the School-to-Prison Pipeline** Campaign is an expression of our commitment to end mass incarceration and the criminalization of communities of color. There are multiple ways of addressing this issue but the two primary focus for this campaign is reducing racial disparities in school discipline and removing school based police from schools and replacing them with healthier alternative supports. You may be passionate about supporting both or one of these efforts while others may not. I say find a common ground just don't get distracted by the distractions. Distractions, finger pointing, unfounded

assumptions about the other person, the proverbial line drawn in the sand will only cause you to miss out on Jesus. Remember Martha and her distractions. Luke 10:38- As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha had opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed- or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

## **Other things to consider:**

- Recognizing any bias you may have and addressing implicit and explicit bias in yourself and theirs
- Push back on failed policies that criminalize children and youth of color such as the zero tolerance policy. School is one of the safest and valuable places a child can be. If that's taken away we're putting them at increased risk of engaging in risky behavior that will only lead to trouble.
- Demand accountability for addressing racial disparities at all levels. Children of color face excessive and disparate use of suspension and expulsion
- Seek our collective wellness through antiracism. Our Father who art in heaven loves all His children. Jesus reminded us many times to love one another.
- Support all incarcerated people and work

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# SOCIAL ACTION CORNER CONTINUES

towards freedom. "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink... I was in prison and you came to visit me. Then the righteous will answer him, Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and... When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you? "The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

## Just Energy 4 All

"All creation is God's, and we are responsible for the ways in which we use and abuse it... God has granted us stewardship of creation. We should meet these stewardship duties through acts of loving care and respect." (UMC Social Principles) Our Just Energy 4 All campaign advances our climate justice priority by mobilizing members and communities to take action to support 100% clean, renewable energy and a just energy transition. This entails prioritizing investments, opportunities and participation from directly impacted communities in decision-making processes.

### Other things to consider:

- Use LED bulbs in your home and church
- Organize Earth Day Sunday activities/ bible study

- Commit to planting X number of trees each year.
- Get an energy audit for your facility
- Contact your legislature and ask them to support just energy policies and practices
- Participate in the Just Energy webinars hosted by United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith are women from all walks of life with as many interests, gifts and talents. Please continue support the ministries and mission you are supporting such as addressing hunger ( food pantry/ Harvest Hope donations, back packs for school children, supporting college food pantry, sharing information about WIC and SNAP), Maternal Child Health (advocate for equitable care for all women and children), predatory lending (ask your legislature to support S.518, [scstathouse.gov](http://scstathouse.gov), host a letter/ post card writing campaign) and in some way support our two focus priorities, interrupting –the-school to prison pipeline and Just Energy 4 All.



**Patricia Armstrong**  
**Social Action**  
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## Support Social Action Ministries and Mission

Use LED Bulbs

Just Energy 4 All

Interrupting School to Prison Pipeline

End Child Hunger

Maternal Child Health

Demand Accountability

Plant a Tree

Conduct Energy an Audit

Stop Predatory Lending • Support S.518



# PRAYER PALS



Growing spiritually is the best 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](mailto:vtharvey62@gmail.com) or

mail it to 440 Goldmine Road Spartanburg SC 29307

## **Please fill out the following information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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.*

*To register email Debra Schooler at [debrajschooler@gmail.com](mailto:debrajschooler@gmail.com)*

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



# SURVEY TIME!



United  
Women  
in Faith

As a leader in United Women in Faith, the Membership office invites you to participate in the 2022 Unit Survey.

The survey is intended to be completed by the unit president or All Access group convener. Questions are related to how your unit or group is thriving in sisterhood, faith, and action and how you are committed to act boldly for justice and transform communities.

Your responses matter. Your answers 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 are doing on behalf of women, children and youth

Your participation is essential! **All due by June 30th!**

Don't forget that SC SHINED like the winning stars we are last year by being #1 in the conference with membership counts and that is ONLY because you all came together as an amazing group and followed up several times to make sure our units got it done! I can't do this without you!!! Thank you again!

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

Please contact **Angela Allen** with any questions: **864-680-9029** or **Angela.Allen@charter.net**

**PLEASE REPORT BY: June 30th!**



**The Future is Now! \$416,876 has been raised for the 2023 Day of Giving to the Legacy Endowment Fund!** Together, we exceeded our \$400,000 goal for Day of Giving 2023.

Support for the Legacy Endowment Fund honors the spirit of the women who founded this organization and helps build a permanent resource to support the programs and ministries that we all hold so dear – activities like Mission u, Leadership Development Days, climate and racial justice work, and grants for our National Mission Institutions. **Your gift to Day of Giving for the Legacy Endowment Fund builds a strong tomorrow for United Women in Faith.**

As of March 31, 2023, the SC Conference United Women in Faith have contributed **\$2,486.00**. We encourage you to make contribution(s) in memory or in honor of someone you love, admire, or just because. Let someone know you are thinking of them. All donations will be acknowledged.

If you have already given, many thanks! **You can still give to the Legacy Endowment Fund.** Visit [United Women in Faith](#) to make your secure donation.

You are changing the world. **The future is now!**

**Thank You!**

*SC Conference  
United Women in Faith  
have contributed*

**\$2486.00**



Maureen Thomas  
Legacy Fund Liaison  
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United  
Women  
in Faith

We're a **sisterhood** acting in **faith** to tackle the **hard work** of the **world** without hesitation.

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

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**VISION:** 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.

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

Make Plans NOW



# Southeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting

WHERE: Chattanooga, Tennessee

WHEN: April 19-21, 2024

Registration opens September 2023

Early Registration: \$210 (thru December 2023)  
Late Registration: \$240 (after December 2023)

THE TABLE IS OPEN TO EVERYONE - NO NEED TO BELONG TO UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH, SO BRING A FRIEND!

## MISSION GIVING

SAVE YOUR DOLLAR BILLS.....

with a "J" on them for "Jesus" and "Jurisdiction"  
AND "G" for "God".



For additional information, go to our website at: [www.sejuwf.org](http://www.sejuwf.org)






## 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** in order to be recognized at your district annual meeting and receive the Diamond Unit certificate.

Please mail form to: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Church:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person & Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

<u>DATE COMPLETED</u>	<u>ACTION CHOICES</u>
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 <i>Response</i> and <i>New World Outlook</i> or <i>UMF Action Alerts</i> relating to racism
4. _____	4.  Supply each member with a copy of the <i>Charter for Racial Justice</i>
5. _____	5.  Present a program using the Charter for Racial Justice
6. _____	6. Use a program on racial justice/human rights from the UMF Program Book
7. _____	7. Participate in a UMF 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 UMF 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 UMF 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 UMF webinar –

# Announcements

## UNIT SURVEY

DUE

**JUNE 30TH**

More information  
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## VACANCY We Need You! Committee on Nominations

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UW Faith  
2023 Annual  
Meeting  
Oct. 20 - 21  
St. John UMC  
Aiken, SC

**RACIAL &  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
JUSTICE ONLINE  
WORKSHOP  
JUNE 24**

**Mission u**  
July 20 - 22nd  
Spartanburg  
Methodist College  
(In person event)

**SC ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE  
JUNE 4 -6  
FLORENCE**

**SEPTEMBER**

SPECIAL EMPHASIS  
MONTH

**KILLINGSWORTH**

**WE  
ARE  
UWFAITH**

Mission u  
**Scholarship  
Deadline**  
July 1st

See inside for more information



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