

Gleanings

June 2024



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MISSION u JULY 18-20, 2024

Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, SC

Theme: The Kin-dom is Among You: Drawing Closer to God and One Another

Join us at Mission u, July 18-20, 2024, as we explore what it means to draw closer to God and one another.

Jesus told his followers the kin-dom was among them (Luke 17:21). What does that mean? Who does Jesus say will inherit the kin-dom? How do we transform ourselves and our communities in ways that bring us closer to the kin-dom and the kin-dom closer to us? Dive into these questions and more at Mission u 2024 as we examine Scripture together and join in worship, fellowship, and action.

Our Mission u 2024 offers two exciting curricula on this theme: **“Welcome Home** written by Neomi Fletcher (Adult study) and **Cultivating Symbiosis: The Nature of God’s Kin-dom** written by Nica Sy. Purchase your copy from: uwfaithresources.org

Adult — Welcome Home by Neomi Fletcher - The adult curriculum uses the image of home to explore how living in close proximity to the kin-dom is like making a home with God. Participants are invited to develop practices for building healthy, welcoming communities as a result of being anchored in the abiding love of God.

Youth — Cultivating Symbiosis: The Nature of God’s Kin-dom by Nica Sy. In Creation, we see the power of symbiosis, or interdependent relationship. The youth curriculum explores the idea of symbiosis between our relationships with one another and our relationship with God. By drawing closer to one another and our world, we draw closer to the kin-dom.

Study Books



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



2024 Mission u Registration Form

July 18 – 20, 2024: Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, South Carolina
Theme: “The Kin-dom is Among You: Drawing Closer to God and One Another”

Please print clearly

Name: _____ Suitemate names (s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Cell phone: _____ District: _____ email: _____

FORMS OF SUITEMATES MUST BE MAILED TOGETHER

Please check all that apply

- Under 40 Youth Attending first time Conference Officer District Officer
- Clergy Missionary Day Participant Youth Chaperone Limitless
- Deaconess

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, campus or dorm; also please indicate dietary needs.)

Emergency contact: _____ Contact number: _____.

All Adult Participants will take the Spiritual Growth study, “Welcome Home” by Neomi Fletcher.

For Youth Only: Youth Study: “**Cultivating Symbolism: The Nature of God’s Kin-dom.**”

_____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Grade to enter in the fall

Name of Chaperone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Youth registration, chaperone registration and additional required forms must be mailed together.

Are you interested in participating in a plenary? _____. Are you interested in driving a golf cart? _____.

Adult Residents - \$185 Day Student - \$120 Youth Residents - \$130 Total enclosed _____

Mail completed form(s) with payment (**payable to SCCUWF**) to Vikki Hill
SCCUWF-Mission u
518-A Oak Drive
Lexington, SC 29073

****Registration deadline is July 1, 2024. Please see General Information Sheet for more details about this event.**

Report From The President...

Happy Summer!!! I can't believe it is almost June. I pray everyone enjoyed the spring season and are ready to embrace summer.

We have lots going on this summer. Our executive team will be meeting in June to plan our annual meeting that will happen on September 21st, 2024. Please mark your calendars and join us for this awesome event. Please send in your reports as outlined on the attachment so we can prepare our program booklet!! I know all of you are working hard to promote our programs and events.

I was unable to attend the Day Apart in March, but I understand it was a beautiful and well attended event. Sandra Love and her team worked hard to put together a "Soul Care" retreat and the reviews from the women were all positive. I heard their souls and bodies were cared for in the workshops and fellowship during the event. I think we may do more "Soul Care" events. Thank you Brookland UMC for hosting our ladies.

On June 22nd, the Conference will be offering an environmental justice workshop. We are planning to highlight the plight of the Gullah/Geechee community on St. Helena Island who are dealing with developers trying to build golf courses and a gated community near their county protected community. We are hoping to have the attorney from the SC Environmental Justice Office to address the issues facing traditionally Black communities with water issues in South Carolina. The Environmental justice team received a grant, and we will be taking a trip to Penn Center next year as a follow up to this event. There are lots of ways to get involved, so please join our zoom meeting on the 16th at 10:00 am to learn how you can make a difference. The link will be in this issue of the "Mission Echo".

On July 6th, we will be hosting our annual Limitless get together to celebrate our young women as they grow and learn to be UWF future leaders. We are talking with Rock Hill District to host us this year. Place and time will be sent to everyone in the next few weeks.

Of course, Mission U is happening July 18-20 at Spartanburg Methodist College. Our study this year will be "Drawing Closer to God and One Another". The course will continue exploring the term kin-dom and how we can learn to be closer to each other and God. "Cultivating Symbiosis - The Nature of God's Kin-dom" will be the youth study. Bring yourself and a youth with you this year so we can all grow together.

Calling all "Golfers"! There will be a golf tournament to raise money for Killingsworth on July 22nd. A flyer is in this issue of Gleanings. Plan to go to the tournament and have some fun and help Killingsworth raise funds to help the women they serve.

Several of our UWF executive team attended Southeastern Jurisdiction in April. The meeting was held at the Chattanooga Convention Center and what a powerful and engaging "Get Together" we had with our sisters in Christ. Our CEO, Sally Vonner, spoke and the keynote speaker was Janet Wolfe. Inspiration was everywhere and a call to action resonated with us all. We are the hands and feet of Christ, and we need to "keep on keeping on" to make the lives of our vulnerable sisters and children better. Several of us went to a panel discussion on race discrimination and learned how our sisters of color are facing adversity in our communities.

I am challenging each unit to please work on your Diamond Certificates and participate in activities that make us aware of issues and how we can be a part of the solution. There is lots of information on the website: UWF.org and Lexie Chatham writes articles for every "Gleanings" to inform and educate us on social issues and priorities the UWF are focusing on like "Interrupting the School-to-Prison Pipeline Campaign. Please encourage your units to be informed and to advocate for justice.

There are so many ways we can make a difference, and I am thankful for all of you ladies who are working so hard to make a positive difference. What a blessing you are to our communities and to each other!!

Let you light shine!

Blessings to each of you!

Debra Schooler.

President

Columbia District United Women in Faith



Notes from the Vice President Greetings United Women in Faith!

In Romans 8:18, Paul writes “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us” (NKJV). Paul reminds us that the present hard times - pain, sickness, bereavement, poverty, hunger, homelessness, racial, social and climate injustices, political tensions - that we witness, are really nothing compared to the coming good times that we will share with God. In the midst of doubt and uncertainty, know that God has a plan and a purpose for His creation. It is certain that if we go through bad times with Him, we will also go through good times with Him. Isn't that GOOD NEWS?

Susan Sirmons, Executive Director of Killingsworth, was the keynote speaker at Church Women United (CWU) Annual Meeting and Luncheon, held February 23, 2024 at 11:00AM at Brookland Baptist Banquet and Conference Center. She spoke of the trying times in the lives of residents at Killingsworth as well as her personal life. Each woman is a testament to her belief in God and her willingness to overcome adversity and not allow adversity to overtake her. Strong women allow God to walk with them through the storms of life; so they can advocate for others in similar situations.

May Friendship Day, a CWU event set aside each year to celebrate unity in our journey toward wholeness in all communities, was held May 3, 2024 at Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church. The theme, *Love Mercy* was emphasized through prayer, music, May Friendship Day Litany, Bible study, and Special Recognition of five Young Church Women who are making a difference in their church and the community. I was privileged to be a part of this celebration.

I attended the Columbia District Day-Apart Retreat, coordinated by Spiritual Growth Coordinator, Sandra Love and hosted by the ladies at Brookland UMC. Activities that supported the theme: *Soul Care Well Care* included Yoga; Color/Meditation; Vision Board; Mindful Eating and Zumba. The event was relaxing and rejuvenating. The time for food and fellowship was an added bonus.

Francis Burns, I. D. Newman, and Bluff Road UWFaith organizations celebrated Women's Weekend March 16 and 17, 2024 with an emphasis on how women prepare themselves to be leaders in the Home, Church and Community. Strong women view obstacles as stepping stones to success. In essence, obstacles do not define us; they develop us into the persons God created us to be. We understand that with God's help, all things are possible. He empowers us to care for ourselves; so we can care for others. He empowers us to be leaders.

The Thirteenth Quadrennial Meeting of the Southeastern Jurisdiction United Women in Faith was held April 19-21, 2024 in Chattanooga, TN. The *Get Together* included worship; mission giving; workshops on racial and social justice issues; and of course, soul care! We heard inspirational messages from keynote speakers Rev. Janet Wolf, an elder in the UMC and Sally Vonner, General Secretary / CEO – UWFaith.

The Saturday evening Celebration Banquet provided attendees the perfect opportunity to experience soul care through food, fun, fellowship and laughter. Karen George, Christian Comedienne, kept us laughing throughout the evening. Laughter was definitely good for the soul! I was glad to be in the number.

Also, good for the soul was the fantastic *Mother, Daughter, Friend Banquet* hosted by Platt Springs UMC. Dawndy Mercer Plank was the featured speaker: *What is your Calling Card?* She used dolls from Debbie Marowitz's Barbie collection to illustrate that the differences in looks, back grounds, vocations, occupations, abilities and disabilities, do not define us. In fact, diversity is a blessing from God. We are all God's creation. All of us can be, and should be followers of Jesus Christ. Ladies dressed in pink, enjoyed a delicious meal, and learned many self-help lessons from Barbie! Thank you, Flo Johnson for the invitation.

I encourage all units to sponsor or participate in soul care events. God is always in the midst. *Soul Care is Sacred!*

In Gratitude,

Carrie R. Murray

Vice President

Columbia District United Women in Faith



Secretary's Desk

The Columbia District United Women in Faith Executive Committee met April 16, 2024. The meeting was called to order by President Debra Schooler. She welcomed everyone and thanked Francis Burns UWFaith for hosting the meeting.

In attendance were Debra Schooler, Carrie Murray, Tiffany Phillips, Rhonda Washington, Sharee Washington, Sandra Love, Lexie Chatham, Stella Chisholm, Vanessa Key, Heidi Ankeny, Pat Hoesly, Vikki Hill, and Linda Kennedy.

Members absent: Diann Selph; Vilma Cobb, Becky Travis, Betty Void, Melissa Hafer, Marlene Sipes, Rosemary Wilds and Flo Johnson.

Devotion and Prayer were conducted by Spiritual Growth Coordinator, Sandra Love. The meditation focused on “Impossible Made Possible” and ended with prayer.

Minutes of the previous meeting recorded by secretary, Diann Selph, appeared in the March Gleanings, and were adopted by the Executive Board.

Reports were given from the following officers: President Debra Schooler

The Day Apart retreat, although I could not attend, got rave reviews and everyone I talked to said it was a wonderful day. Thanks to all who worked hard planning, especially Sandra Love, and her helpers. Thanks to Brookland UWF for hosting and helping to make the day so special.

I attended the bishop’s workday, and the bishop shared a motivational talk and encouraged all of us to help work on the priorities he has developed for our conference.

Developing Leaders Engaging our communities Connecting with and growing Disciples Measuring and Evaluating Current Realities and Missional Possibilities

There is a video on the conference website: UMCSC.org that talks about these priorities. Please review them so you can be aware of ways **you** can help.

I attended the Women’s Weekend Celebration at Francis Burns UMC. I went to the panel discussion on Saturday about “How Women can Still Lead in a Church While managing Home, Work, Family and Relationships”. Very informative and helpful. I also went to the Worship Service on Sunday and the guest Speaker, Candace Doby, was excellent. I very much enjoyed her talk and seeing my friends at Francis Burns.

Several of us are heading to Chattanooga Thursday for the SEJ meeting. We are very excited and will share what we learned when we return.

Our next meeting will be June 18th at Washington Street UMC. We will be planning our annual meeting, so please plan to attend.

Vice President Carrie Murray Columbia District UWFaith

- Evaluation Forms from the Columbia District Local Unit Officer Training, held January 13, 2024, at Northeast UMC, have been distributed to all facilitators. Each district officer is encouraged to read the comments and suggestions on the evaluation forms and use that information as a means of improving on future training events.
- I attended and participated in the Day-Apart Retreat held March 2, 2024 at Brookland UMC.
- I attended a Meet and Greet Luncheon for Tamara Clark, Treasurer and CEO of UWFaith National office, NY. The event was held at Washington Street UMC and hosted by Debra Schooler March 24, 2024.

SCCUWFaith

- I attended two of the three Social Action (Legislative Advocacy Days) Workshops - *Climate Justice* and *Keeping Our Kids in School*, in which I was a participant.
- I participated in the book study: *So You Want To Talk About Race* by Ljeoma Oluo.
- As the conference representative for Columbia Bethlehem Community Center, I attended the following events:
 - SCCUWFaith Executive Meeting Feb. 10th and submitted a report from CBCC.
 - CBCC 2024 Open House events: Friendship Day – Feb. 17th and Sow & Grow: Flower Planting – April 13th.
 - CBCC Board meeting March 22, 2024.

Local Unit UWFaith

- As president of Francis Burns Local Unit of UWFaith, I worked with the chair of Status and Role of Women to sponsor our Annual Women's Day Celebration that consisted of a Panel Discussion on *How Women Can Still Lead In The Church, While Managing Home, Work, Family and Relationships* followed by a Pot Luck lunch.
- I organized the Women's Day Worship Service and served as Worship Leader with Candace Doby, a product of FBUMC, as guest speaker. Each lady received a red rose as a token of our appreciation for being a spirited and powerful woman, each in her own right.

National UWFaith

- I listen to Faith Talks podcasts hosted by Jennifer Farmer.

Church Women United

- I attended CWU Annual Meeting at Brookland Conference Center Feb. 10, 2024.

Secretary Diann Selph via March 2024 Gleanings – Minutes of the April meeting was recorded by Carrie Murray. Officers were reminded to submit a written report to the secretary.

Treasurer Tiffany Phillips1stQuarter Remittance Sent: \$18,994.00

Pledge: \$9,237.50

SMR Special Mission Recognition: \$130,00

Gift to Missions: \$130.00

Gift in Memory: \$25.00

World Thank Offering: \$554.00

(Pledge to Mission Amount: \$10,086.50)

Columbia BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CENTER: \$453.75

Spartanburg BETHLEHEM CENTER: \$2,308.75

Killingsworth: \$2,492.25

Wallace Family Life: \$2,836.25

Call to Prayer and Self Denial: \$597.50

Racial Justice Donation: \$30.00

UWF Scholarships: \$30.00

Brighter Future for Children and Youth: \$30.00

Scarlett Bennett Center: \$ 30.00

Assembly Offering: \$100.00

Day Apart 2024:Money Received: \$885.00

-Registered: (15.00) 59 Registered \$885.00

-Love Offering: \$465.00 \$116.25 (Sent to Each Mission)

-Workshop Leader Milage/Reimbursement/Expenses:

D'Etta Broom \$50.00

Gladys Morgan \$50.00

Pamela Brown \$50.00 plus travel \$148.0

Christerly Matthews \$50.00 plus travel \$108.00

Henry Williams \$50.00

BrooklandUMW Faithful Friends Circle Food:

\$500.00

Printing: \$61.00 to Lex/Richland 5 School

District

*1st Quarter AMD Money Received: \$1,081.95

Other Expenses:

Audit \$300.00

March Gleaning Printing \$261.49

March Gleaning Mailing: \$83.49

Bank Account Balance;17,482.92 (\$14,000 College Place money)

Communication Coordinator Sharee Washington

The June Gleanings articles and reports will be due on Thursday, May 16.

Spiritual Growth Coordinator Sandra Love

The Day Apart “Well Care Soul Care” retreat was held on March 2, 2024 at Brookland UMC with 59 ladies registered. The retreat was segmented into 5 - 45 min sessions of activities. Chair Yoga lead by D’Etta Price Broom, Color Meditation lead by Gladys Morgan Bell, Vision Board lead by Christy Mathews, Mindful Eating lead by Pamela Hempstead and Zumba lead by Henry Williams.

Each leader expressed their gratitude for being invited and would love to come to your units to share more of their knowledge further in our District. You may contact Sandra Love if you would like their contact information.

The evaluations were all positive. Everyone seems to have had a meaningful and enjoyable time. The lunch was excellent.

Heartfelt thanks to Vikki Hill and her team at Brookland for their wonderful work in preparing for us and their splendid southern hospitality. We are still looking for a church to host next year’s Day Apart Retreat.

Please let me know if you are willing to serve as host. The Spiritual Growth Event was held

virtually on Saturday, April 6 at 10am. Regret to report that I missed the Spiritual Growth Retreat on April 6. I hope you were available to participate. Come Together Be Together will

be virtual this year on Saturday, May 18 at 10am. The Florence District will be hosting this event.

Limitless Event will be an in-person event on Saturday July 6 at 10am. Location to be determined.

Mission u Thursday – Saturday July 17 through 24. Registration forms will be forth coming in Mission Echo and Gleanings. Please plan to attend.

Let us continue to pray for each other that God will continue to bless us and keep us healthy and strong to continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Social Action Lexie Chatham

The Social Action Committee for the SC UWF has already started working on the Legislative Action Day for 2025. Many of our sisters requested we return to an in-person event, and that request is being fulfilled.

On March 18, 2025, we'll meet in the gym at Epworth Children's Home to hear keynote speakers discuss ways to address Climate Justice and to break the School to Prison pipeline. There will be no breakout sessions, but plenty is being planned to do. Legislators will be invited to greet us and update us on pertinent legislative measures before the SC Legislature. In addition, we hope to hear from the new president of Epworth Children's Home to hear about plans for that institution.

The Social Action Committee will meet again in August 2024 to further our planning efforts for this informative event.

Membership, Nurture & Outreach Heidi Ankeny

On behalf of the Columbia District UWF, I sent out a Thinking of You card to Fran Elrod who had surgery, a Get-Well card to Vilma Cobb whose husband had a heart attack, and a Sympathy card to Angela Allen whose mother passed away. In addition, a Thank You card was sent to Sylvia Cousins at NEUMC thanking them for their hospitality and our gratitude for hosting us for Local Unit Officer Training in January.

I spoke with Brenda Ladson, the MN&O Coordinator for ID Newman about questions she had about the upcoming census. I told her as soon as we receive information from the National Office, I will be in communication with all the coordinators.

I attended the Day Apart Retreat March 2nd at Brookland UMC focusing on Soul Well Care. To say it was an awesome day does not describe it well enough. The ladies at Brookland were incredibly welcoming and had created a wonderful environment for learning, sharing, caring, and fun. We had a wonderful breakfast and then headed upstairs to the chapel for worship, reflection, prayer, and communion. We had an opportunity to hear from all the speakers before we headed off to our individual rooms for the sessions we had chosen. I attended Chair Yoga and Mindful Eating. Both were informative. Chair Yoga got us up/down and energized while learning how to move your body for effectiveness without overdoing it. Mindful Eating provided information about eating the right foods, the importance value of doing so, and that it is ok to mindfully splurge on occasion, but then get back on track. The seminar leaders were insightful and offered great information when questions were asked. We finished the day with a fabulous luncheon that the Brookland Ladies put together for us. When filling out the survey at the end of day, I gave rave reviews for all.

Let's also remember to encourage all units to think about their nominations for WOY.

Education & Interpretation Rhonda Washington

Killingsworth - A new Killingsworth representative will be name soon by Clarice Blakeney.

Columbia Bethlehem Community Center - Columbia Bethlehem Community Center+ OneColumbia Spring Break Acting Camp held March 30-April 3. They had 15 participants, 2 traveling from Charleston SC for this experience. Their 9 min short film *The Children* was recently released to the board.

Spartanburg Bethlehem Community Center (SBCC)-

At the SCCUW Faith E&I meeting it was stated director Patrena Mims, Director, is working on the board. She has worked very hard to get grant money, and she has become very good at it. The grant dollars are key to the current financial stability of the mission. SBCC representative Jan recommends that the other missions consider doing the same.

Wallace Family Life Center -

At the SCCUW Faith E&I meeting it was stated February will be Wallace Family Life Center emphasis month. The center will remain open. The District Superintendent is working on some ways to send additional funding, along with myself (Clarice). We may have to reduce the money paid to Linda (the Director), but we are going to find the necessary funding to continue support of this mission. The services WFLC provides are pivotal to that area, and so we are going to increase the funds. They will celebrate 45 years in September, and we want to celebrate them. WFLC currently does not have a full board, so we believe a fully operational board will help turn this situation around. **Jane Crawford**, crawfordj@dillon.k12.sc.us, will be the new Wallace Family Life Center representative.

Pop-Top Collection - May 13-17, 2024

Columbia District E&I Coordinator Rhonda will drop off the pop tops on May 20, 2024

Program Resource Stella Chisholm

Thanks to Tiffany Phillips, Carrie Murray, Debra Schooler, and Leila Williams for submitting a book review for the **Gleanings**. Need book reviews for the next issue.

In the March/April issue of **Response Magazine** there are articles entitled "Member Profile" and "Brighlights". Columbia District has outstanding members and units that do great projects.... Let's consider profiling one of our members and writing an article highlighting our projects for publication in the **Response Magazine**.

Committee on Nominations Vilma Cobb

All positions on the executive team are presently filled. Please make sure to complete the tenure forms.

Historian Pat Hoesley

Everyone is encouraged to continue to send pictures of unit events and activities. Group pictures are most appreciated.

Cluster reports were received from the following leaders:

Cluster 1: Vikki Hill, **Cluster 2:** Vanessa Key, **Cluster 4:** Faye Love, and **Cluster 6:** Linda Kennedy.

Dismissal prayer was given by Sandra Love.

Diann Selph

Columbia District Secretary
selphdiann@yahoo.com



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Gleanings Newsletters: <https://www.umcsc.org/uwfnewsletters/>

Rhonda Washington/Sharee Washington
Communication Chairs

A Note From Our Treasurer:

Thank you for all your local UWF units have contributed to help the missions we support as United Women In Faith! Your support really makes a difference.

3rd Quarter Remittances Reporting Period 6/01/2024-8/31/2024

3rd Quarter Remittance Form are due by 09/05/2024

(Please also send me Annual Meeting Checklist with 3rd Quarter Remittance)
Remittance form received after 09/05/2024 will be counted towards 4th Quarter.

4th Quarter Reporting Period 9/1/2024 thru 11/30/2024. Report due before 12/5/2024.

*The South Carolina Conference is asking local units to increase their pledge to missions to help meet our Conference Pledge to Mission. You are also encouraged to give to the South Carolina Presidential Scholarship Fund.

Remittance Sent: 03/06/2024 (1st Quarter): \$18,994.00

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Day Apart 2024:

Day Apart Love Offering: \$465.00 (\$116.25 sent to each mission)

Registration: \$885.00

Expenses: \$967.00

Special Emphasis Months:

FEBRUARY - WALLACE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

APRIL- COLUMBIA BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CENTER

SEPTEMBER - KILLINGSWORTH

NOVEMBER - BETHLEHEM CENTER SPARTANBURG

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

Tiffany Phillips

Columbia District Treasurer

2336 Hard Scrabble Rd

Columbia, SC 29223

Social Action Coordinator Report

Washington Street UMC is the home of a workshop that provides young people of all ability's endless opportunities in the performing arts. This accessible arts program is led by professional artists and allows youth from 5 to 21 years old to present live performances.

Named in honor of her grandfather, Papa Tank for Inclusion was started in 2023 by Bryann Burgess, who has Down Syndrome, and cofounder, Larry Hembree, well-known in Midlands theater groups. Beginning with a grant from the Central Carolina Community Foundation, Papa Tank respects and embraces the uniqueness of all people to provide artistic opportunities for young people. It believes everyone has an artist inside them that wants to tell their own stories.

On June 8th and 9th at 3:00pm, the workshop students will present an original End-of-Season performance. "When the Trees Sing" will feature both performing and visual art works inspired by the poems of Mattie Stepanek. Before he died at the age of 13 of dysautonomic mitochondrial myopathy, Mattie had published 7 best-selling books of poetry and peace essays and was known as a peace advocate and motivational speaker. All the students will take part in the performances either on-stage or behind the scenes. Tickets are \$10.00 and may be purchased online at papatank.org.

Later in June, the South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith Charter for Racial Justice Committee will present its second annual Racial + Environmental Justice Event on June 22, 2024, at 10:00am. This virtual workshop will address the issue of protecting historically Black settlements from incompatible development, especially that of the Gullah Geechee community on St. Helena Island, SC.

The program is funded by a grant from the National United Women in Faith and will feature two guest speakers. Faith Rivers James is the Executive Director of the Coastal Conservation League. She will be discussing the devastating cultural and environmental impacts of proposed development. Amy Armstrong is the Executive Director and General Counsel for the South Carolina Environmental Law Project. This organization provides legal assistance to the Gullah Geechee Sea Island Coalition in their efforts to either keep this land or ensure its proper development. Beaufort County had already established this area as a Cultural Protective Overlay District, but the developer is working to end that distinction.

Registration information will be available in the Mission Echo newsletter. Also, a site visit to the historic Penn Center and the Gullah community on St. Helena Island is being planned for February of 2025. This trip will be very educational for both our youth and UWF sisters.

Lexie Chatham

Social Action Coordinator

LexieChatham@yahoo.com

Columbia District Social Action Coordinator

Program Resources Report

Are You Reading?

Please let me know if your unit is participating in the Reading Program.

Send me an email, include the Secretary of Program Resources or President name, church, and email address. Email to: starrjackson8@yahoo.com

🤔 Your unit is thinking about the Reading Program.....email me.....

Remember, the Reading Program consist of books from the 2024, 2023, 2022-2021, 2020 and 2019 reading list.

Jump Start the Reading Program by listening to books on YouTube...

The following is a list of Read Aloud books that I have found on YouTube.

Please note that books are removed and added on YouTube.

Education For Mission

2024 - *Stepping Stone: A Refugee Family's Journey*

2024 - *The 1619 Project: Born On The Water*

2024 - *Blue*

2024 - *The Mangrove Tree*

2023 - *How Far Do You Love Me?*

Nurturing For Community

2024 - *Milo Imagines The World*

2023 - *Eye That kisses In The Corners*

2023 - *Magic Like That*

2023 - *Stay This Way Forever*

Leadership

2024 - *I Am Golden*

2024 - *The Proudest Blue*

2023 - *Change Sings*

Social Action

2024 - *Saving American Beach: The Biography Of African: Environmentalists Mavynee*

2024 - *We Are Water Protectors*

2024 - *You Have A Voice*

2023 - *Bright Star*

Spiritual Growth

2024 - *I Am You: A Book About Ubuntu*

2023 - *Freedom We Sing*

2023 - *What Is God Like*

Reading Report Due August 12, 2024

Email to starrjackson8@yahoo.com

SPOTLIGHTS..... Who's Reading

Mary Peterson (Francis Burns) read

A KNOCK AT MIDNIGHT: A STORY OF HOPE, JUSTICE AND FREEDOM

2023 Leadership Development category

A story of Hope, Justice, Freedom

What I like about this book, it was Brittany K. Barnett, a law student, who didn't like how prisoners were getting a life sentence for first time drug offense. So, she study the cases and put the cases before President Obama who was giving out clemency to the prisoners. The book was really great, and I recommend it for everyone to read.

Sharee Washington (Francis Burns) listened to:

FIERCE LOVE: A BOLD PATH TO FEROCIOUS COURAGE AND RULE-BREAKING KINDNESS THAT CAN HEAL THE WORLD * 2024 Leadership Development

I recently immersed myself in the audiobook "Fierce Love: A Bold Path to Ferocious Courage and Rule-Breaking Kindness That Can Heal the World" over the span of three days. This transformative piece draws inspiration from the profound principles of ubuntu—a philosophy rooted in Zulu culture emphasizing our interconnectedness and the imperative for collective betterment. The Author is Reverend Dr. Jacqui Lewis, a multifaceted advocate deeply entrenched in activism, preaching, public speaking, writing, and education. Dr. Lewis ardently champions cause ranging from racial equity and gun control to economic justice and sexual orientations/genders rights, including marriage equality.

Through the lens of her own experiences—marked by being the first female and Black minister in her church's history, navigating an interracial marriage, and confronting childhood trauma—Dr. Lewis eloquently underscores the pivotal role of empathy and forgiveness in remedying societal afflictions. Her narrative resonates as a poignant testament to the potency of our shared humanity and the transformative potential latent within each act of compassion and reconciliation.

Lynnette Robinson (Francis Burns)

*2024 Social Action

I read *Echoes of Grace* recently. This book by Guadalupe Garcia McCall looks at family relationships, abuse of women, and how the past affected Grace as she escapes reality and disappointments in a dark place in her mind. She has inherited the ability to see ghosts or apparitions from her mother. Grace struggles to deal with what is truth and what are visions.

Lynnette Robinson (Francis Burns)

*2024 Spiritual Growth category

Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer was somewhat challenging to read as it contained a great deal of information based on ecology, science, and nature as a teacher. I loved the lessons she brought out showing that humans have relationships with all plants and animals and that we need to respect and listen to their voices.

Stella Chisholm (Secretary, Program Resources) *Response*

* Nurturing for Community category

In the March/April 2024 edition of *Response* magazine there were two articles that got me thinking 🤔. The first article “Members Profile” tells the story of how Kelly Grace Loeb became involved in United Methodist Women. The second article, “Brightlights” highlights projects and programs United Women in Faith units have done to support missions.

Columbia District have stories to share about members, how they became involved and the wonderful work they are doing. We definitely have projects and programs that are noteworthy to be submitted to *Response*..... *Response* wants you to share your story.... Checkout *Response* for details.

Another great read *The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story*. * 2024 Education For Mission

Thank you for participating in Spotlight.

Come aboard and read with us!!!

Stella J. Chisholm

Secretary, Program Resources
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Education and Interpretation Report



May 2024

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

James 1:17

Spring Break this year brought a new experience for the Columbia Bethlehem Community Center. Collaborating with One Columbia, they organized an Acting Film Camp led by Olander Wilson, an actor, director, and CEO of Olander Wilson Acting Studios. Originally from Lake City, SC, Wilson moved to New York City after graduating from the University of South Carolina in 2014. With a background and commercial appearances in brands such as Yahoo Finance, Dr Pepper, and USAA, Wilson returned to mentor aspiring actors, directors, and filmmakers.



During the 4-day master class, participants delved into camera acting techniques, the business side of acting, filmmaking, and on-camera auditions to develop a career strategy. Wilson shared industry insights, crafting a top-notch program that allowed students to explore the performing arts and create original pieces.



To conclude the workshop, students organized a film festival at the CBCC, drawing an audience of family, friends, and community members. The event showcased the emotional rollercoaster of 3 short films created by the young participants, evoking laughter, tears, and applause. The collaboration between CBCC and OneColumbia was a rewarding experience, providing a platform for budding filmmakers, directors, producers, and actors to refine their skills.

Summer Time at the CBCC.....

Starting from June 3rd, we will be opening our doors to the youth and seniors for complimentary meals from 11am to 12pm (breakfast) and 1pm to 2pm (lunch). This endeavor is part of an ongoing collaboration with Francis Burn of Columbia, SC, aiming to provide meals annually to at least 40 families per week. Additionally, this summer, we will partner with the Black Girl Clubhouse to organize a 6-week camp named *Discover Me* (June 10th-July 19th) for 30 young girls aged 6 to 11. We are accepting donations and seeking transportation for weekly field trips as well as volunteers. If you can help, please contact our director, Kara Simmons, at cbccexecutive@umcsc.org

- Rice Krispie Treats
- Chex Mix
- Trial Mix
- Yogurt
- Fruit snacks
- Popsicles
- Jello
- Cheese-it
- Gold fish

With an upright heart he shepherded them and guided them with his skillful hand.
Psalms 78:72

Happy New Year!

The Columbia Bethlehem Community Center entered the new year with an upright heart and lifted hands of gratitude. This past year we have seen both our donations and participation increase, our participation numbers have doubled since 2022 with an average of 40 kids attending our monthly gatherings. We are continuing to offer resources and opportunities to our community through our partnership with Columbia Housing Authority.



None of our success would be possible without the support of the United Women of Faith throughout South Carolina. In addition to your donations and financial contributions there has been one woman who has gone above and beyond to ensure our success through her leadership. That one woman has been a champion for United Women of Faith, a leader for her colleagues on CCBC's board and an advocate for the families in the communities we serve. Dr. Whitney Williams is a specialized HIV pharmacist by day and a wife, mom and community advocate by night. Dr. Williams holds a special place in the CBCC's heart because of the various roles she's served over the past decade.

From serving as an After School Volunteer, Board Member, Executive Director and most recently Board Chair, Dr. Williams continuously commits to the success of the organization. This past December Dr. Williams completed her two year term as chair. One of the last initiatives she led was "Adopt a Family this Christmas". Through this initiative we were able to give gifts out to children in addition to gifting parents with Bags of Love. Our bags of Love were filled with food, toiletries and household supplies.



Because of this, we were able to bring smiles to so many families and make the Christmas holiday a little lighter for several families. This article is written to show our appreciation and admiration for Dr Williams' commitment, courage, compassion and leadership.

To learn more about our new leadership and our upcoming events please visit our website,

Columbiabethlehemcc.org



Killingsworth is a community residence that encompasses a safe space for women who have left or been removed from crisis situations. The residents have access to room and board, guidance, and support to regain confidence and stability. Killingsworth requires each resident to be involved in a productive activity resulting in most residents finding employment. This allows for women to be adequately prepare for graduating from the program and becoming self-sufficient when returning to the community. The mission of Killingsworth is to support, empower, and advocate for women recovering from various life crisis within a safe and nurturing Christian environment. To continue providing support to these women, it is important that we receive support from the United Methodist Church and all the community to remain being a blessing.

Killingsworth is having their annual Golf Tournament on July 22, 2024 at the Windermere Club in Blythewood, South Carolina. This event is not limited to men, but women can participate as well. Check-in will begin promptly at 8 a.m. with the shotgun starting at 9a.m. Players will have the opportunity to compete for prizes; closet to pin (men and women separately) and long drive (men and women separately). Championship winners are open to all teams and an additional ladies championship for teams comprised of all females. There are several sponsorship opportunities that will help support Killingsworth. Tournament Sponsor (minimum \$3000) will include up to two free teams, publicity on all literature associated with the tournament and on the Killingsworth website. The Lunch Sponsor (\$2000) will include one free team and publicity at the tournament and the Killingsworth website. The Awards Sponsor (\$1000) will include publicity at the tournament and on the website. The Beverage Cart Sponsor (\$500) includes publicity at the tournament and the Killingsworth website. The Swag Bag Sponsors (\$300) will include logo or other sponsors information in the swag bag that each golfer will receive. Lastly, Hole Sponsors (\$150) will have signs posted at the tree box on holes. Donors will be able to send logos for the signs. However, any contribution is greatly appreciated to continue helping women regain a new start in life. If you are unable to join us or make a sponsorship, please consider sharing with others to create outreach ministry networks. Join us and lets continue to see many more lives change together. Your gift will truly make a difference. Thank you in advance for supporting Killingsworth in their endeavors. For more information visit <https://www.killingsworth.org/golf-tournament>.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Samoria J. Session
 Killingsworth Representative

Mission Today Awards
 Send to Rhonda Washington- rhondawashington@hotmail.com Due by August 15

Rhonda Washington

Columbia District E & I Coordinator

MISSION TODAY ACTION FORM

Please Send Completed Form To: _____

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](#)

Columbia District Women in Faith is searching for volunteers for new leadership positions roles for the new year 2025. if you are interested contact Vilma Cobb or Stella Chisholm.

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: _____

Membership, Nurture and Outreach Report

Greetings Sisters in Christ,

This quarter has been exciting. I attended the SEJ Quadrennial Meeting in Chattanooga, TN along with about 450 other UWF sisters from our region. It was a moving and powerful experience for all. It was very uplifting to hear about all the great things our sisters have been doing and really making a difference in others' lives. I would encourage you to attend in the future; you will not be disappointed.

I continue to look forward to getting to know you ladies this year as we work together on the 2024 census. I will send information on the census as soon as it's available by our national office.

In addition, please be thinking about your nominations for Woman of the Year. This should be someone in your unit who has gone above and beyond to help make your unit successful.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Ankeny, WNO Coordinator

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Columbia District



52nd Annual Meeting

Sisters in Strength

Sisters should spur one another toward love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together
(Hebrews 10:24-25).

September 21, 2024

Washington Street UMC

1401 Washington St, Columbia, SC 29201

Columbia District



52nd Annual Meeting
 September 21, 2024
 Washington Street UMC
 1401 Washington St, Columbia, SC 29201

Sisters in Strength

Sisters should spur one another toward love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together (Hebrews 10:24-25).

Registration: 9:00AM-9:55AM *** Program: 10:00AM-12:30PM**

.....Cut along dotted line.....

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

Church _____

Special Guest: Check all that apply.

District Superintendant Past District President Conference Officer Woman of the Year
 Missionary Deaconess Other

Registration: \$15.00 Registration Deadline: September 10, 2024 Late Registration: \$20.00

Make check payable to: Columbia District United Women in Faith (UWFaith)

Mail check and registration form to:

Tiffany Phillips
 2336 Hard Scrabble Road
 Columbia, SC 29223
 803-543-9405

Dietary Restrictions: No Yes (List: _____)

2024 WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Honoree's Name _____

Honoree's Telephone # _____

Honoree's Email Address _____

Local Unit Name _____

Information Submitted By _____

Telephone # _____

Email Address _____

Has the Honoree been notified she has been selected? _____

Please email this information to:

hanken60@hotmail.com

Deadline for submitting this information is: August 15, 2024

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 Heidi Ankeny at Hanken60@hotmail.com. Due by August 15

Mission Today Awards

Send to Rhonda Washington- rhondawashington@hotmail.com Due by August 15

Reading Program Recognition

Send to Stella Chisholm at starrjackson8@yahoo.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

CLUSTER REPORTS

No Sew Native American Blankets



**Union UMC
Union Sara Circle
Completed 4 Blankets**



**Mt Hebron UMC
“Wrapped in Prayer” Ministry
Delivered to the Catawba Reservation**



2024 Church Women United Calendar

Celebrations: Registration and refreshments begin at 10:30 A.M. with the program beginning at 11:00 A.M. for Bible Study, World Day of Prayer, May Friendship Day and World Community Day. Registration for Human Rights Celebration will begin at 11:30 A.M. followed by the program at 12:00 noon. Registration for our Annual Meeting will begin at 11:30 A.M. followed by lunch and our business meeting and program.

January 5, 2024	Executive Board Meeting	Zoom
February 2, 2024	Bible Study Executive Meeting	Bethel United Methodist 4600 Daniel Dr. Columbia, SC 29205
February 23, 2024	Annual Luncheon/Meeting	Brookland Baptist Banquet Center 1066 Sunset Blvd. West Columbia, SC 29205
March 8, 2024	World Day of Prayer	Trinity Episcopal Cathedral 1100 Sumter Street Columbia, SC 29201
April 5, 2024	Executive Board Meeting	Zoom
May 3, 2024	May Friendship Day	Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church 530 St. Andrews Road Columbia, SC 29210
June 7, 2024	Executive Board Meeting	Zoom
July & August	No Meetings	
September 6, 2024	Executive Board Meeting	Zoom
October 4, 2024	Human Rights Celebration	St. Paul AME Church 835 Kennerly Road Irmo, SC 29063
November 1, 2024	World Community Day	Francis Burns UMC 5616 Farrow Road Columbia, SC 29203
December 6, 2024	Executive Board Meeting	Zoom
January 3, 2025	Executive Board Meeting	Zoom

2024 South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith Calendar of Events

JUNE

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Sunday, 9 th – Wednesday, 12 th		SC UMC Annual Conference	Greenville, SC
Saturday – 22	10:00 am	Charter for Racial + Environmental Justice Event	Virtual

JULY

Saturday – 6	10:00 am	Limitless Event		In-Person	
Wednesday – 17	6:00 pm	Administrative Committee	Spartanburg Methodist College	Fireside Room	Spartanburg
	6:30 pm	Executive Committee			
Thursday – 18	9:00 am	Executive Committee	Spartanburg Methodist College	Fireside Room	Spartanburg
Thursday – 18	10:30 am	Spiritual Growth Committee	Spartanburg Methodist College	Fireside Room	Spartanburg
Thursday – 18	11:00 am	Charter for Racial Justice	Spartanburg Methodist College	Fireside Room	Spartanburg
Thursday – Saturday, 18 – 20	TBA	Mission u	Spartanburg Methodist College		Spartanburg

AUGUST

Saturday – 10	9:30 am	Mission u Committee		Virtual
	12:30 pm	Program Committee		Virtual
Saturday – 17	9:30 am	Administrative Committee		Virtual
	1:00 pm	Social Action Committee		Virtual
Saturday – 24	9:30 am	Finance Committee		Virtual
	1:00 pm	MN&O Committee		Virtual

2024 South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

Killingsworth Special Emphasis Month Mission Echo published

Various	Various	District Annual Meetings	Virtual & In Person
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OCTOBER

Bethlehem Center – Spartanburg Special Emphasis Month

Thursday – 24	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Woodland UMC	Rock Hill District
Friday – 25	9:00 am – 11:30 am	Executive Committee Meeting	Woodland UMC	Rock Hill District
Friday – Saturday, 25-26	12:30 pm – 3:00 pm	SCCUWF 52 nd Annual Meeting	Woodland UMC	Rock Hill District

NOVEMBER

Saturday – 9	9:00 am	District Officers Training	Northeast UMC	Columbia District
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DECEMBER

Mission Echo published

Saturday – 7	10:00 am	Limitless Event	In-Person
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Faith
Gilbert
Lexington
Red Bank
Rehoboth (Gilbert)
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Cayce
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Union
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Mill Creek
Shandon
Suber Marshall
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Rehoboth (Columbia)
Windsor

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Fairlawn
First
Greenbrier
Gordon Memorial

Columbia District



Calendar of Events 2024



January 1

Happy New Year!

January 13

Columbia District Local Unit Officer Training Host: Northeast UMC
Columbia District Executive Committee Meeting

February:

Wallace Family Life Center Special Emphasis Month

March 2

Columbia District Day-Apart Retreat Host: Brookland UMC

March 31

Easter - Christ Is Risen Today!

April:

Columbia Bethlehem Community Center Special Emphasis Month

April 16

Columbia District Executive Committee Meeting Host: Francis Burns UMC

June 18

Columbia District Executive Committee Meeting Host: Washington Street UMC

September:

Killingsworth Home Special Emphasis Month

September 21

Columbia District 52nd UWF Annual Meeting Host: Washington Street UMC

October:

Bethlehem Community Center Spartanburg Special Emphasis Month

October 15

Columbia District Executive Committee Meeting Host: I. D. Newman UMC

November 9

***SCCUWF** District Officers Training Host: Columbia District

December 25

Merry Christmas!





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1 Corinthians 16:13-14: *“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love.”*