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April 2022

He is not here. He is

*Risen!*

A large, stylized sun with rays, partially obscured by the word 'Risen!'. The sun is orange and yellow, with rays extending outwards. The word 'Risen!' is written in a green, cursive font, with the exclamation point being a large, yellow, stylized shape.

# From the Desk of the President

Pernerva Washington Thomas

Greetings to the Unique, Christian Sisters of the Florence District. I pray everyone is safe, healthy and ready to embrace our Scripture, Isaiah 43:18 - 19, "Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. 19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert." Are you ready to witness "A NEW THING" this Year 2022?

Thank you, for the esteemed honor of serving as your President for our District's United Women In Faith. Thanks to each Executive Team Member, Unit President and Church. Yes, we've had a difficult time with Covid-19, but we made it! Thanks be to God.

I'm encouraging each UWIF member to get involved in various mission activities that will benefit women, children and youth wherever there is a need. It is with a heart of love to say thank you for your financial support for 2021. Your acts of giving will never go unnoticed. Because of you, we met our financial Conference goal as a district.

As "a community of women" we are a part of a large Christian organization that works for the good in our world and across the globe. We learn and share our mission and purpose of the UWIF. The opportunity to use your gifts and talents is open to you. Your skills are needed to serve on a planning team for our various events like Come Together Be Together, Spiritual Growth, Soul Care Retreat, Racial

Justice Events, 4 Missions Fundraising/Supply Drive Project, Limitless Project, or anything else that serves the Purpose Of United Women in Faith, on the local, district and state levels.

Our local officers training was held virtually on January 22, 2022 and we had 67

ladies participating. Thanks to everyone for making this program a success.

I know some of you were in the virtual Legislative Advocacy workshops in February. The topics were Diabetes, a SC Public Health Issue, Predatory Lending in SC, and Teen Pregnancy: Parents as Sex Educators and Kinship Care Program with DSS. I enjoyed the

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workshops and I pray you had the opportunity to engage during the Questions and Answers segments.

We apologize for having to reschedule our Day Apart, however we will virtually see you on Saturday, April 9, 2022. Asbury, UMC of Andrews, will be our host church and our Speaker will be Mrs. Sandra Love. The theme for this year is Healing and Joy on Our Journey to God. Please don't miss this special program!

During my training this year we were updated and reminded of changes to include:

1. We have been in Mission since 1869.
2. This year, 2022, we celebrate 50 years with the word UNITED in our name.
3. United Methodist Women name Change to the United Women In Faith
4. A new logo inspiring the present women, reclaiming those women who left and inviting the younger generation of women to build God's kingdom on earth together in knowledge and understanding.
5. We believe that our Actions can change the Church, Community and the World.
6. We will keep you informed and so that you can connect to the UWIF Pipeline for past and present information.
7. We will keep our Purpose, with no changes.

8. Financial / Banking reporting forms no changes

9. Mission Projects, Pledges, and Donations.

10. We will meditate daily on our Scriptures from Mark 2:22 and Isaiah 43: 18-19, reaching out and sharing our Journey stories.

11. There is still time to register for ASSEMBLY - May 20-22 in Orlando, Florida!! You can attend in person or virtually. Our theme this year is "TURN IT UP"!!! The website is [assembly2022.org](http://assembly2022.org). I know we will be Fired-Up and Blessed.

I look forward to seeing your beautiful faces in the near future. All the best to each of you as we journey together in action, putting the past two years of OLD things behind us. Let's get **READY, SET, and GO** in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ.



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*Pernerva*

**Assembly 2022  
Registration is CLOSED.**

**This article was written prior to the deadline**

# Have You Heard the News?

The United Methodist Women is now  
United Women in Faith



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in Faith

United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship and education so they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities. 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.

**New and innovative programs will be rolled out throughout 2022, including:**

- A new, easier to navigate website
  - A new "All-Access" National Membership Option
  - Soul Care Retreats

For more information visit

[www.uwfaith.org](http://www.uwfaith.org)

or read the March Issue of the Mission Echo



## From the Desk of Spiritual Growth Coordinator



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**G**reetings Ladies,  
As you know we are under a new name now, “United Women in Faith”, but our mission is the same. We shall honor who we are as Women filled with Faith, Hope and Love. Just a few reminders:

April 23 is our free virtual Spiritual Growth Retreat beginning at 10:00am. Our theme is “Surrounded by Prayer” and our keynote speaker is Annie Crocker, Lay Pastor of Beaumont UMC. It will be hosted by the Spartanburg District. Hope to see you there (online). Register at: <https://bit.ly/37tibdN/>

Mission U 2022 will be held in person at Spartanburg Methodist College, July 21-23, 2022 in person.

Please make plans to attend as we are “Building Communities of Hope

and Joy”. This year our study will come from Luke 13. The Adult Study is “Who Can We Be Together? The Youth Study is “Community in the Midst of Challenging Times” and the Children’s Study is “Our Growing Tree, From Self-Love to the Beloved Community and all of God’s Creation.

Psalm 126:3 reminds us that “The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with Joy. Florence District United Women in Faith, each of you is a testament to what God has done and is still doing..

In His Service and Yours,

*Azilee  
DeeDee Dickey*



# FD TREASURER'S NOTES



• **Quarterly Reporting Due Dates:**

1st quarter	12/1 thru 2/28	Reports due before 3/5
2nd quarter	3/1 thru 5/31	Reports due before 6/5
3rd quarter	6/1 thru 8/31	Reports due before 9/5
4th quarter	9/1 thru 11/30	Reports due before 12/5

- All checks to District must be payable only to **Florence District UMW Treasurer (FDUMW Treasurer)**

Mail reports at least 3-5 days before the due date.

Complete all Remittance Forms with the appropriate information at the bottom of the form. (ex: Your Treasurer's Name and current mailing address, phone number and check #)

• **DO NOT INCLUDE EPWORTH DONATIONS IN THE CHECK TO THE DISTRICT TREASURER:**

Make check payable to Epworth Children's Home and mail to the following address: EPWORTH

2900 Millwood Avenue  
Columbia, SC 29205

If you have any questions, I can be reached at the following telephone numbers, email address and mailing address:

Pearl R. Brown  
2076 Cade Rd.  
Lake City, SC 29560  
Cell: 843-319-6450  
Email: prbrown2076@gmail.com

To obtain forms you may contact me or go to  
[www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/giving](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/giving)

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April 2022

WWW.UNITEDMETHODISTWOMEN.ORG/

## UNIT PLEDGE CARD



### Local Unit 2023 Pledge to Mission

Church: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pledge Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
President: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

***We give thanks to God for you!***

Please submit form by August 1, 2022

Ms. Pearl Brown, Treasurer

Florence District Women in Faith

2076 Cade Road, Lake City, SC 29560

## PERSONAL PLEDGE CARD



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Pledge: \_\_\_\_\_  
For the coming year, I Pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
To be paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly  
\_\_\_\_\_ Quarterly  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yearly

**Please fill out and mail to your unit treasurer**

As a member of United Women in Faith, I celebrate and commit to supporting United Women in Faith's local, national and global outreach.

**Mission Giving Makes Mission Happens!**

South Carolina Conference United Women In Faith  
Come Together Be Together Event via Zoom

All persons are invited to attend this Fun Morning Event June 25, 2022  
Registration is free. Theme: Surrounded by Love  
Saturday June 25, 2022, at 10:00 AM

The South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women's Membership Nurture and Outreach Committee is very excited to hold the Come Together Be Together event via Zoom on June 25, 2022. The Charleston District will host this fun gathering for all. The link will open up at 9:40 a.m.

With everything we all have experienced lately we decided that we all need to be "Surrounded by Love". Our fun event for all ages will include a passionate keynote speaker Rev Debra Dowdle from the Goose Creek UMC. Rev Debra Dowdle is a native and granddaughter of a United Methodist minister, grew up hearing stories about her late grandfather's ministry. This sparked a dream that she'd enter the ministry herself one day. She has been in the Goose Creek community for over 23 years, surrounding the many with GODS LOVE. Rev Dowdle has many different types of missions that all the member's serve with. They feed their community, have a popsicle ministry, a water ministry, breakfast ministry, mental health ministry with the homeless, prayer ministry, and the list continues to climb. We are delighted to have her on our event in June. The Welcome and Greetings will kick off at 10:00 am, Music at 10:10, Rev Dowdle at 10:15, and then we break into workshops.

Four workshops will follow. Attendees will select one workshop when they register.

Workshops include:

- o Rock Painting
- o Charleston Palmetto Rose Craft
- o Belly Dancing
- o Bible Study on "Surrounded by Love"

Link to Registration: <https://bit.ly/3u1Oo3G>

For questions, please contact our chairperson / registrar: Angela Allen  
Phone: 864-680-9029 Email: [Angela.Allen@charter.net](mailto:Angela.Allen@charter.net)



Happy Spring! Happy Spring!  
**Happy Spring!**

Submitted by: Katherine Sabb-Graham E&I Coordinator

I trust that everyone is enjoying the transition to the spring season with budding flowers, warm sunny weather and longer days! I look forward to having more in-person activities especially since the pandemic seems to be easing up.

As Florence District Education and Interpretation Coordinator (E&I), I will be helping our conference executive team in the craft room at Mission u which will be held in person this year at Spartanburg Methodist College July 21-23. All monies raised will be shared equally among our 4 mission projects. Please make plans to attend. Also, the conference is still looking for someone to fill the E&I position vacated by Eunice White.

In this issue of The Flame are articles from The Mission Echo with additional E&I updates by Cathy Ford, SCCUMW President

and Acting Chair E&I Committee. The newest version of The Mission Today Action Form is also printed in this issue. Please take time to review the form and go online to the latest edition of The Mission Echo for additional conference updates.

Please email me at [ksabbgraham@gmail.com](mailto:ksabbgraham@gmail.com) or call me at 843-372-9419 with the names of your units' E&I coordinator.

I look forward to seeing you at Mission u as well as all other SCCUMW and Florence District events and programs. Thank you for all that you do for our mission work with women, children and youth.

**Have a Happy Resurrection Day!**

Be Blessed!

*Katherine*

## SPECIAL EMPHASIS MONTHS

**April** - Columbia Bethlehem Community Center

**September** - Killingsworth

**November** - Bethlehem Center Spartanburg

**February** - Wallace Family Life

**April Special Emphasis Month is  
 Columbia Bethlehem Community Center**

# E&I Coordinator

## Education & Interpretation Updates

Reprint from  
the March Mission Echo

Our year of caring and sharing, giving and praying for others has begun. Many grand gestures and random acts of kindness are occurring openly and secretly. Thank you for your participation in good deeds in every district.

For the year 2022 we are focusing on the final portion of our pledge. "The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church." Let us work together to grow the mission work we do. Let us invite and encourage others to participate with us, beside us. Our Daily Prayer Guide 2022, issues of response: the magazine of women in mission, our [umcsc.org](http://umcsc.org) website and Program Resource 2021-2022 Healing and Joy on Our Journey to God all contain stories and details of many missions in the world today. You are encouraged to learn about them, pray for them and provide support by educating and sharing resources. This is the perfect year to try something new!

The **Mission Today Action Form** is updated. Some wording and phrases which were deemed out of date, or unclear were reworked and expanded. Our Prayer Calendar has been replaced with a Daily Prayer Guide and is noted on the form. This issue of the Mission Echo and soon our website includes the new form. Requirements for earning the certificate have not changed. Please use this newest version, revision 2/2022.

A **Craft Room** is planned for Mission u July 21-23 at Spartanburg Methodist College. We request your crafts to stock the Craft Room. We invite all crafters of all skills and talents to contribute handmade items to the Craft Room. We hope to receive jars of jams, jellies, pickles, chow chows, fudge, breads, jewelry, note cards, knitted and crocheted items, sewn goodies, painted gifts, holiday ornaments and woodwork treasures, woven baskets and clay items. Novelties of all kinds are requested. All money raised by sale of donated crafts is shared equally with Bethlehem Center, Spartanburg, Columbia Bethlehem Community Center, Killingsworth and Wallace Family Life Center. We need your donations for a successful sale of goodies. Thank you so much! Please connect with Jane Scott, Craft Room Administrator and Killingsworth representative by email at [jrscott780@att.net](mailto:jrscott780@att.net) or calling 803-425-9121 for more details.

The position of **Education & Interpretation Mission Coordinator of the South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women** sadly remains unfilled. This is truly one of the best volunteer jobs we offer. The main focus for fulfilling the duties is to promote the Mission Today Action Form with all our units and to encourage our mission work. Fellowship and engagement with other SCCUMW officers is a bonus received when serving on the conference level. I encourage each of you to consider this fun, fruitful, loving position as the place where you will strive to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We seek this officer. Please connect with Kathy Roys, Chair Nominations at [kathy5339@att.net](mailto:kathy5339@att.net) and share a name or two. We ask for your help in identifying our next E&I officer.

Reminder: Collection is July 21-23 at Mission u for used postage stamps (trimmed ¼", not required) and can pull tabs. It supports Marion Mission Storehouse foreign church ministries and our Ronald McDonald Houses.

Cathy Ford – SCCUMW President and Acting Chair Education & Interpretation Committee

# 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

Reprint from the March Mission Exho

# Calling all Crafters!

Our **Craft Room** will be open July 21-23, 2022

during Mission u at Spartanburg Methodist College.

**We seek donations of handmade items to sell.**

Popular items have been jars of homemade jams, jellies, pickles, chow chows, tins of fudge, mini breads, jewelry, note cards, knitted and crocheted items, sewn goodies, painted gifts, holiday ornaments and woodwork treasures, woven baskets, clay items and ceramics. Handmade novelties of all kinds are requested.

For the past two years we have missed hosting a Craft Room as part of our Mission u event due to virtual classes. We trust our crafters have stayed busy preparing special treats and gifts in anticipation of our reopening the Craft Room. Thank you.

All money raised by sale of donated crafts is shared equally with Bethlehem Center, Spartanburg, Columbia Bethlehem Community Center, Killingsworth and Wallace Family Life Center our four South Carolina Mission Projects.

Please connect with Jane Scott, Craft Room Administrator at #803-425-9121 or by email at [jrscott780@att.net](mailto:jrscott780@att.net) for more information.



mission u 2022

# Who Can We Be Together?

## Building Communities of Hope and Joy

Great news— COMMUNITY is God's desire for us! Please join us at Mission u 2022 as we reflect on the community that Jesus is calling us to be!

This year, as we study Luke 13, we find ourselves in a period of disruption and uncertainty. In the midst of a devastating pandemic, divisive political climate, unaddressed systemic racism, ecological crises and economic turmoil, we turn to the stories of Jesus that have anchored Christian communities for two millennia.

Our hope is that we will leave Mission u with a bigger and broader vision of the community Christ is calling us to be in times of loss, grief and massive disruption. What would be possible if we tend to the needs of our communities in small yet radical ways, as Jesus did in Luke 13?

Our newly designed Mission u 2022 is more flexible and intergenerational than ever— with curricula for youth, children and adults focused on the 13th chapter of the Gospel of Luke.

**Here is the curricula we will be using that will be available on our e-store by January 2022.**

*Who Can We Be Together? (Adult)*

*Community in the Midst of Challenging Times (Youth)*

*Our Growing Tree*

*From Self-Love to the Beloved Community and All of God's Creation (Children)*

**Will you join us?**

Join us:

**July 21-23, 2022 at Spartanburg Methodist College**

Vanessa Key

803-755-3469

803-917-4803 cell

**Mission u in Person  
You Don't Want To Miss It**

Wondering how you can make a DIFFERENCE?

Want to be more INVOLVED?

Want to be part of the SOLUTION?

Want to share your GOD GIVEN TALENTS?

*What are you waiting for?*

# WE NEED YOU!

“Serving others may not always be easy but we will be rewarded in eternity...Nothing is too small that God will not use it.

Nothing we do for God is in vain!” BibleStudyTool.com

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45

Florence District UMW CON  
is looking for you!

Executive team members are needed.

**LITTLE time BIG reward.**

*Contact Mildred Cunningham Chair of CON today.*

843.382.8154

# 2022 CALENDAR

## JANUARY

Jan. 15.....FD Team Meeting..... Virtual  
Jan. 22.....Officers' Training ..... 10 a.m.

## FEBRUARY

*Special Emphasis Month - Wallace Family Life Center*

Feb. 2, 8, 17, 26.....Legislative Advocacy Days ..... Virtual  
Time Varies

## MARCH

Mar. 12.....Day Apart.....  
**Moved to April 9th**

## APRIL

*Special Emphasis Month - Bethlehem Community Ctr Columbia*

April 9.....Day Apart ..... 10 a.m. Virtual  
April 9 .....FD Team Meeting..... Virtual  
April 23.....Spiritual Growth Retreat..... Lake Junaluska

## MAY

May 20 - 22.....Assembly ..... In Person/Virtual

## JUNE

June 6-9.....SC UMC Annual Conference..... Virtual  
June 25.....Come Together Be Together..... Virtual

## JULY

July 9.....FD Team Meeting..... Virtual  
July 21-23.....Mission u ..... in Person/Spartanburg

## AUGUST

Rest and Relaxation

## SEPTEMBER

*Special Emphasis Month - Killingsworth - Columbia*

Sept 10.....FD Team Meeting..... Virtual  
Sept 24.....FD Annual Meeting ..... In Person/

## OCTOBER

*Special Emphasis Month - Bethlehem Community Ctr Spartanburg*

Oct 21-22.....Annual Meeting ..... Marion District

## NOVEMBER

Nov 12.....District Officers' Training.. In Person/Columbia  
Nov (TBA).....FD Team Meeting..... Virtual

## DECEMBER *Merry Christmas*

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