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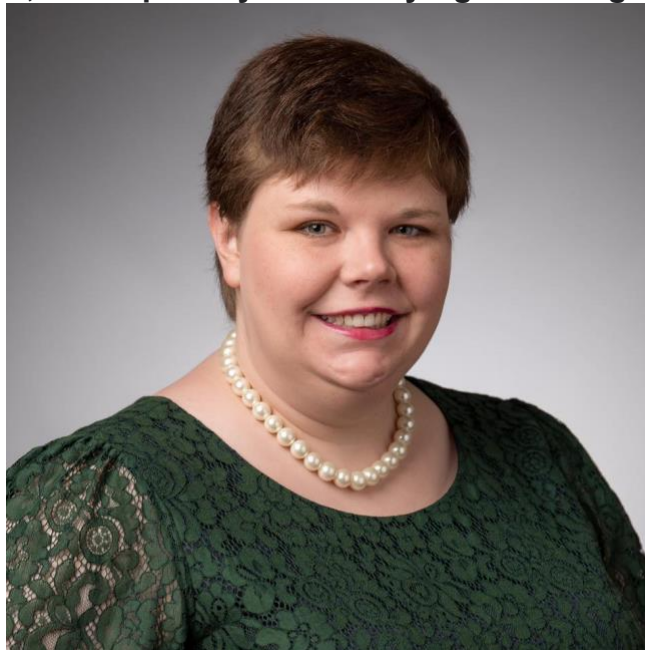
Columbia District Day Apart
Francis Burns United Methodist Church
5616 Farrow Rd
Columbia, SC 29203
Saturday, March 4, 2023

Registration: 8:45am Program begins 10:00am - Noon

Theme: "Inspire, Influence and Impact"

Isaiah 41:10

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



**Speaker: Rev. Meegian Gossard
Pastor**

Rehoboth-Columbia United Methodist Church

Greetings From Your President...

Happy New Year to all of you. I pray you will find many blessings this new year. I am excited to look forward this year to all the things we can accomplish as United Women in Faith. We are the hands and feet of Christ and He will show us the way in 2023 to serve the vulnerable people in our midst. Together, we can accomplish much for our God.

We started off the year with our District Officers Training on January 14, 2023, at Mt. Hebron UMC. We had good attendance and lots of sharing of ideas and ways to serve in our positions. Thanks to all who made this event so successful, especially Mt. Hebron ladies for being such excellent hosts. The reviews were excellent, and everyone enjoyed our time together.

We had our first Executive Meeting for this New Year after the training, and I asked everyone to set goals for this year. We all shared our goals, and we will measure where we are in meeting these goals at each of our executive meetings. I pray these goals will keep us on track and help us to better serve our ladies.

Our Day Apart is coming up on March 4th at Francis Burns UMC. Our spiritual growth team is planning an excellent meeting and the theme is "Inspire, Influence and Impact". The flyer has been sent to everyone, so please register and plan to attend, in person, our Day Apart celebration.

We collected \$2,429.00 to send to Jackson, Mississippi to help with the water crisis caused by the severe flooding in that area. We found out from our sisters in the United Women in Faith in Jackson that even though officials said the water is safe to drink, it is not. This primarily affected schools and poor communities. The Conference ask us to contribute and send our donations by February 14 so we can send a love gift to help provide clean drinking water in Jackson, Mississippi. Thank you ladies for all your contributions.

The 2023 Spiritual Growth Retreat will be held on April 22nd, 2023 and will be virtual. Walterboro District will be our hosts. Mark your calendars for this spiritually uplifting event. Registration will be in the Mission Echo, March edition.

Columbia District will be hosting the Conference "Come Together Be Together" event virtually on May 20th, 2023. Virginia Wingard UMC will be our hosts and the Conference team has planned a special day for us. There will be lots of options to attend one of the 5 breakout sessions Angela Allen, our conference MNO leader, has planned. Look for information and registration info in the coming weeks.

There is lots to do in this New Year. I look forward to working with all of you to make 2023 a year that we continue to make a difference in the lives of others. There is a lot going on in our denomination and I pray that we remain strong and committed to the mission of our United Women in Faith. I pray that you will attend all of the events we have planned and are planning this year. The events help us to grow and learn. Virtual or in person, there are many opportunities to fellowship and share God's love with each other.

Blessings to each of you!!!

Debra Schooler, President

Columbia District UWF



Notes from the Vice President

Greetings United Women In Faith!

We are called to Inspire, Influence, and Impact lives of women, children and youth.

Inspire means to give a sister in Christ the needed confidence, passion, or encouragement she needs in order for her to **want** to do something new or exciting and for her to **feel** that she can do it, and do it well.

As United Women In Faith (UWF), we have the awesome responsibility of inspiring women from diverse backgrounds and offering them the opportunity to use their gifts to promote the PURPOSE of UWF. According to Anne McKeown, "... being a positive role model and [being] committed to a cause that [you] love, your fans automatically elevate you when they tell their network that they find you inspiring." Let's do the following:

1. Read the scriptures, meditate and pray daily for divine guidance.
2. Share positive thoughts, words and actions.
3. Schedule time to fellowship with other believers.
4. Attend and participate in local, district and conference events, and invite a friend.
5. Send guests a "Thank You" note for attending an event.

Influence is the capacity to change thoughts, ideas, opinions, behavior and character of individuals. How can UWF have a positive influence on those with whom we come in contact? I suggest the following techniques:

1. Be knowledgeable and up-to-date on UWF affairs. Stick to the facts.
2. Be a good role model around others, so they can see themselves doing what you do.
3. Practice the art of being a good conversationalist by being a good listener.
4. Smile often – especially at people you do not know. Smile at strangers!
5. Give people the benefit of the doubt. Make a point of understanding the whole story before making judgments.
6. Think outside the box. Try new ways of doing things.
7. Embrace ideas of others and give individuals an opportunity to use their skills to get the job done.
8. Focus on the needs of the marginalized and develop strategies to meet their needs.
9. Advocate for social justice.
10. Maintain a good relationship with **yourself**. (Adapted from bustles.com)

Impact is an indicator of our ability to observe, or ideally measure the effects of inspiring and influencing women to actively participate in United Women In Faith organization. What impact have we made on the lives of others? Questions to ponder:

1. Did we project ourselves as positive role models?
2. Did new and perspective members receive enough information to make informed decisions?
3. Do members feel they have the support they need to fulfill duties and responsibilities?
4. Has attendance at local, district and conference events increased?

How well we **Inspire, Influence, and Impact** lives depends on how well we meet the needs of those inside as well as outside of our organization.



Black History Observance

The theme for 2023 focuses on the **importance of Black Resistance**. African Americans have resisted historic and ongoing oppression, in all forms, especially the racial terrorism of lynching, racial pogroms, and police killings since our arrival upon these shores. Click the link <https://asalh.org/black-history-themes/> to read more. I hope units across the Columbia District will observe Black History Month during and beyond the month of February.

A Call to Prayer 2023:

Because we believe... that racism is a rejection of the teachings of Jesus Christ



Ladies, you are encouraged to commemorate A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial on one day during the first few months of the year, preferably, January, February or March. Gifts to A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial 2023 will directly support United Women in Faith's racial justice work, which is helping to create a more equitable society.

Your gift supports both our campaign to interrupt the school-to-prison pipeline and our long-standing work building members' capacity to implement the Charter for Racial Justice at all levels of the organization.

In giving, you are showing your support for United Women in Faith's long-standing commitment to advance racial justice in the church and in the world. Our foremothers authored the Charter for Racial Justice because they believed. In 2023, United Women in Faith continue to believe.

You or your local group can make your gift today by visiting bit.ly/CallToPrayerGift or sending a check to United Women in Faith, 475 Riverside Drive, Suite 1500, New York, NY 10115, att: Call to Prayer 2023.

Women's History Month

Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society and has been observed annually in the month of March in the United States since 1987. Women's History Month 2023 will take place from Wednesday, March 1 - Friday, March 31, 2023.

The 2023 theme is "**Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories.**" This theme recognizes "women, past and present, who have been active in all forms of media and storytelling including print, radio, TV, stage, screen, blogs, podcasts, news, and social media."

For more information and suggestions for programs, click on the link below. <https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/womens-history-month#women-s-history-month-theme-2023>

Carrie R. Murray
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Secretary's Desk

The Columbia District United Women in Faith Executive Committee met in person, January 14, 2023, hosted by Mt. Hebron United Methodist Church, Lexington, SC.

President Debra Schooler called the meeting to order at 12:28 and thanked everyone for being there.

Persons in attendance included: Debra Schooler, Carrie Murray, Diann Selph, Tiffany Phillips, Rhonda Washington, Sharee Washington, Sandra Love, Lexie Chatham, Connie Branham, Mary Nell Trussell, Pat Hoesly, Christine Porter, Stella Chisholm, Vilma Cobb, Becky Travis, Faye Love, Vanessa Key and Linda Kennedy.

Absentee members were Debbie Keisler and Karen Furr.

Devotion and Prayer were given by Sandra Love.

Reports were given from the following officers:

President Debra Schooler

I have been busy with yearend reporting and starting up the new year. I went to the Conference Annual Meeting in October, and it was excellent. I also attended the Conference Annual Training and learned a lot about ways to lead and help our local presidents. The training was held at Washington Street UMC, my home church, and we were blessed to hear Rev. Tiffany Knowlin-Boykin, our guest speaker. Rev. Boykin was inspirational, and we all left the training, ready to serve.

I had my first Presidents meeting with our new Conference president, Clarice Blakeney. She asked up to set goals for our districts and share them with her and the other presidents. My goals for Columbia District: attract new members, visit with inactive or struggling circles, help promote positive communication about our United Women in Faith to all in our district ladies and to promote positive communication within our executive team.

We had our first Columbia district executive team meeting on January 14th, and we all shared goals for our different positions. We have lots of work to do, but we have an excellent team and I know we will do well.

We held our District Officer training, and our evaluations were very positive and the ladies that attended felt good about the training.

I attended Leadership Development Days on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last weekend, and the training was excellent. Lots of information and sharing with others from all over the United States! I believe they had over 300 in attendance. I will share a report, once I have a chance to process all the information that was presented.

I look forward to a blessed 2023 with lots of energy and excitement.

Vice President Carrie Murray

United Women in Faith

SCCUWF Annual Meeting was held October 21-22, 2022, at First UMC, in Myrtle Beach, SC with Marion District as host. Theme: *Embracing Change, Sharing Grace!* Fourteen (14) ladies from the Columbia District were in attendance. Officers for 2023 were installed. Clarice Blakeney is the new Conference President. See

complete list of officers and other pertinent information in the on-line December 2022 edition of *Mission Echo*.

Conference Officer Training for District Officers was held Nov. 12, 2022, at Washington St. UMC – hosted by Wesley UMC. Theme: *Newness in the Air*. The time together was one of spiritual formation, education, and fellowship. Participation from across the South Carolina Conference UWF was great!

District Officer Training for Local Unit Officers, organized by Vice President Carrie Murray, was held January 14, 2023, at Mt. Hebron UMC. Theme: *Inspire! Influence! Impact!* The morning started with registration and continental breakfast, followed by a spirit-filled opening and devotional. Hour-long training sessions were facilitated by members of the Columbia District Leadership Team. By all indication, Officer Training was a successful event. After enjoying lunch provided by the ladies at Mt. Hebron UWF, president, Debra Schooler presided over the executive team meeting.

Church Women United

World Community Day: A Call to Prayer was held virtually November 4, 2022.

CWU Annual Meeting was held Friday, January 27, 2023, at Brookland Banquet Center, West Columbia, SC. Registration began at 10:30AM with a buffet luncheon at 11:00AM. The Guest Speaker was Ayanna White, Founder and Executive Director of *Power in Changing*, a nonprofit organization that aids mothers with infants and young children. She delivered a powerful personal testimony of her challenges as a single mom with two children and how those experiences prompted her to establish a resource to help struggling moms keep their babies warm, dry and fed by providing them with clothing, diapers and formula. Monies collected will be donated to *Power in Changing*.

As always, we extend our thanks to members and guests for participating in and supporting programs and events hosted by United Women in Faith and Church Women United.

My Goals for 2023

1. To be proactive in developing programs that address United Women in Faith initiatives.
2. To provide opportunities for education, spiritual growth, and relationships among women of all ages and backgrounds
3. To communicate with all persons effectively and respectfully

Secretary Diann Selph - the minutes appeared in the December issue of the Gleanings. There being no corrections or questions, the minutes were received as information.

Treasurer Report Tiffany Phillips

4th Quarter Remittance Sent 12/10/2022: \$ 18,530.30.

Pledge: \$8,086.05

SMR Special Mission Recognition: \$290.00

Gift to Missions: \$190.00

Gift in Memory: \$185.00

World Thank Offering: \$136.25.

Columbia BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CENTER: \$877.50

Spartanburg BETHLEHEM CENTER: \$1,894.50

Conference Love Offering: \$130.00

Killingsworth: \$1,662.50

Wallace Family Life: \$833.50

Call to Prayer and Self Denial: \$375.00

Legacy Fund: \$100.00

Racial Justice Donation: \$30.00

UWF Scholarships: \$30.00

Brighter Future for Children and Youth: \$80.00

Scarlett Bennett Center: \$ 30.00

Florida Hurricane Relief (National Mission Giving): \$ 500.00

Expenses:(December 2022/ Gleaning)

Gleaning Printing \$302.15

Gleaning Mailing \$79.67

Money received: (December/January)

1st Quarter Remittance 4,345.00

Pledge: \$2,766.00

SMR Special Mission Recognition: \$60.00

Gift to Missions: \$60.00

Gift in Memory: \$60.00

World Thank Offering: \$369.00

Columbia BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CENTER: \$175.00

Spartanburg BETHLEHEM CENTER: \$275.00

Killingsworth: \$350.00

Wallace Family Life: \$220.00

Call to Prayer and Self Denial: \$10.00

Communication Coordinator Rhonda and Sharee Washington

March Gleanings article/report deadline will be **February 12, 2023**.

Goals:

1. Increase open rate of Mailchimp online Gleanings Newsletter from 67% to 80%
2. Place in each quarter's Gleaning Newsletter Communications section, the website link to past/present Gleanings issues to optimize viewership.

Spiritual Growth Report - Sandra Love

Columbia District Day Apart will be Saturday, March 4, 2023, at Francis Burns United Methodist Church, 5616 Farrow Rd, Columbia, SC. Registration begins at 8:45am and the program begins at 10:00am-noon. The Speaker will be Pastor Meegian Gossard, from Rehoboth- Columbia United Methodist Church. Lunch is served following the program.

Theme: "Inspire, Influence and Impact"

Scripture: Isaiah 41:10

Legislative Advocacy Day (virtual) will be in four parts this year. Workshop titles, registration and zoom link will be forth coming. Please mark your calendars for:

Wednesday, Feb 1 at 10:00am

Tuesday Feb 7 at 7:00pm

Thursday, Feb 16 at 2:00pm

Saturday, Feb 25 at 10:00am

Legacy Fund Day of Giving is all day on **Thursday, March 23, 2023**.

The Spiritual Growth Retreat will be virtual and hosted by Walterboro District on **Saturday, April 22 at 10:00am**.

Goals:

1. Request each Spiritual Growth Coordinator to submit to the District Coordinator any publications on their Day Apart or SG retreat. Encourage hosting event every year.
2. Promote attendance to SG Event, mission u, and Conference Annual Meeting. District Spiritual Growth Coordinators will assist with Communion Service and the Memorial Service at all District or Conference Events.
3. Promote attention and great care in preparing Memorial Service at the District Annual Meeting in September and send compilation of names of our UWF sisters for remembrance at the Memorial Service.
4. Encourage fulfillment of UWF Purpose with emphasis on the first portion "to know God."
5. Share inspirational devotions with membership.
6. Encourage members to become Prayer Pals. Provide forms and information to the membership.
7. Practice daily medication.

Social Action - Lexie Chatham

The SCCUWF Social Action Committee is busily planning Legislative Advocacy Days 2023. There will be four sixty-minute presentations followed by Q&A sessions. The topics will address Healthcare, Predatory Lending, Mass Incarceration and Food Insufficiency. These workshops will be presented virtually considering growing COVID numbers and recorded for later viewing. The live workshops will be presented on various days and at

different times of the day to allow for greater participation (2/1/23- 10:00-11:30am; 2/7/2023- 7:00-8:30pm; 2/16/2023- 2:00-3:30pm; 2/25/2023- 10:00-11:30am).

The Global UWF continues to focus on two Social Justice Priorities- Ending Mass Incarceration and Criminalization of Communities of Color and Just Energy 4 All. For example, zoom meetings are being held on School-to-Prison Pipeline Bible Study Sampler Series. The next will be held on 1/25/2023 at 7:00pm. Also, monthly Webinars are being held for Just Energy for All at 3:00pm on the third Wednesdays.

I will get the email addresses for the Social Action Committee Chairmen of each Columbia District UWF Unit to send information concerning topics affecting our state, such as social, economic, and environmental issues. The information will include mission opportunities in which these circles may participate. My goal is to help our Columbia District UWF members educate themselves about the issues impacting themselves and their neighbors, while suggesting ways that they may make a difference in their communities.

Bold action like faith takes courage. We are to be inspired by God's love and our commitment to improve the lives of women, children, and youth. We will work 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. 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.

Membership, Nurture & Outreach – Connie Branham

I will:

1. Compile a list of current MNO Coordinators including name, phone numbers, and email addresses.
2. Inform Unit MNO Coordinators of upcoming training and special events.
3. Encourage unit MNO Coordinators to involve members of her unit in MNO activities and invite the members to attend events.
4. Ask Unit MNO Coordinators to share their creative ideas related to her office with the District MNO Coordinator so they can pass along to the other units.

Education & Interpretation Report – Rhonda Washington

The collection of used stamps will be turned in at Mission u in July.

Collection of can tabs:

Contact Rhonda Washington: rhondawashington@hotmail.com or (803) 629-4503

Pick-up: At your church between Monday, May 22nd - Wednesday, May 31st

Drop off: Thursday June 1st to Columbia McDonald's House

Goals:

1. Promote each of the five channels of Mission Giving in *Gleanings*
2. Increase Mission Giving by 10% for 2023 by sharing with the Executive Team and highlighting in the *Gleanings* fundraising ideas to benefit Mission Giving. A list of 30+ ideas will appear in the March *Gleanings*.
3. Promote creativity in Mission Giving by providing videos and articles from Columbia District United Women in Faith.

Program Resources - Mary Nell Trussell

Now is a very good time to be reading our UWF Reading Program books. To see the new books for 2023 and a paragraph about each book, go to the UWF Reading Program website. Click on the Reading Program page and then click on 2023 Reading Program catalog.

We may read books from 2018 – 2023. This is a total of 256 books to choose from. To see the complete list, go to the UWF Reading Program page. Click on previous Reading Program catalogs (on the left side of the page). And then the Reading Program 2018 – 2023 (Excel file).

Lists of Reading Program books in the Richland and Lexington County Libraries may be found in the December 2022 Gleanings.

I would like to highlight 2 books from the Nurturing for Community category.

1) *Before We Were Yours*

This book is based on a true story about children stolen from their homes and then sold to other families.

2) *Nevertheless: American Methodists and Women's Rights*

This book tells the story of American Methodist women's efforts to fight for women's rights. Each chapter discusses Methodist women and shows how Methodist women engaged and fought for women's equality and women's rights in American society and American Methodism

Goals:

- 1) I will identify and encourage more Program Resources Managers from the churches in the Columbia District and make sure they have all the resource materials that I have prepared for them.
- 2) I will identify book sets at the Richland and Lexington Libraries that are on the UWF Reading Program list. I will research funds to purchase book sets to be used by churches in the Columbia District. I will purchase these books if funds are available.

Committee of Nominations – Stella Chisholm/Christine Porter

CON looks forward to preparing and meeting our goals and objectives for 2023 and serving, recruiting, identifying new women/leaders in the district as officers and embracing and fulfilling our UWF Purpose and Mission.

The Columbia District Officers Training on January 14th was great and beneficial to our local units, circle officers and cluster leaders. The workshop provided information on the duties and responsibilities of each office and given valuable resources and handouts to prepare them in their leadership role. Many thanks to our District officers team for a wonderful and informative day.

Following the training, the district executive board met and CON distributed tenure forms to the officers and requested that the forms be returned to the CON Co-Chairs by the next executive board meeting.

We want to thank our CON team for the diligent work with the four district positions that came open for 2023 and were filled:

Social Action Coordinator – Lexie Chatham, Mt. Hebron UMC

Melissa Hafer, Mt. Hebron UMC

Heyward St. UMC

DeQuincey Newman

CON –

CON – Marlene Sipes,

CON – Rosemary Wilds – I.

Historian Pat Hoesly – Continue to send pictures of events that are occurring in your local units.

Cluster reports were received from the following leaders:

Cluster 2: Vanessa Key, (Goals are to meet with every unit leader in the cluster and plan cluster activities as well), Cluster 3: Becky Travis, Cluster 4: Faye Love, Cluster 5: Carrie Murray for Karen Furr, and Cluster 6: Linda Kennedy.

Business:

Carrie Murray agreed to keep and laminate signs for the Columbia District.

The gift from College Place UMC was tabled. Betty Void, Rev. Elrod, and Debra Schooler will meet and discuss the specifics of this gift.

New banner to reflect our new name.

Next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, April 18, 2023

Dismissal prayer was given by Diann Selph

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

RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Conference		Date	
District			

I recommend:

Name:							
Address:							
Phone home:				Phone mobile:			
E-mail:							
Age:	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s+
Race/ Ethnicity:				Employed:	Yes	No	

Why I think you should consider this person (attach extra sheet if necessary):

Position(s) I would recommend this person for:

Signed:	Phone:
Mailing address or e-mail:	



Please return to: _____

A Note From Our Treasurer:

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

2nd Quarter Reporting Period 03/01/2023- 05/31/2023.

2nd Quarter Report due before 06/05/2023

(Money Received After 06/05/2023 will be sent in 3rd Quarter)

3rd Quarter Remittances reporting period 06/01/2023-08/31/2023 due by 09/05/202.

4th Quarter Remittance Sent/ Love Offering:

Pledge: \$8,086.05

SMR Special Mission Recognition: \$290.00

Gift to Missions: \$190.00

Gift in Memory: \$185.00

World Thank Offering: \$3,1336.25

Columbia BETHLEHEM CC: \$877.50

Spartanburg BETHLEHEM CENTER: \$1,894.50

Conference Love Offering: \$130.00

Killingsworth: \$1,662.50

Wallace Family Life: \$933.50

Call to Prayer and Self Denial: \$375.00

Scholarships: \$30.00

Scarritt Bennett Center: \$30.00

Brighter Future for Children and Youth: \$80.00

National Mission Giving Hurricane and Flood Relief Florida: \$500.00

Racial Justice: \$30.00

Officers Training Love Offering: \$501.00 (\$125.00 to each Mission)

Special Emphasis Months:

APRIL- COLUMBIA BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CENTER

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

I'm frequently asked, "Why should I join United Women in Faith?". I always reply, "Because we make a difference!" We enrich our own lives by deepening spiritual awareness of God's love and desire for unity among those He created. We enrich others' lives by encouraging fellowship that transcends racial, cultural, gender and other boundaries based on the teachings of Jesus Christ. In striving to be in right relationship with each other, the UWF aims to transform both the church and the world into reflections of our Savior.

That connectional goal by the UWF calls us to social action that seeks to inspire, influence, and impact both local and global communities. Like faith, bold action takes courage as we commit to improve the lives of women, youth, and children by promoting justice to change harmful policies and unfair systems through advocacy and compassionate services.

Currently, the Global UWF focuses on two Social Justice priorities—Ending Mass Incarceration and Criminalization of Communities of Color, as well as Just Energy for All. Discussion about Mass Incarceration was the first presentation in February at what was formerly known as Legislative Advocacy Days. Other topics were Predatory Lending, Maternal/Child Healthcare, and Food Insufficiency.

Just Energy for All is addressed in webinars held at 3:00pm on the third Wednesday of each month. These Faith Talks webinars can be found at uwfaith.org under Podcasts & Webinars. Incidentally, listening to two of these webinars count as having read one book in the UWF Reading Program. Listening to three of these webinars counts as having read two books for this perk.

February also found us collecting monetary donations to help provide clean water to the children of Jackson, MS after severe flooding devastated their municipal water systems. Citizens either had to boil their water or buy bottled water which often strains family resources.

On the state level, the SCCUWF continues to actively support Killingsworth, Wallace Family Life Center, and Bethlehem Community Centers in Columbia and Spartanburg. Our Columbia District UWF units are involved with such projects as powerinchanging.org. This outreach was founded by a mom whose budget simply couldn't afford to send additional diapers requested by her child's daycare center. Currently this Columbia based non-profit provides free emergency prenatal and baby items. It also has Family Empowerment training programs and provides free menstrual products, as well.

I'm sure there are many other worthwhile social, economic, and environmental projects local UWF units participate in within the Columbia District. Let's share our ideas and involvement with our UWF sisters. I'd love to pass this information along, but I will need your help to do so. Please email me with a short write up about what your unit is doing, and remember to include the contact information of the Social Action Coordinator for your local unit. My goal is to help our Columbia District UWF members educate themselves about the issues impacting themselves and their neighbors, while suggesting ways that they may make a difference in their communities.

With much thanks and appreciation,

Lexie Chatham

Social Action Coordinator

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Columbia District Social Action Coordinator

Report from Spiritual Growth Coordinator

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Virtual Spiritual Growth Retreat hosted by Walterboro District will be Saturday, April 22 at 10am

Sandra Love

Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Program Resources Report

I hope everyone is enjoying reading our UMW books in the new year. I just finished *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. It was an excellent book!

Richland and Lexington County Libraries have book sets of some of our books on the current lists. I think some of us might enjoy reading the books together and discussing them. These are the book sets available at the two libraries.

Lexington Library

Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents by Isabel Wilkerson

How to Be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi

The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson

The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah

So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo

Richland Library

Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate

Hidden Figures: The Untold Story of the African American Women Who Helped Win the Space Race by Margot Lee Shetterly

How to Be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi

Pachinko by Min Jin Lee

The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson

The Leavers by Lisa Ko

Some of these are available in sets of books and others may be read on your phones or tablets.

Mary Nell Trussell

Columbia District Program Resources

READING PROGRAM 2023

Book Title	Author	Year	Category	Youth/Child	Bonus Book	Notes
Being Sheila: The Life Journey of an Immigration Lawyer	Adithi Rao	23	Ed for Mission			
Book Woman of Troublesome Creek – a novel	Kim Michele Richardson	23	Ed for Mission			
How Far Do You Love Me?	Lulu Delacre	23	Ed for Mission	Children		
I Am a Man – Chief Standing Bear's Journey for Justice	Joe Starita	23	Ed for Mission			
Pachinko – a novel	Min Jin Lee	23	Ed for Mission			
Phoebe – A Story	Paula Gooder	23	Ed for Mission			Korean, Avail in English
Stamped (for Kids) – Racism, Antiracism, and You	Jason Reynolds and Ibram X Kendi	23	Ed for Mission	Youth		
Super Cilantro Girl/La Superniña del Cilantro	Juan Philippe Herera	23	Ed for Mission	Children		
Susan Angelina Collins – With a Hallelujah Heart	Janis Bennington Van Buren	23	Ed for Mission		BB	
All We Can Save – Truth, Courage, and Solutions for the Climate Crisis	Ayana Elizabeth Johnson and Katherine K Wilkinson	23	Leadership Dev		BB	
Change Sings – A Children's Anthem	Amanda Gorman	23	Leadership Dev	Children		
Ida B the Queen – The Extraordinary Life and Legacy of Ida B. Wells	Michelle Duster	23	Leadership Dev			
Knock at Midnight – A Story of Hope, Justice and Freedom	Brittany Barnett	23	Leadership Dev			
Miosotis Flores Never Forgets – a novel	Hilda Eunice Burgos	23	Leadership Dev	Children		
On the Come Up	Angie Thomas	23	Leadership Dev	Youth		
Pioneer Black Clergywomen – Stories of Black Clergywomen of the United Methodist Church 1974-2016	Rev. Dr. Josephine Whitely-Fields	23	Leadership Dev			
Spiritual Leadership	Oswald Sanders	23	Leadership Dev			Korean, Avail Eng, Sp
Barber's Cutting Edge	Gwendolyn Battle-Lavert	23	Nurt for Comm	Children		
Eyes That Kiss in the Corners	Joanna Ho	23	Nurt for Comm	Children		
Firekeeper's Daughter	Angeline Boulley	23	Nurt for Comm	Youth		
Land is Not Empty – Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery	Sarah Augustine	23	Nurt for Comm		BB	
Magic Like That	Samara Cole	23	Nurt for Comm	Children		LP
Nevertheless – American Methodists and Women's Rights	Ashly Boggan Dreff	23	Nurt for Comm			
Prodigal Prophet – Jonah and the Mystery of God's Mercy	Timothy Keller	23	Nurt for Comm			Korean, Avail Eng, Sp
Stay This Way Forever	Linsey Davis	23	Nurt for Comm	Children		
Together – The Healing Power of Human Connection in a Sometimes Lonely World	Vivek H. Murthy	23	Nurt for Comm			Avail in Spanish
Vail's Tales	Vail Johnson and Ed Payne	23	Nurt for Comm	Children		
White Fragility – Why It's so Hard for White People to Talk About Racism	Robin DiAngelo	23	Nurt for Comm			Avail in Spanish
World of Wonders: In Praise of Fireflies, Whale Sharks, and Other Astonishments	Aimee Nezhukumatathil	23	Nurt for Comm	Children		

READING PROGRAM 2023

Book Title	Author	Year	Category	Youth/Child	Bonus Book	Notes
Black Was the Ink	Michelle Coles	23	Social Action	Youth		
Bright Star (Lucero)	Yuyi Morales	23	Social Action	Children		Avail in Spanish
Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent	Isabel Wilkerson	23	Social Action		BB	Avail in Spanish
Cousins — Connected Through Slavery, a Black Woman and a White Woman Discover Their Past – and Each Other	Betty Kilby Baldwin and Phoebe Kilby	23	Social Action			
Four Winds — a novel	Kristin Hannah	23	Social Action			
Green New Deal	Jeremy Rifkin	23	Social Action			Avail in Korean
New American — A Novel	Micheline Aharonian Marcom	23	Social Action			
Nibi's Water Song	Sunshine Tenasco	23	Social Action	Children		
What Can I Do? My Path from Climate Despair to Action	Jane Fonda	23	Social Action			Avail Eng, Ko, Sp
Big Deal of Taking Small Steps to Move Closer to God	Vashti Murphy McKenzie	23	Spiritual Growth			
Community in the Midst of Challenging Times — A Biblical Exploration of Luke 13	Kenya Cummings	23	Spiritual Growth	Youth		Mission u Study Bonus if attending Mission u
Daughter of Cana (Jerusalem Road Book 1)	Angela Hunt	23	Spiritual Growth			
Freedom, We Sing	Amyra Leon	23	Spiritual Growth	Children		
I'm Still Here — Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness	Austin Channing Brown	23	Spiritual Growth			
Isaiah and the Worry Pack — Learning to Trust God with All Our Fears	Ruth Doring	23	Spiritual Growth	Children		LP
Our Growing Tree — From Self-Love to the Beloved Community and All of God's Creation: Biblical Exploration of Luke 13	Ilka Vega	23	Spiritual Growth	Children		Mission u Study Bonus if attending Mission u
Until Unity	Rev Francis Chan	23	Spiritual Growth			
What is God Like?	Rachel Held Evans and Matthew Paul Turner	23	Spiritual Growth	Children		
Who Can We Be Together? A Biblical Exploration of Luke 13	Candace Simpson	23	Spiritual Growth			Mission u Study Bonus if attending Mission u

News from Education and Interpretation

SPRING 2023 NEWSLETTER



A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

KARA SIMMONS

Greetings Community Partners & Friends,

I'd like to start out by saying, thank you. Thank you to all of our donors, volunteers and supporters for your commitment and dedication to CBCC.



As we begin the new year, we're excited for all that is to come at CBCC for 2023. As the Executive Director, it is my mission to continue the good work that has already been completed at the center and to further enhance the programs we offer. This includes the addition of a child care center, coming to the center. We look forward to sharing more about that with you very soon.



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UPCOMING EVENTS



Be sure to join us on February 11 for our Valentine Social. Come out between 12-4 pm to celebrate with us.

Please be on the lookout for these other upcoming events:

- March 11: Spring into Bingo Night
- April 8: Easter at the Center
- May 6: Mother's Day

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Our volunteers are at the center of all we do here at the Columbia Bethlehem Community Center. Do you have a knack for giving back to your community? We need you. We'd love to have you volunteer for our upcoming community events.



The CBCC is seeking an experienced Child Care Center Director. The ideal candidate would have:



- High School Diploma
- 5+ years of early childhood education experience
- 2+ years of management experience
- CPR & First Aid Certified
- Excellent communication skills



MEET OUR NEW BOARD MEMBER

SHARAY MOSLEY

Sharay M. Mosley is native is of Hollywood, SC, but resides in Columbia SC. She attended Benedict College where she earned a B.S degree in Business Administration in 2006. She furthered her education at Strayer University where she earned a M.S degree in Accounting in 2010.

Sharay is an accomplished Accountant/Program Manager, with nearly 20 years of experience, responsible for budgeting and managing multi-million-dollar grants in SC.

Sharay is also the Author of her inaugural book, "Inside Your Dreams" published in April 2022.

In her leisure time, Sharay enjoys spending time with family and friends, reading, writing volunteering, and traveling.

News from Killingsworth

We are beginning 2023 with a full house at Killingsworth! During the pandemic we kept our census lower than normal so that there would be room for isolations if needed. That time seems to be past, and we are back in business as usual. It is good to be able to help nineteen women on their journeys to health and wholeness once again.

I hope most of you have seen our 2022 Holiday Gala presentation by now. It is recorded for your viewing and available on our website Killingsworth.org. It is not too late to get your unit or circle together to view it as a group – maybe even dress up for the evening and enjoy elegant refreshments as you watch the show. Our women had a great Christmas season. Thank you to all of you who remembered them with gifts, gift cards and more. We appreciate all that you do for these women who are doing the hard work of recovery and reentry into society.

Mark your calendars for our Annual Golf Tournament of May 8th. Once again it will be held at Windemere near Blythewood and the registration forms will be on our website as soon as they are available. Please help us by sharing this opportunity with golfers that you know.

Inflation is taking its toll on our mission. Prices are increasing and, with a full house, this translates into increased operating expenses for us. We applaud our staff for stretching your donations as much as possible, but this is not easy for them.

As I mentioned last time, we do have some serious property concerns that we must take care of and this is especially expensive. Our house is an historic property in a district of historic homes. Exterior repairs must be completed with the same materials and workmanship as they were originally. This means that our leaky porch roof must be repaired with slate installed by artisans who know the material – expensive! After the leak is repaired, we must take care of the other damage caused by the leak. This will involve repairing plaster on a column.

With these things said, we do need for you to be as generous as you possible can with us this year. We appreciate all of your donations, and we work diligently to stretch our funds as far as possible. Another thing that we need at this time is active board members. Most of our meetings are zoom (3rd Thursdays of each month). We need participation from women and men who have a heart for promoting our work. If you are a gifted speaker – or have financial expertise – or know things about human resource management – or have a desire to do what you can to help our women and our staff, we need to talk to you about this opportunity.

Thank you for all that you do to keep Killingsworth functioning and helping women one at a time.

Shalom,

Jane Scott
SCCUWF Representative

Spartanburg Bethlehem Community Center

The end of the year at the Bethlehem Center ended well. The center is thriving in the education area, with the youth after-school program SOAR, fully enrolled at 60 with a waiting list. The certified teacher, present every day, has made a tremendous impact in getting the kids to stay on task, and learn skills to help them in their daily habits by getting their homework completed. The board had a small Christmas party for the kids with dessert and snacks. Each child had a nice gift bag for them to take home. Several churches and circles filled boy/girl gift bags with fun and essential goodies for their holiday take-home.

In October we were fortunate to have Patrena, 2 staff members, and 3 of our Board Members attend the annual meeting. This continues to be a great opportunity for our directors to see just how we work, plan, and go about missions for all four locations.

In November the board came up with some new fundraising ideas and decided we will hold a dinner with entertainment in the coming months. The monies raised would go to support the programs at the center. Our entertainment books are an ongoing fundraiser that generates income for the programs year-round.

The senior program “Sew to Sow” continues to remain very active. They are making a difference in our Spartanburg Community by donating their beautiful, hand-made items to several groups, from prisons to cancer units to children at the center in need of warm hats, toboggans, and beanies!

Thank you to those who contributed sewing supplies and yarn at the Annual Meeting. The Spartanburg Units are continuing to donate various materials and gift cards for this important ministry.

There are many items on the horizon for the Center, one I am excited about is The SC Dept of Mental Health will be sending staff to engage SOAR youth in activities that will assist them in making healthy habits and decisions. This is a priority for our community to begin education and support in this area we sorely need.

Future goals include Growing the Wellness Center, advertising services offered, and creating a partnership with Regenesys to bring a Mobile Health Clinic to the Highland Community are just a few to improve the services in the community.

My immediate goal in the coming months is to make all the Spartanburg Units aware of the Wish List, and the Donation Request List by high, moderate, or low priority available for any Circle to add to their mission projects. If you would like to reach out to me for a visit to your group, feel free to contact me: at jannerbf@aol.com

With the increase in food assistance at the center and referral services in the last few months of the year, keeping that in mind only stresses the fact that we as United Women in Faith must never lose sight of our mission work every day, week, month and throughout our calendar year. Our donations, big and small are so important to our 4 SC missions, whether it is an individual or an entire family. Please step up your support for the Bethlehem Centers, Killingsworth, and Wallace Family Life in each of your Units. You don't have to be present at a meeting to give; a gift card, an urgently needed list item, or food items for a bare pantry to help an after-school child or a family in need. Your donations have so much impact on assisting the community and enable these programs to continue for the "least of these."

Jan Fleming
SCC Mission Rep.

Wallace Family Life Center

With the beginning of a new year, change is inevitable; and so it is that the Wallace Family Life Center has experienced some administrative changes. Mrs. Katie Harrington, new Board Chairperson and Dr. Veverlyn Watson-Smith, new Treasurer have begun their tenures of service to the Center. We thank their predecessors Mrs. Claudette Hooker and Mr. Morris Harrington for their years of faithful service to the Board and to Wallace Family Life Center. Also new to the Board are Mrs. Rhonda Dew, the Marion District Representative and Mrs. Frances McCluney, the Conference Representative, along with Mrs. Leah Crawford, District Representative. We pray God's blessings upon Mrs. Clarice Blakeney in her new role as State President of the United Women in Faith organization.

The Center has had a busy winter thus far. During the month of December, holiday celebrations were enjoyed by those who attend the Center's programs. Mrs. Ethylene Simmons, Outreach Coordinator, took the children to lunch at McDonald's and on a shopping trip to Walmart. We deeply appreciate the Little River United Methodist Church members who delivered Bingo prizes and had lunch with the adults at the Center. Participants in our children and adult programs received Walmart gift cards during their Christmas parties. We are grateful to all who donated gift cards at the SCCUWIF Annual Meeting and at other times throughout the year. Your generosity makes a difference in the lives of so many.

Community residents can look forward to two new programs being offered this winter. A Free Tax Assistance program will be made available at the Center to help with income tax preparation. As a spiritual benefit, a new devotion hour led by volunteer pastors is being offered one day a week. The afterschool

program continues to meet daily and the adult education program meets once a week. The wellness program continues to be used and appreciated.

Wallace Family Life Center has been interested for some time in providing safe outdoor play equipment for its patrons. A new committee has been established to continue researching the requirements of the play area space, the cost of play equipment, and the cost to install. This is quite an expensive undertaking and more funding will be needed to purchase the equipment and make the available area safe for children to play.

Wallace Family Life Center depends upon the generosity of others to provide for its patrons. During this difficult economic time, we ask that you continue to remember the Center when making donations. February is the Special Emphasis Month for Mission giving to Wallace Family Life Center. We appreciate your generosity as you pledge support through your local unit treasurer to Wallace Family Life Center. Without your help, we cannot provide the services that so many of our neighbors need at this time.

Submitted by Frances McCluney, Conference Representative to WFLC Board



The collection of used stamps will be turned in at Mission u in July.

Collection of can tabs:

Contact Rhonda Washington:

rhondawashington@hotmail.com or (803) 629-4503

Pick-up: At your church between Monday, May 22nd -
Wednesday, May 31st

Drop off: Thursday June 1st to Columbia McDonald's
House





FUNDRAISING IDEAS for United Women in Faith to benefit Mission Giving

Bag and Basket Booth	Featuring for sale baskets, handbags, gift boxes of many sorts, tote bags, shopping bags, knitting bags, coin purses, cosmetic cases, book covers, hampers – everything used to hold and carry articles.
Bake Sales	Ask members to bring their favorite cakes, cookies, or breads. Sell per item or by the dozen.
Balloon Popping	Each member who is giving or turns in a pledge form gets to choose a balloon with a prize written on a slip of paper inside, and pop the balloon. Prizes can include small UWFaith giveaways.
Book/Media Sale	Ask members to donate gently used or new media, including books, magazines, CDs, DVDs, tapes, and games, to sell. Donate leftover media to a shelter or teen center.
Candy-Grams	Sell candy-grams to members for a small fee and deliver them on the last day of the campaign or throughout. Try to pick treats that tie into your campaign, for example, Halloween candies if there is a Halloween theme.
Carnival Games/Olympics	Set up old-fashioned carnival games such as a ring toss, fish pond, and balloon dart throw. Participants donate to enter. Award certificates to the winners of the "games of skill." For Olympics, members compete in crazy "athletic" events for silly prizes. Participants donate to enter and observers pick their favorite entrants. Examples of events: three-legged race, tricycle race, egg push (not hard-boiled!) across the finish line with your chin, mini-golf using beach balls and pool cues, etc.
Chili Cook-off Contest	Ask members to cook a favorite chili recipe and enter it into a cook-off contest. Invite others to pay \$5 for a tasting. Have a panel of chili "experts" select the official chili champion.
Cookbook Sales	Have members contribute recipes and put them together in a cookbook. Give away samples of the recipes while selling the cookbooks.
Cutest Pet Contest	Have members contribute a picture of their pets. Place a jar next to each picture for donations. Whichever picture draws the most donations wins!
Decorating Contest	Host a decorating contest and charge participants to enter or charge spectators to vote on a winner. Items to be decorated could include a piggy bank, a toy car, a t-shirt, an apron, or anything else you can think of!
Flamingo Flocking	Make cut-outs of pink flamingos and charge members to "flock" other members' yards with the cut-outs. Charge \$1 per flamingo. The bigger the flocking, the better. Alternatively, sell "Pink Flamingo Insurance" for \$2 to protect yourself from the invasion of these pink pests.
Flower Power	Ask a local florist to donate flowers. Sell the flowers at church to members. Another great idea is to sell flower bulbs.
Food Sales	Breakfast, coffee, tacos, sandwiches, pizza, hot dogs with chips, etc.
Golf Tournament or Putt-Putt Contest	Work with a nearby golf course to get reduced rates. Charge players the regular price with proceeds going to Mission Giving. Humorous prizes can be handed out later at a potluck dinner (shortest drive, highest score, etc.). Set up a miniature golf course at your church. Charge each player to play and award a prize to the player with the lowest score.
Karaoke Club	Members pay a fee to have a fellow member sing. That person must sing or pay a fee not to sing. This can be done virtually as well.
M&M/Jellybean Jar	This is the famous "guess the number of beans in the jar." Buy a guess for 50¢. The person who guesses closest to the number in the jar wins the jar.
Monday Night Football	Have a Monday night tailgate at a member's home during football season. Each person pays \$10 to attend. Serve hot dogs, wings, chips, and

	beverages. Rent a big-screen TV and watch the game as a team while enjoying the fellowship.
Penny Wars	Have a secure bucket at a prominent area in the church where people can drop extra change as they are passing through. Decorate the container so that they are aware it is for Mission Giving. You can challenge groups or classes or circles to see who collects the most.
Photo Booth	Stock a space to use as a photo booth with plenty of props and frames to take fun and creative pictures to display on a bulletin board at church. Charge a small fee for each "session" in the booth.
Pie in the Face	Convince the pastor or the unit president to get a pie in the face if they reach a certain amount of donations to Mission Giving.
Pucker-Up Pig	For a set donation amount, members can cast votes for another member who will "kiss a pig" at the end of the campaign.
Pumpkin Carving Contest	Put together a team of carvers or individuals. Set different categories for judging (most creative, scariest, funniest, etc.). Charge individuals/teams to enter, or charge people to vote for their favorite.
Puppy Love	Have members pay for a chance to try their luck at matching a pet picture to its correct owner. Award a prize to the contestant with the most correct answers, and maybe provide gift certificates to a pet store for the owners who look most like their pets.
Quilt Auction	Auction a donated quilt or decorated dish towels.
Shower With Flowers	Similar to the Flamingo Flocking but using brightly-colored flower pinwheels instead of flamingos. Charge a fee per flower.
Silent Auction	Auction off donated items/baskets with proceeds going to Mission Giving. Each basket should have a list of items included.
Sucker Pull	Pull a sucker off a pole that's been drilled with holes for the suckers. If there is a special marking at the bottom of the sucker, then you get a prize. Sell chances to pull a sucker for a certain dollar amount.
Talent Contest	Charge an entry fee to a talent contest for contestants or audience members, and award prizes.
Team Sports Competitions	Form teams among members or circles and get pledges for goals scored, baskets made, etc. Provide concession stands.
The Game Exchange	Ask members to contribute new or gently used toys and games at a designated drop-off site. Price to sell, but whatever doesn't get sold can be donated.
Trivia Contest	Partner with a local restaurant or hold it virtually. Identify your teams. Choose trivia categories and set reasonable entry fees.

Other ideas

Baby Picture Guessing Game
Board Game Tournament
Car Wash
Children's Drawing Contest
Craft Bazaar
Dunk Tank
Feet Guessing Game

Fun Run
Halloween Costume Contest
Ice Cream Social
Lunch and a Movie
Lunch Box Auction
Pie Throwing Contest

Ping Pong Tournament
Remote Control Car Races
Root Beer Float Sale
Softball/Volleyball Tournament
Spelling Bee
Walk-a-Thon

Rhonda Washington

Columbia District Education and Interpretation Coordinator

Cluster Reports



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Francis Burns UWF first in-person events since 2020.

January 7, 2023 – Officer Training



January 15, 2023 – Local UWF Meeting



Cluster 5

Columbia District Officer Training



Columbia District Executives



Francis Burns UWF

Annual Women's Day Celebration

***Theme: Speaking Through Wisdom and Faith:
Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories***



**Guest Speaker: Rev. Faye Jones
Associate Pastor, Union UMC**

Sunday, March 19, 2023 9:00AM

***Francis Burns United Methodist Church
5616 Farrow Road
Columbia, SC 29203
Rev. Geneva Stafford, Pastor***

Live stream on Face Book and YouTube

All ladies are asked to

- **Wear a white outfit with a blue, red, green or yellow corsage to represent the past, present, future and diversity.**
- **Contribute \$100 to help support United Women in Faith Mission Projects that advocate for women, children and youth.**

Make checks payable to Francis Burns UWF and write Women's Day in the memo line.



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in Faith**

**For additional information, call or email
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Francis Burns United Women in Faith
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Annual *Women's Day* CELEBRATION

Sponsored by I DeQuincey Newman United Women in Faith

Theme:



Sunday, March 19, 2023
10:00AM

STREAM LIVE ON



Speaker:

Rev. Shirley Singletary Cullen Nichols
Saint Stephen United Methodist Church
Orangeburg, SC



I DeQuincey Newman United Methodist Church
7801 Wilson Boulevard
Columbia, SC 29203
Rev. Frank V. James, Pastor

SHANDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WOMEN IN FAITH

ANNUAL CLOTHING & BOOK SALE



3407 DEVINE STREET, COLUMBIA
SALE TIMES

MARCH 24 FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM & 4 PM TO 7 PM

MARCH 25 FROM 8 AM TO 1 PM

HUGE Clothing and Book Sale

The whole gymnasium is full of books, clothing, shoes, accessories and jewelry. Organized and priced to move. Cash only Sale.

This is a big fundraiser and every penny goes to local charities. You don't want to miss this huge event to find great items and support the community.



United
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in Faith

We are Limitless!!

Our Limitless group is starting off this New year with a bang. We had 7 youth attend Revolution 2023 in Columbia at the Township Auditorium. It was 3 day event with the theme "GLOW" ! We all should be shining our light (Glowing) for Christ. Over 900 youth attended providing lots of opportunities to fellowship and worship. A special thanks to Samoria and Jackie Sessions for staying in the hotel with the youth. We were blessed to be hosted for lunch on Saturday by Good Hope Wesley Church out of Camden. They hosted us at "Dave and Busters" and I believe we had 50 or more youth and leaders sharing together. We all enjoyed our time with the members of Good Hope Wesley Church.

We are planning a "Limitless" Day in Greenville on March 18th, 2023 in hopes of attracting youth that are interested in joining our group. We would love to travel to any Church and share our Limitless information or plan a Limitless Fun Day for your youth.

We are having our semi-annual "Limitless Fun Day" on July 1 in Columbia. Please mark your calendars and invite the young ladies in your churches to come and participate. Location TBD.

If you are not familiar with our "Limitless Group", I am attaching our flyer that says it all. Please share at your churches so we can attract our youth to become involved and eventually become UWF leaders.

During these times of discord and separation, we need to provide ways to fellowship and foster good relationships with each other. Our youth are the future of our UWF.

Blessings to each of you,

Debra Schooler,

Limitless Mentor

WE ARE LIMITLESS...



WHO ARE WE: Teens from 12 to 18
young ladies 18+ mentors for our girls



WHAT ARE WE: A group of God seeking youth who want to
serve God and form relationships with other youth in our state

WHAT DO WE DO: We meet twice a year
for fellowship and mission projects



WHEN DO WE MEET: We meet in July and
December at area churches

WHERE DO WE MEET: TBD as facilities become available



OUR MISSION: To provide young ladies
opportunities to build relationships through
worship and service

HOW TO JOIN US: Email your name and
phone number to youth123sc@gmail.com

*...AND YOU CAN BE
TOO!*

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an
example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. Timothy 4:12

Mission u 2023



LIVING THE GOOD NEWS

Reflecting God's Love

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Join us !

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

2023 WOMAN OF THE YEAR INFORMATION

Recipient's Name _____

Recipient's Phone # _____

Local Unit Name _____

Information Submitted By _____

Telephone # _____

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Deadline: August 18, 2023

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Union
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