



United Women in Faith

# Informer



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**Rock Hill District Day Apart**



## Fill Your Cup

*The God of hope fill you with all joy  
and peace in believing, so that by the power  
of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

*Romans 15:13*

March 25, 10 am  
Bethel UMC,  
101 York St, Chester

*Bring a friend! All Christian Women are invited to this  
Spiritual Growth Event. See page 13 for more  
information and registration form.*

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*Informer* is the quarterly newsletter of the Rock Hill District UWF/UMW. It is published in December, March, June, and September and sent via email to UWF Unit Presidents who then share it with their circles and members. If you wish to be added to our *Informer* email list, please send your request to rockhillumw@gmail.com. News items, photos, and event announcements for the *Informer* can be sent to your Cluster Leader or sent to rockhillumw@gmail.com. Keep in mind we are published only 4 times a year.

# President



Sisters of Rock Hill District,

I had the pleasure of meeting with Camp Creek UMC women in Lancaster several times this past month. They look forward to getting more involved with our district and conference events.

For other churches within the Rock Hill District please let your officers on the board know if you would like one of us to come and speak to your unit. I have always said your district officers are here to serve your needs. Please reach out to us. We enjoy meeting local units and finding out how and what they are doing to make their units thrive. We are coming out of this pandemic working with local units we can do many things for the Women, Children and Youth in not just our district but other places too. We are proud to be part of United Women in Faith and look forward to working with all the local units in our district. All are welcome to join our sisterhood of faith.

Thank you to all our sisters for the amazing things you are doing. For those who have attended Legislative Advocacy Days in Feb and had programs on Prayer and Self Denial we want to thank you for the difficult subjects that are addressed during these events and providing insight for what to watch for or advocate for with our local and state governments. Thank you to National for recording events to help us continue to grow in knowledge and our faith in God.

March has two dates to remember. The Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign is March 23, when you contribute to this fund you will keep our Faith, Hope and Love in action for years to come. On Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> our District Day Apart will be hosted by Bethel UMC in Chester. Please be sure to register so we have enough programs and food for all. Registration information is in this issue of *Informer* (pg 13). I am looking forward to seeing everyone there in person, however zoom is available for those not comfortable meeting in person.

April & May hold opportunities to join conference events via zoom. The Spiritual Growth Event will be hosted by Walterboro District on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10 am. Conference Come Together, Be Together, hosted by Columbia District, will be on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. Both events are via zoom. You must register to receive a link to these events. Please consider your unit gathering and doing the zoom together. Be sure to list everyone's name in your registration or in the chat so they get an accurate count of attendees. Thanks.

I hope you will join us, bring a friend or two. Grow in your faith, get closer to God, and enjoy this journey of Faith, Hope and Love in Action through our Sisterhood of United Women in Faith.

Blessings,

*Crystal Barrs*  
President

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*And do not forget to do good and to share with others,  
for with such sacrifices God is pleased.*

Hebrews 13:16

## VP & Communicator



A highlight for the month of February, for me, was attending the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Program at St John's in Fort Mill. This was a joint event with Philadelphia, Fort Mill's Linda Honeycutt presenting the program and St John's providing the meeting space and refreshments. Both the program and refreshments were excellent. I enjoyed speaking with several of the ladies and getting to know them better. Both churches have good, strong units under the leadership of presidents Marie Thompson (PUWF) and Barbara Gaither (SJUWF).

St James UWF in York hosted our Annual Officer Training in January. St James ladies always jump in and do whatever is needed. Thank you to Erica Odom, Unit President, and her team. We appreciate their hospitality and their willingness to help the district.

Speaking of helping the district...we are still in need of churches to host our events in 2024. If your church is willing to host one of our events, give me a call and let's talk about it. It is possible for two neighboring churches to jointly host an event.

There are many opportunities to participate in UWF events coming up. Please see "Looking Ahead" on page 9.

Joyfully,

Lynne Chandler

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## Secretary



Greetings Secretaries,

During the training in January, emphasis was put on the secretary's duty of keeping accurate minutes. Equally important is your role as the custodian of all records and official documents. If your unit has made donations to specific missions and received "thank you" letters, those should be retained within your records.



The local secretary is also directed to keep an accurate role of membership. This information is needed for the annual census and your president's report. It's also important to track any deaths through the year so that those women can be remembered at our district annual meeting.

God be with you,

Barbara Gaither

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## Treasurer



Dear Unit Treasurers,

The women of the Rock Hill District United Women in Faith have responded to the need in Jackson, Mississippi for bottled water for their school children. Thank you for donating \$301.00 at Officer Training; \$500.00 from Hopewell; \$210 from Kings Mountain Chapel and \$100 from St. James. Total donation was \$1,111. Thank you for such a great effort.

Our UWF Mission giving for the year 2022 was \$21,197.20 of the \$25,000 pledged. Additional amounts were \$2,171.31 to World Thank Offering; \$2,730.72 for Call to Prayer and Self-Denial; \$3,656.50 for Wallace Family Life Center; \$2136.50 for Bethlehem Center in Columbia; \$2436.50 for Bethlehem Center in Spartanburg; \$2,501.50 for Killingsworth. Please thank your ladies for donating to missions around the world through the UWF. Thirty-two UWF units in our district contributed to our totals.

For 2023 we reduced our pledge to Conference to \$20,000, though we hope to be over that amount. Please encourage your ladies to contribute what they can, every little bit helps.

We give thanks to God for all the good work you do. Keep it up!!!

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## Nominations

The District UWF Leadership Team is beginning the process of filling our slate of officers to be elected in September. Please prayerfully consider serving on the District Leadership Team. Our team works hard but has a lot of fun. For more information or to volunteer contact

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## Program Resources



Have you checked our district Facebook page? I have read one book from each of the 5 categories in the UWF Reading Program. If you listen to them, you can complete Plan 1 (5 books). I am starting to read a second book from each of the categories. When you listen to them, this will complete Plan 2. I hope this head start will encourage you to read more books on your own to reach Plan 3 or 4.

Our Facebook Group is *Rock Hill District UWF*. Search for it on Facebook and join the group to see the posts.

Let me know if you need a list of books for the reading program or if you have any questions. We have books available to share. If you have borrowed a book and have finished with it, please bring it to our Day Apart on March 25 so someone else can borrow it.

Bette Jean Janicke

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## Education & Interpretation (Missions)



Item #8 on the Mission Today form asks for *2 members to write to at least 5 people listed in the prayer guide*. Here is a selection of names to choose from to help your unit meet this requirement:

Nancy Carew [ncarew@umcmmission.org](mailto:ncarew@umcmmission.org)  
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April is the special emphasis month for Bethlehem Center in Columbia. They are one of four missions that are supported by the South Carolina Conference UWF. Please consider giving a little extra so they can continue their work. Monetary donations should be sent through our district treasurer. Wal-Mart gift cards and books of stamps are always welcomed and can be sent directly to any of the four missions.

Mission u is just around the corner (July 21-23). Crafts, homemade items, jellies, jams, etc. are welcome. Monies made from the sale of donated items go the four conference supported missions. Items to donate can be brought to any district event or given to a district officer to take to Mission u.

Continue collecting those cancelled stamps and pull tabs. Bring them to the District Day Apart at Bethel UMC in Chester on March 25.

Any questions, shoot me a text or email including your name and church name.

God's blessings to you all.

Margaret Parker

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## Membership



Membership, Nurture and Outreach is an all-encompassing mission for our local United Women in Faith. Each of us needs to focus on our sisters in communities of Christian women to:

1. Invite, encourage and seek out new members to bring them into our fellowship of faith. All Christian women are welcome to participate in our events and to become members with us.
2. Continue efforts to include every member of UWF in our census count (information should be forthcoming for 2023 census).
3. Make plans to participate in the Zoom meeting of Come Together, Be Together on May 20, 2023. Information is in the March *Mission Echo*.
4. Utilize our New Unit Kits, New Member Kits, and Prospective Member Referral Cards to educate and communicate throughout the Rock Hill District UWF. These resources are available from UWFaith.org.
5. Share our District *Informer* and Conference *Mission Echo* with those in our units and with others who may be interested, and
6. Nurture our community of women whose purpose is ... to develop a creative, supportive fellowship.

Blessings to all,

Jackie B. Hicks

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## Spiritual Growth



Sisters in Christ,

I take great delight in inviting you to our District Day Apart which will be on March 25 at Bethel UMC in Chester. Join us in person! We will have an awesome, spirit-filled, uplifting morning of worship!

Feel free to invite your sisters, friends, cousins, aunts, daughters, granddaughters, nieces, and neighbors! Zoom will be available for those who are unable to join in person. For more information and the pre-registration form turn to page 13.

Our conference Spiritual Growth event will be held on Zoom on April 22. Check out our conference UWF newsletter, *Mission Echo*, for more information.

God be with you,

Linda Hughes

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# Historian



I have always been interested and fascinated by the history of churches and our women's groups.

As we begin 2023, please consider sending your United Women in Faith historical information i.e.: bulletins of special events, such as a prominent anniversary, election of officers, special events, recipients of the special recognition pins, any information that you feel that would be a good history for your unit and that would be kept for our future UWF members.

If you do not have a unit historian, please consider electing one or your unit secretary should have this info in her executive minutes.

Thank you! If you have any questions please contact me.

Always in Christ,

Jane Wood Carter

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# Social Action

Legislative Advocacy Days were attended by over a dozen women from the Rock Hill District. Be sure you tell your president you attended so she can put it on her Local Unit President's Report. Attendance at these Zoom Meetings also counts for #7 on the Diamond Unit Award form.

Activity #1 for the Diamond Unit Award is to provide a copy of the Charter for Racial Justice to every member of your unit. This is included in this issue of Informer on page 12.

Activity #8 asks you to participate in a postcard writing in support of legislation supporting women, children, & youth. See page 9 for an opportunity to participate with others across the state in support of a bill to put an interest cap on Predatory Lending.

# Cluster Leaders



## Lancaster/Fort Mill

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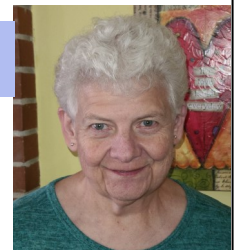
## York/Clover

We need a cluster leader for York/Clover to call unit presidents and ensure they are receiving our newsletter and facilitate communications with the district.

PICTURE  
YOURSELF  
HERE

## Assistant

Debbie Blackmon  
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# Items of Interest

Make plans to attend! The date has changed.



## Southeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting

WHERE: Chattanooga, Tennessee

WHEN: April 19-21, 2024

Registration opens September 2023

Early Registration: \$210 (thru December 2023)

Late Registration: \$240 (after December 2023)

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

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### MISSION GIVING

SAVE YOUR DOLLAR BILLS.....

with a "J" on them for "Jesus" and "Jurisdiction"

AND "G" for "God".

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



## Items of Interest continued

### Winthrop Wesley

Winthrop University's Wesley Foundation is installing a new ramp to allow handicapped access to the building. They need help to offset the cost of this needed improvement. The ramp will enable students who cannot handle stairs to be included in Winthrop Wesley's ministry. Please help us fund this project. Send your donations to:



The Winthrop Wesley Foundation  
406 Stewart Ave  
Rock Hill, SC 29730

Please designate New Ramp in the memo line.

Thank you, in advance for your help.

For more information, contact Winthrop Wesley's pastor/director,  
Rev. Charlie Farnum [Charlie@winwes.org](mailto:Charlie@winwes.org)

### Looking Ahead: Upcoming Dates

- Mar 25** District Day Apart *Bring a friend! Bethel UMC, Chester (see pg 13)*
- Apr 22** Conference Spiritual Growth Event on Zoom (see *Mission Echo* for more info)
- May 13** District Leadership Team Meeting at Winthrop Wesley 9:30 am
- May 20** Conference Come Together, Be Together on Zoom (see *Mission Echo* for more info)
- July 20-22** Mission u at Spartanburg Methodist College

## HELP LIMIT PREDATORY LENDING

A bill to limit interest fees has been introduced into the SC Senate. Currently there are no limits on the amount of interest and fees that lenders can charge in SC. In 2021, the highest rate filed by a Supervised Lender was 950%. Payday lenders generally charge 395% APR. These loans are marketed as easy access to quick cash but the high interest rate can quickly create a debt trap cycle that borrowers cannot escape. When loan payments become unmanageable, borrowers may have their cars repossessed or their credit rating destroyed, making it difficult to secure housing. High cost lenders target people on fixed incomes, people of color, and people facing poverty.

Contact your senator to give your support for **Bill S.518**. You can find your state senator's name, address and phone number by visiting the website [scstatehouse.gov](http://scstatehouse.gov) and inputting your home address in the appropriate box near the bottom of the page.

Sending a postcard or calling your senator on this matter counts as an activity toward the Diamond Unit Award.

# Around the District

## Hearts for Premies

Seven members of the Abigail Circle of Woodland UWF recently gathered to make flannel hearts for premies. The hearts are used to help the premature infant bond with the mother. The mother wears a heart next to her skin to absorb her scent. Then the heart is placed in the isolette with the infant while the mother wears another heart to replace the first one. It took yards of flannel and about 2 hours of work to make 25 double-sided hearts.

Premies of the Carolinas will receive the hearts and distribute them as needed. For more information on this and other projects visit their website at <https://preemiesofthecarolinas.com/>



**Above:** Barb Dill and Linda Hughes sew hearts together while Phyllis Wright turns and presses the hearts. The hearts were topstitched after being pressed.



**Far Left:** Debbie Blackmon & Clara Horton cut out hearts from cotton flannel.

**Left:** Members of Abigail Circle display the 25 hearts they made. *Seated:* Bette Jean Janicke and Linda James. *Standing:* Lynne Chandler, Phyllis Wright, Clara Horton, Barb Dill, and Debbie Blackmon.

## Philadelphia & St John's join together for Annual Prayer & Self-Denial Program



The Rock Hill Central Charge  
(Mt Olive UMC & New Hope UMC)

 **WOMEN'S**   
**CONFERENCE**

**Connect! Encourage! Empower!**

Jeremiah 29:11

**Saturday, March 18, 2023**

Mt Olive United Methodist Church  
1222 Ogden Road, Rock Hill, SC

**NO CHARGE FOR ATTENDING CONFERENCE  
PLEASE REGISTER BY EMAILING  
[rhwomenconference@gmail.com](mailto:rhwomenconference@gmail.com)**

Host Pastor  
Rev. Athena Dickey-Cathcart

# Charter for Racial Justice

United Women in Faith first adopted the “Charter of Racial Policies” in 1952. We worked on ratification at multiple levels of the organization and readopted an updated version in 1962. Throughout the years, we lobbied The United Methodist Church to officially adopt the Charter, seeking to bring its commitments to the full body of the church. The Charter was first received by the General Conference in 1964 and first included in *The Book of Resolutions* in 1980. Since then, it has been updated and readopted regularly by delegates to General Conference. From the 1950s to the present, the Charter has been a core part of our identity.

## Because we believe:

1. That God is the Creator of all people and all are God’s children in one family;
2. That racism is a rejection of the teachings of Jesus Christ;
3. That racism denies the redemption and reconciliation of Jesus Christ;
4. That racism robs all human beings of their wholeness and is used as a justification for social, economic, environmental, and political exploitation;
5. That we must declare before God and before one another that we have sinned against our sisters and brothers of other races in thought, in word, and in deed;
6. That in our common humanity in creation all women and men are made in God’s image and all persons are equally valuable in the sight of God;
7. That our strength lies in our racial and cultural diversity and that we must work toward a world in which each person’s value is respected and nurtured;
8. That our struggle for justice must be based on new attitudes, new understandings, and new relationships and must be reflected in the laws, policies, structures, and practices of both church and state.

We commit ourselves as individuals and as a community to follow Jesus Christ in word and in deed and to struggle for the rights and the self-determination of every person and group of persons.

**Therefore,** as United Methodists in every place across the land, we will unite our efforts within the church to take the following actions:

1. Eliminate all forms of institutional racism in the total ministry of the church, giving special attention to those institutions that we support, beginning with their employment policies, purchasing practices, environmental policies, and availability of services and facilities;
2. Create opportunities in local churches to deal honestly with the existing racist attitudes and social distance between members, deepening the Christian commitment to be the church where all racial groups and economic classes come together;
3. Increase efforts to recruit people of all races into the membership of The United Methodist Church and provide leadership-development opportunities without discrimination;
4. Establish workshops and seminars in local churches to study, understand, and appreciate the historical and cultural contributions of each race to the church and community;
5. Raise local churches’ awareness of the continuing needs for equal education, housing, employment, medical care, and environmental justice for all members of the community and to create opportunities to work for these things across racial lines;
6. Work for the development and implementation of national and international policies to protect the civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights of all people such as through support for the ratification of United Nations covenants on human rights;
7. Support and participate in the worldwide struggle for liberation in church and community;
8. Facilitate nomination and election processes that include all racial groups by employing a system that prioritizes leadership opportunities of people from communities that are disproportionately impacted by the ongoing legacy of racial injustice. Use measures to align our vision for racial justice with actions that accelerate racial equity.



# District Day Apart

**Hosted by** Bethel UWF  
101 York St, Chester, SC

**Date** March 25, 2023

**9-9:45** Registration/Refreshments

**10-11** Program

*An offering will be collected to support Epworth Foster Care. Those who wish may bring diapers, pull-ups or wipes to donate to the foster families.*



Fill  
Your  
Cup

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

*Romans 15:13*

*Invite your friends. All Christian Women are invited to attend. Our speaker will be Mallory Jacobs from the Rock Hill Office of Epworth Foster Care. Communion will be served.*

*Join us for this time of fellowship, worship, communion, and information.*

You can choose to attend in person or virtually on Zoom. Use the form or include the requested information. You can register as a unit or individually. Please register by Saturday, March 18, 2023.

Please send registrations to Linda James, Registrar.

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Name	Email	Phone	Check if Zoom