

Mission Echo



SCCUWF Newsletter | March 2023



Washington Street UMC Columbia "Thankful Tree" captured the attention of the SCCUWF attendees at District Officers Training. "Simply Beautiful", said Barbara Simpson Orangeburg District UWF President .

2023 SC CONFERENCE

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Greetings From the Desk of the President

Clarice Blakeney



I am in awe of the exciting and creative events and projects that are going on in the state. Thanks to all the units in the districts for your dedication and commitment to United Women in Faith.

I am so very thankful and proud of all that you are willing to do for the needs of others.

As we continue through this biennium, I am confident we will impact the lives of many women, children and youth worldwide. Our mission and our purpose is to do all we can for the kingdom.

We are strong, bold and persistent. Our perseverance will be our driving force to face any obstacles that may confront us. Continue to use your strength, imagination and service of love to meet the

demands of the marginalized. We will work together to improve our outreach and generosity for communities all over this land.

Let us gather often to show love, a gentle touch and a caring smile. There is much work left to be done and you are the hands and feet to get it done. So many are counting on us to be the light needed in darkness for those needing a helping hand. Keep shining and showing the love of Christ in all you do.

We are grateful for your contributions and pledges to the Legacy Fund, scholarship fund and other givings to the mission projects. We strive to make provisions for the present and future.

With a loving heart to serve,

Clarice Blakeney,

President SCCUMF



**BE THE LIGHT
NEEDED IN DARKNESS!**

South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith 2023 Mission Trip *The Asheville to Nashville Adventure*

A BLESSING OF LOVE WITH GIFT CARDS

The South Carolina Conference of the United Women in Faith is preparing for the 2023 Mission Trip “The Asheville to Nashville Adventure”. This exciting time in mission will be from Monday, March 27th through Thursday, March 30th, 2023.

There are 40 adventurous women planning to take this three-day excursion. Our first stop will be at Brooks Howell Home for lunch and a few tours. What a blessing it would be to bless the residents with gift cards to Michaels and/or Walmart along with craft supplies (yarn, paper, stickers) as reminders of our love and appreciation to each of them.

The adventures await with additional tours of beautiful Lake Junaluska, Scarritt Bennett and Bethlehem Centers, Nashville a United Women in Faith National Mission Institution. A mission endeavor is also planned for the Bethlehem Center in providing much needed gift cards to Walmart and Kroger to aid in fighting the food desert crisis within the area.

Walmart and Kroger are local stores utilized to meet the need of women, children, and youth of the community. There are no limits to the amounts to be placed on the gift cards. The South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith would like to be a blessing within their community as we are within ours. Please let us put our faith, hope, love in action through service to bless these communities we will be visiting.

Please mail the much-needed gift cards/craft items to my residence:

**1018 Bordeaux Avenue
Sumter, South Carolina 29153**

Your donations will be documented. All individual's, local units and church's will be recognized for their giving. Thank you in advance for the difference you are making in the lives of others.

Peace, love, and blessings,

*Jacquelyn
Session*

Mission Trip Coordinator



I'M HERE FOR YOU

Vice President - Kathy Roys



Hello to all sisters in faith. I hope your Officers' Training sessions were

productive and well attended. In January I also had Leadership Development training from our National United Women in Faith staff. I met ladies from all over the country and got lots of useful information I will be sharing as we go along this year.

One item of importance is for all members to be supportive to units or members that may be affected by their church's plans to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. These ladies may need alternate ways to stay involved with United Women in Faith. Invite them to join your circle or create a district or cluster circle.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our water project for the children living

in Jackson, Mississippi. They continue to struggle with a lack of clean water and schools could not re-open after the Christmas break because of low water pressure. Children had to deal with remote learning from home. Your donations are a great blessing to them. To see an article on this crisis and related issues, go to uwfaith.org/news/press/.

Harriet Jane Olson



Photo by:
United Women in Faith Assembly 2022

It is with sadness, but much heartfelt appreciation that we prepare for the retirement of our CEO of United Women in Faith, Harriet Jane Olson, this spring. She has done an outstanding job serving our organization for the past 15 years. Please be in prayer for the search for her replace-

ment. If you would like to give a gift in her honor, consider making a donation to the Legacy Endowment Fund or any of the other channels of giving at uwfaith.org/give, and mark that it is a "gift in honor".

ANNUAL MEETING

Oct. 20-21

ST. JOHN UMC AIKEN

Our Conference Program committee will be meeting in March to plan for this year's Annual Meeting. Let me know if there is anything you would like to suggest for this event. Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 20-21 at St. John United Methodist Church in Aiken. We had a great time being together at last year's Annual Meeting, and hope you can join us this year. More information will be available in future Mission Echo newsletters.

Your sister in Christ,

Kathy

SCCUWF Vice President

I'm Proud of You for Supporting the Legacy Fund

Submitted by: Maureen Thomas - Legacy Larson



The United Women in Faith continue to celebrate The Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign. Last year we set a conference goal of \$10,000. Each unit/circle was asked to make donations of \$1.00 per member by August so that our contributions since inception would be at least \$100,000. I was excited to announce in October at the Annual Meeting that the challenge was met. Just recently the end of the year report was submitted. You cannot imagine the joy and pride I felt for what YOU have done. As of December 31, 2022, the SC United Women in Faith donated \$16,899.34. The total contributed inception to date is \$108,024.19.

We are grateful to all members, units, family, and friends who have contributed. Your generosity ensures that the mission movement started by our foremothers in 1869 continues so that future generations of United Women in Faith can and will continue to lead, serve, and discover new ways to change the world. However, we must not stop now; the continued support of the Legacy Fund Endowment is important and ensures our mission dollars can be used to sustain programming that helps chart a course for a bright and hopeful future for women, children, and youth around the world.

We have not established a goal for 2023, yet. In the meantime, we encourage you to participate in the Day of Giving on March 23, 2023.

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The Future Is Now



United
Women
in Faith

Day of Giving, March 23, 2023

uwfaith.org/dayofgiving

Step forward with faith, hope, and love in action by giving to The Legacy Endowment Fund on Day of Giving, March 23.



WAYS TO GIVE

- **Online at:**
uwfaith.org/dayofgiving
- **By phone:** 800-278-7771
(8 am-5 pm EST, Mon.-Fri.)
- **Text:** "ACTION" to 20503
- **By check to:**
United Women in Faith, Attn: Legacy
475 Riverside Drive, Ste 1500
New York, NY 10115
Write "Day of Giving" in the
memo section.



Together, we are building our legacy!

Scranton Women's Leadership Center will generously match \$100,000 of gifts received on Day of Giving 2023.



The Legacy Endowment Fund is a permanent endowment to support the work of future generations of United Women in Faith.

SPECIAL EMPHASIS MONTHS

February - Wallace Family Life Center

April - Columbia Bethlehem Community Center

September - Killingworth

November - Bethlehem Center Spartanburg

Be A Blessing!

Hello everyone!! A new year is upon us. Please make a pledge for this year and try to increase it from last year. Our District Treasurers are working hard to process your Mission Givings and get them to me in a timely manner. I hope and pray your local units are meeting again and everyone is paying your pledges, donations to the 4 Missions, etc.

Every member in South Carolina please prayerfully consider increasing your giving for this year. Have a blessed 2023!!



Thank you, *Ruby Hannah*
Treasurer

New Life United Methodist Church of the Walterboro District to Hold Virtual Event



South Carolina United Women In Faith Spiritual Growth Event via Zoom

All persons are invited to attend this Uplifting Event

Finding Hope

Saturday April 22, 2023 at 10:00 - 11:30am

Our Scripture will be Jeremiah 29:11

Registration
is Free

The South Carolina Conference of United Women In Faith Spiritual Growth Committee is very excited to present our Zoom Event!
We are looking forward to you being there virtually.

Scarlett Hester pastor of Bluffton United Methodist Church in the Walterboro District will lead the service. Scarlett has been involved for many years with United Methodist Women and is a compassionate preacher with a wonderful smile and a loving heart.



*Register in advance for this meeting
by scanning the QR code or copying and pasting this link*

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0rc-mhpz-grGtT_3p_K06gBrWmc3icInPee



Any questions? Please contact our Registrar Kathy Stutesman

Phone: 214-850-1319

Email: bkstutesman@yahoo.com

Wallace Family Life Center Update

Submitted by Frances McCluney, Conference Representative to WFLC Board

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. Diane Harrington, Board Chairperson and Dr. Veverlyn Watson-Smith, Treasurer have begun service in their new roles. We thank their predecessors Mrs. Claudette Hooker and Mr. Morris Harrington for their service to the Board and to Wallace Family Life Center. Also beginning new terms on the Board are Mrs. Rhonda Dew, Mrs. Frances McCluney, Mrs. Leah Crawford, and Mrs. Imogene Steele. We pray God's blessings upon former Board member Mrs. Clarice Blakeney in her new role as the South Carolina Conference 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 SCCUWF Annual Meeting and at other times throughout the year. Your generosity makes a difference in the lives of so many.

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

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.

Thank
You

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.

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



South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith

COME TOGETHER *Be Together Event*

via Zoom

Saturday May 20, 2023 at 10:00 AM

Join us for a morning of fun

REGISTRATION IS FREE

Theme: *Get Hope Be Hope*

The South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith Membership Nurture and Outreach Committee is very excited to hold the Come Together Be Together event via Zoom on Saturday May 20, 2023. The Columbia District will host this fun gathering for all. The link will open up at 9:40 a.m.



Rev Mary L Johnson

With everything we are faced with and all the anxiety we have endured, we decided that we all need to “**Get Hope Be Hope**”. Our fun event for all ages will include a passionate keynote speaker **Rev Mary L Johnson**. Rev. Johnson is a native of the Sumter area and has served on many different boards and committees in her career. Rev. Johnson serves on the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry as the Chair of the Order of Elders. Her Motto is, “..Lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.” (Proverbs 3:5-6).

We are delighted to have her on our event in May. The Welcome and Greetings will kick off at 10:00 am, Music and then Rev Johnson. We will then break into workshops.

Registration is Open

Use the QR Code or copy
and past the link.



<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlftuCp-pzlvH90y3rVgPsPG2M1EJWXDZDLJ>

SELECT YOUR WORKSHOP DURING REGISTRATION

- Eating the Rainbow for Ultimate Wellness
- I am Woman Keep me Safe
- Recycle and Substantiability, Going Green
- Bible Study on “Get Hope Be Hope”

For questions, please contact our chairperson / registrar: Angela Allen Phone: 864-680-9029 or Email: Angela.Allen@charter.net

2023 LEADERSHIP TOOLKIT NOW AVAILABLE

Go to:

<https://umwomen.wufoo.com/forms/k1skpqlx0ey2xr3/>

or scan
QR Code



The toolkit is housed on the digital platform Bridge. Within the toolkit, you will find resources from Leadership Development Days (LDD) as well as beyond.

If you have questions about the toolkit itself:
please email
distancelearning@uwfaith.org.

If you need help accessing Bridge: contact
the tech support team at
support@bridgeapp.com or 855-637-1950.

Looking to get Unit/Circle Involved
Check out the
**SOCIAL
ACTION
READING PROGRAM BOOK**

Or other topics your Unit/Circle is
passionate about

Contact Patricia Armstrong at
aggie8711@aol.com
for more information

WRITE your LEGISLATORS

about items important to you

SUPPORT

PREDATORY LENDING CAP INTEREST RATE BILL S.518

contact your state senator

EVERY SOUTH CAROLINIAN
DESERVES ACCESS TO FAIR CREDIT!

IT IS TIME TO CAP INTEREST RATES IN SC AT 36%!

Currently there are **no limits** on the rates of interest and fees that Supervised Lenders (auto title and high-cost installment lenders) can charge in South Carolina. Supervised Lenders must simply file the highest rate they want to charge each year with the SC Department of Consumer Affairs. **In 2021, the highest rate filed by a Supervised Lender was 950%** - up from 600% in 2017. In addition, **payday lenders generally charge 395% APR** for their short-term loans.

While these loans are marketed as easy access to quick cash, a triple-digit 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. In addition, high-cost lenders target people on fixed incomes, people of color, and people facing poverty. **Let your senator know that all South Carolinians deserve just lending!**

**CAP INTEREST RATE
BILL S.518**

**We
need
You
to
Serve!**

From The Committee on Nominations

Greetings South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith! Have you seen, have you heard? Well let me tell you! We need You to Survive!

John 13: 34-35 (CEB) says “I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other.”

Our uwfaith.org website reminds us that “We believe Love in Action can change the world”, that’s because “We are a Sisterhood, we must get involved and connect, lift each other up; equip women for leadership; as we inspire, influence, and impact others.”

We have been tasked to care for women, children and youth. In order to fulfill our purpose, our mission and our vision, we need your help. As our 2022-2023 Program Resource Book explains, “We are all part of God’s story.”

The Committee on Nominations met in January and determined we are looking for a few good women to answer the call. Maybe you aren’t available now but want to be considered in the future; perhaps you are ready now or you know some very dynamic people who just need a little nudge to remind them of their intrinsic value to God and this organization-United Women in Faith.

Currently **we have one vacancy on this committee** for the class of 2026. I am sharing a talent card form that you can share at your meetings, with your circles and your gatherings. We need each other to survive. God has commanded us to love one another. You are Love in Action and Together We can change the world. Faith, Hope, Love in Action! That’s who we are.

I am learning my position as I seek answers to your questions, provide job descriptions and training. I need you to survive. Pray for me as I pray also for you. Faith, Hope, Love in Action! You and Me!

In His Service and Yours *Azilee*



Azilee B. Dickey, CON Chair (Cell 803-491-6699 / deejie721@yahoo.com)

I HAVE TALENT!

Tell me how to share it with United Women in Faith

Name: _____

District: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Circle preferred contact: phone or email



*Please return form to a member
of the Committee on Nominations*

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United Methodist Women 150 Necklace and Pendant



The limited edition pendant with chain proudly displays United Methodist Women's years of service 1869 and 2019, and the colorful 150th anniversary logo in soft enamel.

\$50

Proceeds go to the Legacy Fund

To purchase:

www.umwmissionresources.org

First Black President Elected for the Arkansas Conference United Women in Faith



Maybelline Strong, was elected to serve as the first Black president of the United Women in Faith for the Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church. Strong is a native of Little Rock.

In a recent article (www.arumc.org), Strong stated: "As president, I want to help improve the lives of all women, children, and youth. Not just a particular race, gender, or socioeconomic level in Arkansas but also individuals in need locally, nationally, and internationally. We, Sisters of Grace, have a new name, new programs, and a new way to be a part of our organization,"

Photo From: www.arumc.org - Author Day Davis

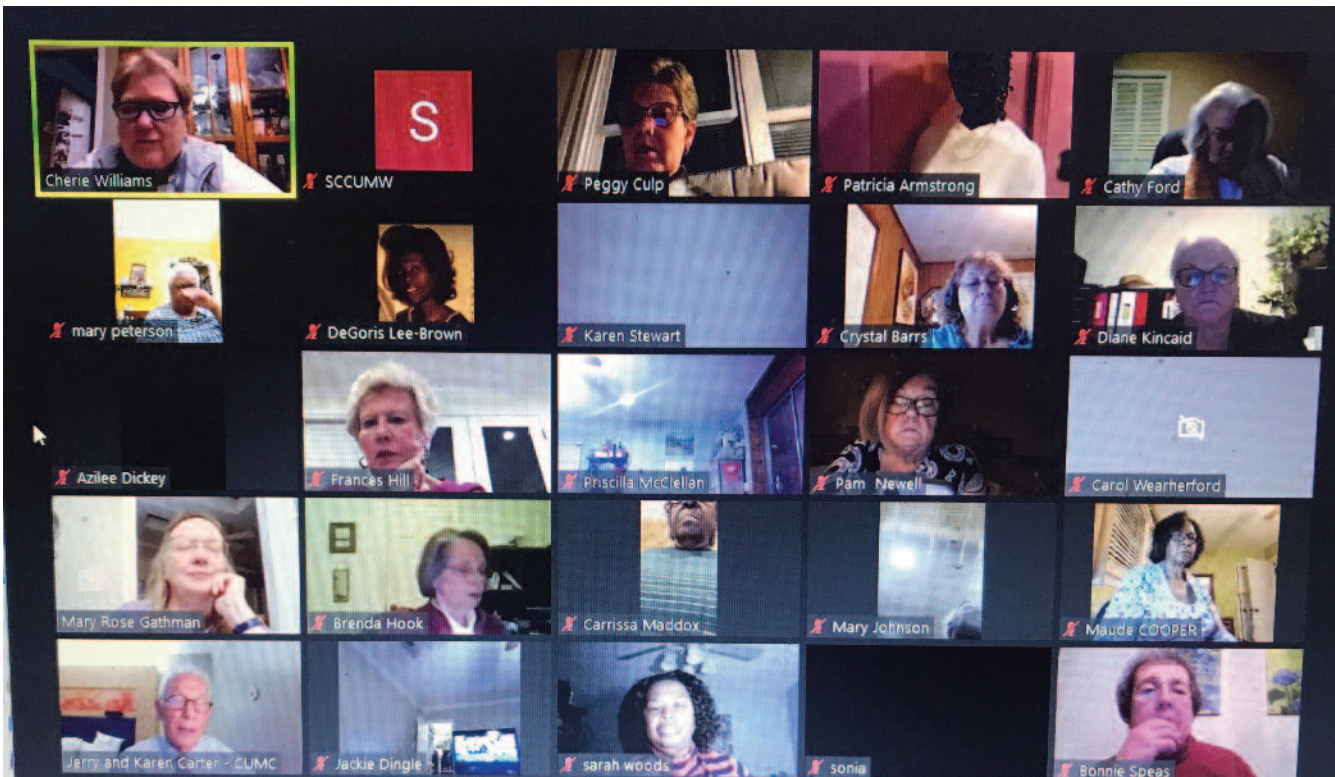
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Pushing Forward Legislative Advocacy Days via Zoom



News from Killingsworth

Submitted By: Jane Scott

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 re-entry into society.

Mark your calendars for our Annual Golf Tournament 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 competed 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 you 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane".

SCCUWF Representative

**ANNUAL GOLF
TOURNAMENT**

SAVE THE DATE

MAY 8, 2023
Windermere Golf Club



KILLINGSWORTH  **RTH**
transforming women

Check-in begins at 8 am

Shotgun starts at 9 am

For more information contact Jane Scott - SCC UWF Killingsworth Representative

Mark Your Calendar!



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

South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith 2023 Calendar of Events

February – Wallace Family Life Center, Special Emphasis Month

February 1 – Social Action Workshop #1/10am – Virtual

February 7– Social Action Workshop #2/7pm - Virtual

February 16 – Social Action Workshop #3/2pm - Virtual

February 25 – Social Action Workshop #4/10am - Virtual

March 1 – Presidential Scholarship Applications due

March 23 – Legacy Fund Day of Giving, 154th year

March 27-30 -Mission Trip, Asheville to Nashville Adventure, North Carolina and Tennessee

April – Columbia Bethlehem Community Center, Special Emphasis month

April 9 – **Easter** – He is Risen!

April 22 - Spiritual Growth Event/10 am/Walterboro District UWF host - Virtual

May 20 – Come Together Be Together/10 am/Columbia District UWF host - Virtual

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

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

July 1 – Limitless Event / 10am-virtual

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

September – Killingsworth Special Emphasis Month

October – Bethlehem Center -Spartanburg, Special Emphasis Month

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

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

December 2 – Limitless Event /10am- virtual

December 25 – Baby Jesus is born.



Education and Interpretation

Beth Addis

As the Education and Interpretation Committee, we decided not to accept any “gently used” items for the Mission u Craft Room, except SCCUWF Reading Program Books. We want the Craft Room to be a place where you can shop for those handmade items that you would find in a premier bazaar. It’s not too early to begin making your jams, jellies, pickles, knitted or crocheted shawls, lap robes, Christmas ornaments, etc. Bagged cookies sell well, too. **Use your imagination!** Remember, all the proceeds benefit the four SCCUWF Mission projects.

On Saturday, **May 6**, the eleven elected members of the Executive Committee, Dean of Mission u, and the District Presidents, will have an opportunity to take part in the Leadership Training Event. This event happens every odd-numbered year. It will be a virtual event lasting from 10 AM-12 noon. The E&I Committee suggested some great speakers who I will be contacting soon. So, put this date on your calendar if you fit into of the categories above.

Remember, that **April is Columbia Bethlehem Community Center Emphasis Month**. Check their website, www.columbiabethlehemcc.org, for their wish list and if you are going to Columbia, why not take them something. Also, they can always use money. Please send your contributions through your local unit treasurer designated for the Columbia Bethlehem Community Center.

My Contact Info: 703 Autumn Oaks • Anderson, SC 29621-2686 • baddis1108@yahoo.com

Ronald McDonald House Columbia
2901 Colonial Drive
Columbia, SC 29203
803-254-3181



Ronald McDonald House Charleston
81 Gadsden St.
Charleston, SC 29401
843-723-7957

(Their website says nothing about collecting pull-tabs, but if you want to call and inquire, it wouldn't hurt)

Ronald McDonald House of Greater Charlotte
1613 E. Morehead St.
Charlotte, NC 29207
704-335-1191

Ronald McDonald House of the Coastal Empire
Savannah, GA
912-350-7641

(I couldn't find an exact address)

Addition: In my December article, I indicated that I couldn't find any mention of pull tabs at the Charleston Ronald McDonald House website. I was sent a link that it takes “pop tabs” at: 81 Gadsden St., Charleston, SC 29401. The phone number is 843-723-7057.

I'm still looking for a drop-off point for pull tabs in the Florence area. If you know of any organization that collects them, please contact me at 864-314-5932 or baddis1108@yahoo.com.

Time is running out to apply

A Scholarship from the United Women in Faith?

That's Right.



United
Women
in Faith

You or someone you know can be the recipients of the 2023 South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith Presidential Scholarship

South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith is offering a scholarship to future leaders of United Women in Faith. As a supportive community, our desire is to financially assist young women with their higher educational needs.

For more information scan the QR code or go to:

<https://www.umcsc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023-Presidential-Scholarship.pdf>



Application must be submitted (postmarked) by March 1, 2023

New Event Coming This Year!! **RACIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ONLINE WORKSHOP**

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

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

Workshop being presented by the South Carolina Conference



**United Women in Faith
Charter for Racial Justice Committee**

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

PRAYER PALS

Growing spiritually is the best way that we can understand our part in God's mission and ministry in our world. Connecting with our other United Methodist Sisters in our conference through prayer and blessings can help us become stronger in our Christian journey. If you are interested in participating in this connection, please contact me or your District Spiritual Growth Coordinator. You will be given your prayer pals information and they will be given yours.

Please send this information to Vickie Harvey

email: vtharvey62@gmail.com or

mail it to 440 Goldmine Road Spartanburg SC 29307



Please fill out the following information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Birthday: _____

Phone: _____

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

Lent begins with a challenge: clear out the mental and spiritual clutter and discover how to live life to the fullest. -Maggi Dawn

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL WEEKENDS

AT LAKE JUNALUSKA

We will celebrate with times of worship, fun, and study. The Weekends are open to women of all ages and will all be held at the beautiful Lambuth Inn.

We are capping the number of attendees to 48 so please sign up quickly.

Register Now

WOMEN AT THE CROSS - MARCH 24-26



Join us during Lent for a spirit-filled weekend exploring the lives of the women who remained at the cross with our Lord through his dreadful last hours on the cross. What can we learn from these brave and faithful women? How can their example strengthen our resolve to remain close to Christ?

LESSONS FROM THE LETTERS - AUGUST 25-27

This weekend of spiritual renewal, fun, and fellowship explores the letters which Jesus wrote to seven actual congregations revealing the path to the abundant life. These lessons are as relevant to us today as they were to believers centuries ago. These letters, found in the opening chapters of the book of Revelation, are a gift of hope and peace as Jesus shows us ways to live our best life.



JOURNEY TO JOY- A NEW LOOK - Nov. 10-12



Jesus said "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

God knows our pain, our relationship challenges, our financial setbacks, and the deep ache in our hearts. God knows that in this world, we will have trouble. But He assures us that we can take heart, for He has overcome the world.

The cost for the weekend is \$345.40 for double occupancy including accommodations for two nights, five meals, and the program fee. This discount is available until February 22. To book, please go online to lakejunaluska.com/joy, call 800.222.4930, or reply to this email.

Click on this link for a peek into the fun, fellowship, and Bible Study from a similar Women's Weekend on Hilton Head Island.

Come join us- lakejunaluska.com/joy or call 800.222.4930

I look forward to seeing you at the Lake! Leigh

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

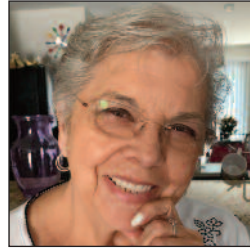
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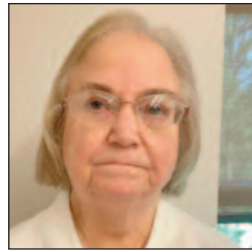
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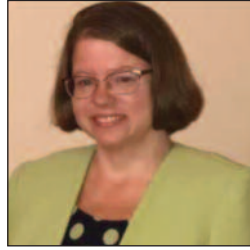
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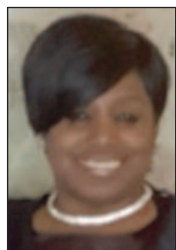
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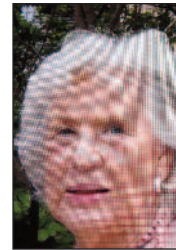
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United
Women
in Faith

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

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

VISION: We are a powerful, fearless force driven by God's love and united in sisterhood. With a focus on women, children and youth, we act for justice and transform communities.

We face the realities we see in the world, even when they are not the ones we would like to see. However, our goal is not to bear witness simply to harms but also to God's love by acting boldly to change those harms.

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

Announcements

MARCH 23
DAY OF
GIVING

Presidential
Scholarship
Deadline
(postmarked by)
March 1st

**Spiritual
Growth**
Event via Zoom
April 22nd

COME TOGETHER
BE TOGETHER
MAY 20TH
VIRTUAL EVENT
10 AM



MISSION TRIP
ASHEVILLE
to
NASHVILLE
MARCH 27-30

We Need You!
VACANCY
Committee on
Nominations
See talent form inside

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

APRIL
SPECIAL EMPHASIS MONTH
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CENTER
COLUMBIA



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