

Gleanings

March 2024

Day Apart Retreat

Brookland United Methodist Church
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West Columbia, SC 29169

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9:00am – 9:30am Morning Devotion

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Church: _____

Would you like to host Day Apart event 2025 or future years? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please give your church and contact information _____

Registration fee is \$15.00 Registration with payment due not later than Monday, Feb 26, 2024

Please send completed registration form with check or money order to our District Treasurer:

Tiffany Phillips 2336 Hardscrabble Rd, Columbia, SC 29223

Report From The President...

Happy New Year!!!! I am excited to spend another year in service and fellowship with our Columbia District United Women in Faith. You ladies are so faithful and dedicated! I am proud to be a part of the Columbia District with each of you.

We have lots of opportunities to serve, learn and fellowship this year. We had a great Local Officer Training at Northeast UMC in January. We fellowshiped and shared information on the duties of each office with our counterparts in the local units. Northeast UMC did an excellent job hosting us and facilitating our meeting. Many thanks to the ladies at Northeast UMC!!! A+ job!

Our annual Day Apart will be on March 2nd at Brookland UMC. This event will have a different look this year as our Spiritual Growth team has planned something special. A "Soul Care Well Care" retreat. Registration has been sent to everyone and I pray you have registered for this special day.

The Legislative Action days are happening during February and the Social Action committee has selected topics of interest to us all and I hope you attended these zoom meetings. The Social Action team keeps us informed of legislation, events and social issues that we need to address as we advocate for our marginalized brothers and sisters. Action is needed by our UWF more than ever as there is much happening that is harmful to all of us.

I hope each of our units celebrated Black History month! There were lots of opportunities around our state to learn about the history of our brothers and sisters. The SC Conference held a book study, "So you want to talk about race" that helps us learn to talk about race issues with each other. I hope many of you attended this important study as we work together to promote racial justice in our very divided country.

My church, Washington Street UMC, had a reading of Martin Luther King's letter that he wrote when he was in jail in Alabama. Very powerful and moving letter. The reading is available on YouTube and I encourage each of you listen to this recording. It can be found on the Washington Street UMC website.

The SC Conference is planning the Spiritual Growth Retreat for 2024. It will be on April 6 and will be virtual. Information about registration will be in the "Mission Echo".

I am attending the SEJ meeting in Chattanooga in April. It promises to be an exciting educational and uplifting event. I hope to see many of you there. I will share information on the meeting in the next edition of the Gleanings for those who could not attend!!!!

I have challenged our Executive team to read 24 books from the Reading Program sponsored by United Women in Faith. I encourage each of you to start reading and learning. The books are sometimes hard to read but give me information that I need to advocate for justice in our world.

There are so many events and opportunities for us this year. I encourage you to attend all the events you can. I am **always** inspired and uplifted by participating in these events. We need you to be there and help us be the hands and feet of Jesus. As **Matthew 5:16** tells us: "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven".

Let your light shine this year as you serve God and our brothers and sisters in Christ.
Blessings to each of you,

Blessings,

Debra Schooler,

President

Columbia District United Women in Faith



Notes from the Vice President

Greetings United Women in Faith!

This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it (Psalm 118:24 NKJV). The Psalmist assures us that **This** day, **This** week, **This** month, **This** year is a new day, a new week, a new month, a new year ordained by God. Therefore, there is no need for us to be distracted by the sinful nature of the world. A new **Day** is coming! God promises Grace, Peace, Comfort and Strength to all His believers and followers to carry out the work He has ordained for each of us.

As United Women in Faith, let us continue to read the Psalms (and other inspirational verses) to help us stay connected with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and be renewed by the joy of His presence. In all situations and circumstances, be happy in the Lord and give Him thanks and praise.

Much appreciation is extended to Columbia District United Women in Faith Executive Team and Local Unit Officers from churches throughout the Columbia District for a wonderful Local Unit Officer Training event held January 13, 2024 at Northeast UMC. Through spiritual formation and interactive workshops, we explored the theme: ***Faith, Hope, Love in Action***. Special thanks are extended to the gracious hospitality of Pastor Antoinette Gabaton-Moss, church administrative staff and members, and to Sylvia Cousin, President of Northeast UWFaith. Continental breakfast, music, spiritual formation, workshop accommodations, facilitators, lunch and fellowship were outstanding! Sixty-one (61) persons attended the event. Evaluations reflected an overall rating of 4.8/5 – Awesome!! Together, we make a dynamic team!

During the month of February, I hope local units observed Black History Month and planned a program that incorporated the 2024 theme: *African Americans and the Arts*. There is much to learn, and much history to share.



Several ladies from Columbia District attended Legislative Advocacy Days workshops: February 8th: *Climate Justice*; February 15th: *Fair Lending*; February 24th: *Keeping Our Kids in School*. Workshops were facilitated by SCCUWFaith Social Action Coordinator, Patricia Armstrong, a member of Columbia District UWFaith. Please plan to share information with your local units.

I represented CDUWFaith as Denominational Coordinator for UMC at Church Women United January 3, 2024 Executive Board meeting and presented highlights of happenings in the SC Conference UMC. Bethel UMC hosted Church Women United Bible Study Friday, February 2, 2024 with Rev. Angela Ford Nelson as guest speaker. She was dynamic, and several UWFaith members were in attendance dressed in red to commemorate Heart Health month.

See flyer in this edition of *Gleanings* re: CWU Annual Meeting and Luncheon.

We are gearing up for Day-Apart Retreat scheduled for March 2, 2024 at Brookland UMC. The theme is *Soul Care Well Care*. This event promises to be **LIFE** Changing! See details in this edition of *Gleanings*.

Francis Burns UWFaith and I. D. Newman UWFaith organizations invite everyone to their Women's Day Weekend Celebration March 16 and 17, 2024. See flyers in this edition of *Gleanings* for more details.

In Gratitude,

Carrie R. Murray

Vice President

Columbia District United Women in Faith



Secretary's Desk

The Columbia District United Women in Faith Executive Committee met January 13, 2024. The meeting was called to order by President Debra Schooler. She welcomed everyone and thanked Northeast United Methodist Church for hosting our Local Unit Officer Training event and serving a delicious meal.

In attendance were Debra Schooler, Carrie Murray, Diann Selph, Tiffany Phillips, Rhonda Washington, Sharee Washington, Sandra Love, Lexie Chatham, Stella Chisholm, Heidi Ankeny, Pat Hoesly, Vilma Cobb, Vikki Hill, Flo Johnson, Becky Travis, and Linda Kennedy.

Members absent: Betty Void, Faye Love, and Vanessa Key.

Devotion and Prayer were given by Sandra Love. The scriptural focus was Psalms 119:72: *“The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold.”*

The minutes appeared in the December 2023 Gleanings. It was moved by Vilma Cobb to accept the minutes as written. The motion was carried and so ordered.

Business: President Schooler welcomed the new officers for 2024.

Reports were given by the following officers:

President Debra Schooler

I attended the Conference officer training in November, hosted by the Columbia District at Trenholm Road UMC. I learned a lot and the district officers had an opportunity to talk and learn from their counterparts on the Conference level.

We had our last executive meeting of the year in October and planned our local officer training for January 13. We also reviewed our standing rules and had reports from all our officers.

Our annual Local Unit Officer Training was held at Northeast UMC in January. The event was well attended, and Northeast UMC did a fantastic job of hosting us. The reviews were excellent, and I think everyone learned a lot.

After the training, we had a delicious lunch, prepared by Mary Mason and her team, while we had our first executive meeting of 2024. Our new officers were in attendance and are ready to get to work for 2024. We are excited that we have a full slate of officers for 2024.

We planned our day apart for March 2 at Brookland UMC and our theme will be “Soul Care.” Sandra and her team are working hard to prepare for the event, and I am sure everyone who attends will feel refreshed and relaxed.

Our next executive meeting will be April 16 at Francis Burns UMC.

Vice-President Carrie Murray

I attended Church Women United Assembly November 4, 2023 at Mt. Olive AME Church, Sumter, SC. Mira J. Washington, National President, was the keynote speaker via Zoom.

The Killingsworth Gala was held November 9, 2023 at Seawell's Restaurant. Executive Director, Susan Sirmons and Board Chair, Azilee Dickey pulled out all the stops to make this an awesome event. I felt privileged to be a part of such an awesome event.

District Officer Training was held November 11, 2023 at Trenholm Road UMC. Kathy Roys, Vice President SCCUW Faith led the Vice Presidents session at which time she shared a wealth of ideas and materials that were valuable to planning and leading District Annual Meetings and Officer Training Events. We were encouraged to plan and participate in Social Justice activities to include *So You Want to Talk About Race* virtual book discussions.

Lay Servant Training, held November 17, 2023 at Trinity UMC, Blythewood, was phenomenal. Discovering my spiritual gifts helped set the tone for everything I do in my life as a Certified Lay Servant.

With the help of the executive team at my local church, (FBUMC), we were able to sponsor a Local Unit Christmas Social / Awards and Recognition Event held Sunday, December 17, 2023, at 2:00PM. It was a fun time to recognize the mission work we accomplished in 2023 and enjoy the spirit of the holiday season.

Thanks to the help and support of the Columbia District Executive Team and Local Unit Officers, we were able to partner with Northeast UMC to host our Local Unit Officer Training Event held January 13, 2024. I count it joy to have been able to work with Sylvia Cousin and the women and men at Northeast for their gracious hospitality and for setting up such comfortable meeting spaces. Kudos to Mary Mason and her team for providing a delicious continental breakfast and luncheon for the District Officer meeting that followed the training event.

We are now gearing up for our March 2, 2024 *Soul Care Day-Apart* Retreat, spearheaded by Spiritual Growth Coordinator, Sandra Love.

To God Be the Glory!

Treasurer Tiffany Phillips

Remittance Received/Sent (12/2022-11/2023): \$ 74,846.24.

Pledge: \$43,860.19

SMR Special Mission Recognition: \$1,160.00

Gift to Missions: \$685.00

Gift in Memory: \$715.00

World Thank Offering: \$ 3,471.03

Pledge to Missions Total: \$ 49,891.22

Spartanburg BETHLEHEM CENTER: \$3,652.00

Conference Love Offering: \$205.00

Killingsworth: \$6,647.52

Call to Prayer and Self Denial: \$1,429.00

Columbia BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CENTER: \$4,009.00

Wallace Family Life: \$5,598.50

Legacy Fund: \$20.00

Brighter Future for Children and Youth: \$80.00

UMCOR:50.00

Jacksonville Mississippi Clean Water Project: 2,919.00

District Love Offering: 205.00

Deaconess/ Home Missionary: \$30.00

Scarritt-Bennett: \$30.00

Expenses: (December 2023)

Gleaning Printing: 413.43
 Gleaning Mailing: \$84.40

***Bank Account Balance: \$25,088.64**

1st Quarter Remittance Received after 12/11/2023: \$10,774.50.
 Pledge: \$4,482.50
 Gift to Missions: \$110.00
 World Thank Offering: \$404.00
(Pledge to Missions Total: \$4,996.50)

Spartanburg BETHLEHEM CENTER: \$2,110.00
 District Love Offering: \$50.00
 Killingsworth: \$2,255.00
 Call to Prayer and Self Denial: \$208.00
 Columbia BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CENTER: \$155.00
 Wallace Family Life: \$1,000.00

Communications Coordinator Sharee Washington

March Gleanings reports and articles due **Feb 12.**

If you are not receiving the newsletter via MailChimp and you've signed up, please check your spam folder. The newsletter is usually sent out at the end of the previous month and no later than the 5th of the next month, i.e., Feb 28-March 5 for the March Gleanings. If you need to be added, a link is at the bottom of the Secretary report in each issue of Gleanings or email Sharee Washington at shareewash@gmail.com or shareewash@hotmail.com.

Spiritual Growth Coordinator Sandra Love

The Spiritual Growth training class had three vibrant ladies in attendance. The following items were discussed:

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Prayer Pal

Plan Day Apart Retreat for District and/or Local Unit.

Host church: Brookland UMC West Columbia

Theme: Soul Care (???)

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Social Action Lexie Chatham

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To start 2024 off right in our circles, I shared some articles pertaining to Social Justice with the individual church coordinators in the Columbia District. The Social Justice Litany entitled "Unity in Christ" was used at the 2023 UWFaith Annual Meeting to pray blessings over all peoples. "The Gloves" is a Charter for Racial Justice skit that points out how we are alike on the inside.

Finally, "Doxology for Humanity" is a hymn based on the traditional Doxology. It describes the difficulties the world faces and thanks God for the strengths we are given to overcome these problems.

DOXOLOGY FOR HUMANITY

Praise life that makes us change and grow
 Praise love that makes compassion flow
 Praise peace that ends all strife and fear
 Praise hands that work for justice here

Praise ears that hear the children's cries
 Praise truth that counters cruel lies
 Praise hearts that value human worth
 Praise lives that build a better earth

Praise eyes that see all human need
 Praise minds that cast out selfish greed
 Praise lips that challenge those in power
 Praise those who struggle every hour

Praise faith that keeps us ever strong
 Praise hope that triumphs over wrong
 Praise dreams that make our spirits rise
 Praise voices raised in joyful cries

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Music: either Old Hundredth: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" or the Tallis Canon.

Membership, Nurture & Outreach – Heidi Ankeny

I am the new MN&O Coordinator, Heidi Ankeny, and I attended the training for the MNO officers with Connie Branham, and we are working together to make the transition smooth for me.

I will be working on the census and the WOY going forward, and I will keep the executive committee updated on my progress.

Education & Interpretation Rhonda Washington

February - Wallace Family Life Center Special Emphasis Month

Program Resources Stella Chisholm

We are leading from the top!!! Secretary, of Program Resources challenged all the members of the Executive Board to complete Plan 2 of the reading program. The President issued a challenge for the team to complete Plan 4.

The Secretary of Program Resources will be calling on members to spotlight a book they are reading for publication in the *Gleanings*.

Committee on Nominations Vilma Cobb

Carole R. Eubanks has resigned as Cluster Leader (2). Vanessa Key accepted the position as Cluster Leader (2) and Stella Chisholm accepted the position of Secretary, Program Resources. Tenure forms will be distributed at the next executive meeting.

Upcoming positions for 2025: President, Vice President, Secretary, Education & Interpretation Coordinator, Communication, Historian and three members for the Committee on Nominations.

Historian Pat Hoesly

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

Cluster reports were received from the following leaders:

Cluster 1: Vikki Hill, **Cluster 3:** Becky Travis, **Cluster 5:** Flo Johnson and **Cluster 6:** Linda Kennedy.

Dismissal prayer was given by Sandra Love.

Diann Selph

Columbia District Secretary
selphdiann@yahoo.com



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

Rhonda Washington/Sharee Washington
Communication Chairs

A Note From Our Treasurer:

Thank you for your generosity and support through your quarterly remittances to all our United Women in Faith missions, locally, nationally, and globally.

2nd Quarter Reporting Period 03/01/2024- 05/31/2024.

2nd Quarter Report due before 06/05/2024

(Money Received After 06/05/2024 will be sent in 3rd Quarter)

3rd Quarter Remittances reporting period 06/01/2024-08/31/2024 due by 09/05/2024.

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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

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Washington Street UMC has started a new worship experience for everyone, especially people living with dementia, autism and other challenges. The "WELL" stands for Worship-Encouragement-Laughter and Love. It is a uniquely designed 30 minute worship service that is filled with hymns, an interactive Jesus story and communion. You can join this welcoming inclusion on the third Thursday of each month at 11:00am. Facebook Link for more information:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/szct5r121ymSkaLH/?mibextid=I6gGtw>

There's a special project in the works for Spartanburg's Bethlehem Center. There's a short explanation of a special project at 23:50 and runs for a couple of minutes.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/ZKLaCZZjqixA19hf/?mibextid=UVffzb>

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Sincerely,

Lexie Chatham

Social Action Coordinator

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Columbia District Social Action Coordinator

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Sandra Love

Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Program Resources Report

HOPE EVERYONE IS READING (or LISTENING)!!!

Looking for books, the libraries are full of the books on the reading list....

You can check the books out of the library in person

Download HOOPLA or LIBBY (library apps) at Richland Library .com or Lexington

You can borrow a wide range of ebooks, eAudiobooks and films.

The library will provide a set of books for book clubs

YouTube have read aloud children's book

Plan 1 is so easy.....

- * Regular reading of Response Magazine (1 credit in Nurturing for Community)
- * Listen to 2 episodes of Voices from the Field, podcast(1 credit for Education for Mission)
- * Listen to 2 episodes of Faith Talk podcast (1 credit in Spiritual Growth)
- * Select a book in the Leadership category (or movie)
- * Select a book in the Social Action category (or movie)

So so easy.... We can do this!!!

Last year we had 66 readers..... The goal for 2024 is 80 readers and 2 new churches participating.

SPOTLIGHTS Who's Reading

Leila Williams (Francis Burns) listened to **Blue: A History Of The Color As Deep As The Sea And As Wide As The Sky** on Youtube." A good story about how the color blue was made, a lot of work for a drop." * 2024 Education For Mission category

Debra Schooler (Washington Street) I am reading "**The House That Love Built: Why I Opened My Door to Immigrants and How We Found Hope Beyond A Broken System**", This book lets us know what it means to love our neighbor. This book shines the light on the immigration crisis and how it is a broken system. The author, Sarah Jackson Zondervan, and her work with the Casa de Paz, helps show us the Christian tradition of hospitality and loving our neighbors. * 2024 Education For Mission category

Tiffany Phillips (Rehoboth) "I just listened to my first book on You tube Social Action 2024 Reading list. "**You Have A Voice**". "It is a very good children's book about racism." * 2024 Social Action category

Carrie Murray (Francis Burns) In *The Land Is Not Empty*, author Sarah Augustine, a Pueblo woman, unpacks the harm of the Doctrine of Discovery that legally dictates that the **European settlers had the right to own all lands**.

Through personal reflections, well-researched data, and her own experiences working alongside marginalized Indigenous populations, Sarah Augustine provides concrete evidence that shows the real impact that the Doctrine of Discover had and continues to have on the environment and some of the most vulnerable communities throughout the world. Most of her focus is based on her time spent in Suriname, a country in South America. For a white audience, this read may be a bit uncomfortable. As a Black woman, I found it most refreshing to read the TRUTH, and be more motivated to help my underprivileged sisters and brothers.

Carrie R. Murray

*Nurturing For Community 2023 Reading list

Stella Chisholm (Francis Burns) I read **Carved In Ebony: Lessons From The Black Women Who Shape Us...** This book tells the story about 10 black women who used their voices, the gospel and their faith to make a difference for many.

The women are unsung heroes, who made a great impact all around the world. " This book was interesting to me, because I had never heard about some of the women mention in the book , which sparked an interest to do further research on them and the causes they took on. The women exemplified the mission of UMW, United Women in Faith, by turning faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children and people around the world between the 18th and 20th centuries.

* 2024 Leadership Development category

Come aboard and read with us!!!

Stella J. Chisholm

Secretary, Program Resources

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Education and Interpretation Report

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PO Box 56 Wallace, SC 29596
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Greetings All,

On May 6, 2023 Wallace Family Life Center received a freezer as a donation from Ebenezer UMC Outreach Ministry – Rev. Marvin Kern is the Pastor. Our Summer Camp began on May 12, 2023 with 15 children in attendance. Linda Honeycutt from Philadelphia UMC in Fort Mille, SC visited the center to deliver school supplies from her United Women in Faith unit. On August 4, 2023 former Board of Directors Chairman Katie Harrington and Interim Director Linda Sanders prepared back to school supplies for students in the Wallace area. On August 7, 2023 50 bookbags were given out.

Wallace Family Life Center has partnered with other organizations such as Wallace Elementary School Parent Educator Takeshia Harrington for Title I Parent Workshop; Marlboro County Coalition for Family Enrichment; Marlboro County First Step; Palmetto Goodwill and Bennettsville/Cheraw Area Cooperative Ministry.

The center has added two new programs, Line dancing with 20 ladies and one gentleman participating every Wednesday since October 2023, and an exercise class that meets on Thursdays with 10 ladies participating. We continue to have the Adult Education class on Wednesday from 9:00am-12:00 noon and serve a hot lunch to the participants. The after-school program meets Mondays-Thursdays. The minibus is transporting these participants to the center and back home for these programs.

This year marks 45 years Wallace Family Life Center has served the Wallace community. Plans are underway for a celebration in September of 2024 with the Bishop joining us for this celebration. More details will follow in the coming months. We are excited to celebrate this 45th Anniversary with the community and dear friends that have supported our efforts at the center. We look forward to having continued support from United Women of Faith units across the state. We are struggling at the present moment with not having enough funds to operate programs and pay staff. But God is in control, and He will have the last say. To God be The Glory that Wallace Family Life Center will be around for very long time.

Linda Sanders
Interim Director

Columbia Bethlehem Community Center Report February 10, 2024

Columbia Bethlehem Community Center (CBCC) continues to be a viable organization located in the large suburban community. CBCC partners with E. E. Taylor Elementary School, a Richland District One school that serves 100% economically disadvantaged students.

Most recently, CBCC:

- Sponsored an Angel Tree and were able to serve over 50 families and give out over 100 gifts to children and their families.
- Welcomed volunteers from Francis Burns UWFaith who donated gifts and gift cards and assisted with setting up for the Christmas social.
- Hopes to start “Bags of Love” initiative to provide food bags for students over the weekend. They are still in the negotiation process with E.E. Taylor Elementary School.
- Recently visited Rehoboth United Women in Faith (Columbia). Kara Simmons and Monya Terry shared updates on the work of CBCC and received a donation to help the organization continue the work it does in the community.
- Has rescheduled the Film Camp for spring break.

Attached is the CBCC Calendar of Events

For more information email Kara Simmons, cbccexecutive@umcsc.org

Carrie R. Murray
Representative
SCCUWFaith

Rhonda Washington

Columbia District E & I Coordinator

CBCCC

COLUMBIA
BETHLEHEM
COMMUNITY
CENTER

A link to a better community

WISH LIST

- + Cleaning Products
- + Paper Products
- + Gifts Cards (\$5)
- + Bottled Water
- + Puzzles

Open House 2024

Monthly Columbia Bethlehem Community Center opens its doors to the community. Each themed event is carefully planned and thought-out providing a safe, welcoming and enjoyable space for our community. ALL ages are welcomed, we encourage participants to make it a family day.

Details below, we hope to see you there!

FOOD WILL BE SERVED



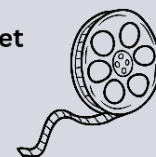
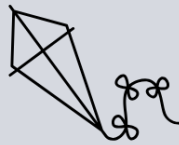
Friendship Day
Saturday, February 17th
12pm-4pm

Kites at the Star
Saturday, March 9th
12pm-4pm

**Sow & Grow
Flower Planting**
Saturday, April 13th
12pm-4pm

Mommies Day & Movies
Saturday, May 11th
12pm-4pm

A: 308 McRae Street



Kara Simmons, Executive Director
Bonnie Watson, CBCC Coordinator
Monya Terry, Board Chair

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Columbia District Women in Faith is searching for volunteers for new leadership positions roles for the new year 2024. if you are interested contact Vilma Cobb or Stella Chisholm.

RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Conference		Date	
District			

I recommend:

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

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

Position(s) I would recommend this person for:

Signed:	Phone:
Mailing address or e-mail:	



Please return to: _____

Membership, Nurture and Outreach Report

Greetings Sisters in Christ,

Let me introduce myself, I am Heidi Ankeny and I attend Washington Street United Methodist Church. I was elected as Membership, Nurture and Outreach Coordinator for Columbia District, and I humbly accepted the position.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Ankeny, MNO Coordinator

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2024 WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Honoree's Name _____

Honoree's Telephone # _____

Honoree's Email Address _____

Local Unit Name _____

Information Submitted By _____

Telephone # _____

Email Address _____

Has the Honoree been notified she has been selected? _____

Please email this information to:

hanken60@hotmail.com

Deadline for submitting this information is: August 15, 2024

CLUSTER REPORTS

I DeQuincey Newman United Women in Faith

Presents the Annual

WOMEN'S DAY/WOMEN IN THE PULPIT SUNDAY Celebration



Sunday

MARCH

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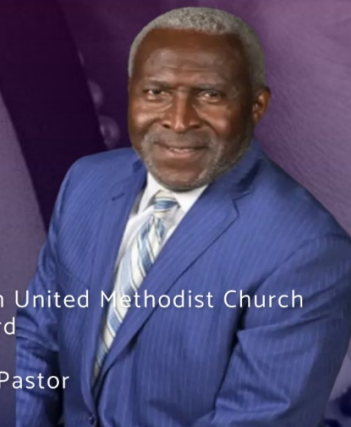
2024

10:00AM

Food, Faith and Fellowship
*As We Celebrate Women
Who Advocate for*
**EQUITY, DIVERSITY, and
INCLUSION**

Featured Guest Speaker

**JANELLE S.
MITCHELL**



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

Annual Women's Weekend Celebration

**Sponsored by
Status and Role of Women and United Women in Faith**

Theme:

Faith, Action, Sisterhood: The Courage to Be You

Saturday, March 16, 2024

11:00AM - 12:30PM

12:30PM - 1:30PM

Panel Discussion and Potluck Dinner

Panelists: Women Leaders in the Local Church

**Topic: *How Women Can Still Lead in the Church
While Managing Home, Work, Family and
Relationships***



**Guest Panelist:
Senator Tameika Isaac Devine**

RSVP to: Dana Tucker by March 7, 2024. Phone: 803-730-3676 or Email: dana_tucker@yahoo.com

Sunday, March 17, 2024

9:00AM

Worship Service

Guest Speaker: Candace Doby



**Candace Doby
Professional Speaker, Author,
Coach, Wife, Mom and Product
of Francis Burns UMC**

**All ladies are asked to wear a white outfit and a
purple corsage.**

**All ladies are asked to contribute \$100 to support
mission sites that advocate for women, children
and youth.**

Make checks payable to FB UWFaith.

For more information, contact Carrie Murray.

Phone: 803-754-1895

Email: cmrmurra@bellsouth.net

**Francis Burns United Methodist Church
5616 Farrow Road Columbia, SC 29203
803-754-1760
Rev. Geneva Stafford, Pastor**

DON'T MISS IT

LAST DATE TO REGISTER

MARCH 19, 2024



EVENT:

Let's Get Together for the Southeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial meeting! Have you registered yet? If not, you still have time.. **Deadline is March 19th.**

Go to:

WWW.SEJUWF.ORG



2024 Church Women United Calendar

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

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

**2024 South Carolina Conference
United Women in Faith Calendar of Events
MARCH**

<i>Mission Echo published</i>			
Saturday – 2	9:30 am	Mission u Committee	Virtual
	1:00 pm	Finance Committee	Virtual
Saturday – 9	10:00 am	Program Committee	Virtual, Rock Hill District
Saturday – 16	10: 00 am	Committee on Nominations	Virtual
Saturday – 23	All Day	Legacy Fund Day of Giving-155 th Year	

APRIL

<i>Columbia Bethlehem Community Center Special Emphasis Month</i>			
Saturday – 6	10:00 am	Spiritual Growth Event	Virtual, Anderson District host
Saturday – 13	9:30 am	Scholarship Committee	Virtual
Friday 19-Sunday 21		SEJ Quadrennial Meeting	Chattanooga, Tn.
April 23-May 3		UM General Conference	Charlotte, North Carolina

MAY

Saturday – 18	9:30 am	Come Together Be Together	Virtual, Florence District host
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JUNE

<i>Mission Echo published</i>			
Sunday, 9 th – Wednesday, 12 th		SC UMC Annual Conference	Greenville, SC
Saturday – 22	10:00 am	Charter for Racial + Environmental Justice Event	Virtual

JULY

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

2024 South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith Calendar of Events

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

Killingsworth Special Emphasis Month

Mission Echo published

Various	Various	District Annual Meetings	Virtual & In Person
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OCTOBER

Bethlehem Center – Spartanburg Special Emphasis Month

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

NOVEMBER

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

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Saturday – 7	10:00 am	Limitless Event	In-Person
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Faith
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Red Bank
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Fairlawn
First
Greenbrier
Gordon Memorial

Columbia District



Calendar of Events 2024



Happy New Year!

January 1

January 13

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

February:

Wallace Family Life Center Special Emphasis Month

March 2

Columbia District Day-Apart Retreat Host: Brookland UMC

March 31

Easter - Christ Is Risen Today!

April:

Columbia Bethlehem Community Center Special Emphasis Month

April 16

Columbia District Executive Committee Meeting Host: Francis Burns UMC

June 18

Columbia District Executive Committee Meeting Host: Washington Street UMC

September:

Killingsworth Home Special Emphasis Month

September 21

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

October:

Bethlehem Community Center Spartanburg Special Emphasis Month

October 15

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

November 9

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

December 25

Merry Christmas!





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