# Anderson District United Women in Faith Network News March 2024



March 23 Anderson District Day Apart 10:30 Pendleton Library

April 6 SCCUWF Spiritual Growth Retreat Virtual Anderson Dist Host

April 19-21 SEJ Chattanooga TN

May 18 Come Together Be Together Virtual Florence Dist Host

September 14 52nd Annual Meeting - host church - Easley First



United
Women
in Faith

# Truly, a day apart!

As Spiritual Growth Leader for Anderson District, I am very pleased to announce our annual Day Apart this year. This year our focus is to give ourselves a more relaxing morning. And since we are meeting a little later, we are having brunch-style refreshments that frees us from having to fix breakfast or lunch, and lets us enjoy it with our sisters in faith.

And mostly, we want time to focus on Jesus and His words of spiritual gifts. Rev. Bernetha Orr, minister of Robinson Chapel of Liberty and New Harmony of Seneca will bring us the message. Rev Orr will also serve communion.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone and I believe we will have a God-filled morning!

Donna Hopkins, Spiritual Growth Leader 864 915-5872

# Anderson District United Women in Faith



March 23, 2024

Registration and refreshments 10:30 a.m. Meeting: 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Pendleton Library 650 S. Mechanic Street, Pendleton, SC

Theme - Spiritual Gifts

The Love Offering will go to the Legacy Fund. Checks can be made out to **United Women in Faith**. Write "Legacy" on memo line.



Lynn Friedman

### A Note from Your President...

Anderson District United Methodist Women has gotten 2024 off to a great start with a very productive, though sparsely attended, officer's training on January 20. As you might remember, this was the coldest day of this winter with morning temps hovering around 20 degrees. I think those of us in attendance feel like we learned a lot about the duties and responsibilities of all the officers and how they all work together to form a team. We were beautifully hosted by Bethesda UMC and we appreciate their gracious Southern hospitality!

On March 23, we will celebrate our Annual District Day Apart at the Pendleton Library. This promises to be a fun event for all of us and we hope you will be able to join us. Look further in this newsletter for full details about the meeting.

On April 6, Anderson District will be the virtual host for the SCCUWFaith Spiritual Growth Retreat. This event will be conducted via Zoom and, since we are the host district, we hope to be well represented! Further along in this newsletter you will find lots more information about this meeting as well as a link to register for attendance. Our speaker for the day will be Minister Durecelle "Dee" Henderson, Lay Speaker at New Harmony UMC in Seneca. In her own words, Minister Henderson "loves God, loves people and loves his Word." We look forward to hearing her words of inspiration!

We hope you all took some time to participate in the Legislative Advocacy Days presentations held in February. If you missed them, they were all recorded and will soon be available for preview on the website - www.umcsc.org/women

By the time you get this newsletter, the online book study of "So You Want to Talk About Race" will be almost done. The last session will be held March 9 at 1:00. You must be registered to receive the Zoom link.

Clarice Blakeney, our SCCUWFaith President, states that there is an urgent need to recruit more attendees for the upcoming Southeast Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting to be held in Chattanooga, TN on April 19-20, 2024. Registration closes on March 19. Scholarships may be available for African Americans. If you are interested and able to attend, please register!

We are so grateful for all of you who have been faithful to United Women in Faith and its mission for many years. Though lots of changes are taking place for many different reasons, we hope that you will continue that faithfulness as we as we remain "a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

To God Be the Glory!



**UNIT NAME** 



# Annual Reporting Guide for 2024

Please complete for the timeframe noted below. Mail to:
President Lynn Friedman
Email to: lynnf113@msn.com or
Mail to: 628 Pointe Wildwood Dr., Seneca, SC 29678
Mail no later than September 1, 2024

## LOCAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE 2023 ANNUAL MEETING ◆ For the period from September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024 ◆

PRESIDENT

Number of members in local organization:     Total number of members giving \$5 a year for Wallace Family Life Center:							
Number of deceased members:  Send a list of names to Spiritual Growth: Donna Hopkins, marcell405@bellsouth.com, 405 St Paul Rd, Easley, SC 29642, text/phone 864-915-5872							
Did your unit complete the UWFaith 2023 Census? How many members?							
2. CONTRIBUTIONS (enter amounts to the left of categories and total each column):							
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3. PARTICIPATION (Since September 1, 2023): Anderson District Events (# of persons from your unit attending each event):							
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District Office	rs Train 1/2024 online & virtual		Other Unit Mission Events (list on back)				
	th Events (# of persons from your unit	atte					
Annual Meeting 10/20-21/2023			Spiritual Growth Event 4/2024 Virtual				
Conf Officers Training 11/2023			Come Together Be Together 5/2024 Virtual				
Killingsworth Gala 11/2023			Mission u 7/2024 online & in person				
Soc Act/Legislative Adv Virtual Workshop 2/8/24			Other SC	Mission Events (list on back)			
Soc Act/Legislative Adv Virtual Workshop 2/15/24							
Soc Act/Legis	lative Adv Virtual Workshop 2/24/24						
4. MISSION EDUCATION ● SOCIAL JUSTICE ● MISSION TODAY:  Reading Program: Number of participants:   Carol Weatherford, dweather104@aol.com, 104 Terrace Dr., Seneca, SC 29672, text/call 864-247-5364							
# Subscriptions to Response: Was Prog Book used? Was Prayer Calendar used?							
<u>Charter for Racial Justice:</u> Are you a Diamond Unit? Y/N ➤ Social Action Coord vacant; Send report to VP Bonnie Surface, bonniesurface@yahoo.com, 409 Frontage Rd, Clemson, SC 29631							
Are you a Mission Today Unit? Y/N   → Education & Interpretation Coord vacant; Send completed form to VP Bonnie Surface, bonniesurface@yahoo.com, 409 Frontage Rd, Clemson, SC 29631							
5. IN WHAT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT IS YOU UNIT LOCATED?  Does you Unit support the Campaign for Children? Y/N  OTHER: List any additional projects / activities on back or attach another page.							

Register for the SC Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting in Chattanooga by March 19, 2024

DON'T MISS IT

# LAST DATE TO REGISTER

**MARCH 19, 2024** 



# A Word from Bonnie Surface, Vice President of Anderson District United Women in Faith

On an extremely cold and dreary January 20, 2024, Anderson District UWFaith gathered at Bethesda UMC for their annual officer's training. Although the attendance was small, we enjoyed wonderful hospitality, with beautiful winter decorations and yummy refreshments provided by our sisters at Bethesda UMC.

Officers and Mission Coordinators presented interesting reports that generated a lot of discussion. Everyone there agreed that we all learned something that day.

Currently, we are still looking for positions for: Communications Coordinator, Education and Interpretation Coordinator, Social Action Mission Coordinator, Chair of the Nominating Committee, Historian, and one Cluster Leader. Please consider prayerfully your call to one of these openings for the UWFaith Anderson District. Please contact Lynn Friedman or me if you are willing to serve.

First Easley UMC has graciously offered to host the Anderson District Annual Meeting on September 14, 2024. This is always a wonderful time to connect with many UWFaith members from several churches. More information will be coming about this event but be sure to mark the date on your calendars now.

Wishing you all a happy spring and a blessed Easter! Bonnie Surface

# Anderson District UWFaith Officer's Training at Bethesda UMC





# For Anderson District Unit Secretaries that are new, here is an easy tip about names, positions and when to use them:

Remember that your minutes can last for many years, so it must be clear to future readers who's who. When writing minutes, the first time you use a name with a position, put the position either before or after the name, i.e., *Jane Smith, Membership Nurture and Outreach Mission Coordinator*. After that, if Jane Smith's name comes up again in the meeting, just use her name, not her position. Do that with all the people with positions each time you take minutes.

Titles are another matter: always use their title, i.e., Dr., Rev., Professor, President, etc.

Mary Rose Gathman, Secretary





# United Women in Faith



Just a quick reminder that the 1st Quarter Remittance <Dec 1 to Feb 28> is due by March 5th. Thank you for your continued focus on women, children and youth in your communities. Anderson District United Women in Faith is helping to change the world.



Eileen Blowers: Treasurer

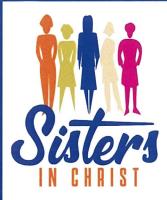
289 Roy F Jones Hwy, Sunset SC 29685

864-506-2981 etblowers@gmail.com

# UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

# United Women in Faith REMITTANCE FORM FOR ALL TREASURERS Thank you for giving

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# From Elaine Jones, Membership Nurture and Outreach Mission Coordinator

## 2024 Census Coming up!

March Mission Echo will have information about the South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith 2024 census. The census report is the number of members in your unit. It is important that the state has an accurate count of members. The state then sends this report to the National United Women in Faith.

## Come Together, Be Together

Saturday May 18, 2024, via Zoom
Theme "God is the Sower of Love and Mercy"
Host: Florence District UWFaith

As Membership Nurture and Outreach Mission Coordinator, I am available to come to your circle meeting or any event your unit is sponsoring! Please contact me.

Elaine Jones

Email: georgiajones19678@gmail.com

Phone: 864-979-6821

# Mar 10, 2024 - Daylight Saving Time Starts

When local standard time is about to reach Sunday, March 10, 2024, **2:00:00** am clocks are turned **forward** 1 hour.



# **Educational Resources: Reading Program**

Carol G. Weatherford

Do you enjoy learning new things? Do you like to be challenged to think about things in new ways? Do you like to be soothed into relaxation and sleep? If you answered any one or more of these questions with "yes," there are books, movies, podcasts, and voices from the field that will interest you.

The fewest reading program requirements are for Plan 1. To complete Plan 1, choose just one book from each of five categories (Spiritual Growth, Education for Mission, Social Action, Nurture for Community, and Leadership Development). In addition to traditional books these can also be a Faith Talk, movie, or Voices from the Field to read, listen to, or view. Just keep a record on the Reading Program Form and turn the form in to me by August 31<sup>st</sup>.

In Plan 2, choose 2 books per category to read. Everything else is the same as for Plan 1.

In Plan 3, after completing the requirements for Plan 2, the next 5 books may be from any category. You will complete a total of 15 books in this plan. Everything else is the same.

In Plan 4, after completing Plan 3, complete 5 additional books for a total of 20. These 5 books may also come from any category.

Be sure to turn in your completed form by August 31, 2024 to:

Carol Weatherford 104 Terrace Drive Seneca, South Carolina 29672

Don't forget to check out bonus books! They count as 2 each. And remember that children's and youth books are also valid choices. Many of the books are available free from your local library and from the South Carolina State Library. Some books are also part of Kindle Unlimited.

One book I am currently reading and recommend is "What Can I Do? My Path from Climate Despair to Action" by Jane Fonda. In it Fonda clearly explains The Green New Deal, and many environmental issues surrounding climate change. As you might guess from the title, she also suggests concrete ways we might advocate for a healthier planet.

For more information go to the United Women of Faith website and click on *Reading Program*. If you have any questions, please contact me. If you would like me to talk to your unit about the reading program, please ask.

# UWFaith Program Resources 2024 \$5 Add-on digital option Dear Member,

Thank you for your order of the 2024 Program Resource: Food, Faith, and Fellowship.

We are pleased to offer you the opportunity to enrich your experience of the 2024 Program Resource by taking advantage of the special **\$5 add-on** rate to add the digital Program Resource.

With the special **add-on rate of \$5** to your paid purchase of the print Program Resource, you can receive the digital Program Resource. This includes access to:

• virtual monthly Community Gatherings, monthly Onboarding Sessions, and reaching online members in community with you!

To receive the digital or print Program Resource \$5 add-on advantage, please refer to the link option below that applies to you. You can pay for this online, through a secure payment system:

Use this link if you are **new** to the digital platform and need to **create a login**:

# https://bit.ly/24-PR-add-external

If you are already a user or have previously signed in, please use this link:

# https://bit.ly/24-PR-add-internal

NOTE: You should receive an error message if you happen to use the wrong link.

If you would like to pay the add-on fee by check:

**Send a check** in the amount of \$5.00 made out to: **United Women in Faith** 

1.

- Please <u>do not</u> abbreviate or add any additional text on the line.
- On the MEMO/NOTE line include: Add-on for Program Resource 2024

Address the envelope to: United Women in Faith, Mission Resources
P.O. Box 742349, Atlanta, GA 30374-2349
ATTN: Add-on Program Resource

Please allow 5 days from Mission Resources' receipt confirmation of your check to receive the access code.\*

There are no shipping costs for digital resources and they can be accessed anywhere at any time. With a smaller carbon footprint, using digital resources.

<sup>\*</sup> If you have not received your access within 2 weeks of mailing in your check, please replay here and include check # and name on the check so we can confirm receipt.

# New Executive Team Members Needed

# Is God calling you?

Our Anderson District UWFaith team is looking for a few new members. Serving on our team is a wonderful way to become more familiar with our dedicated and hardworking organization. If you feel called to serve, the following areas are where help is needed. Also included are the responsibilities of each position.

- Chairperson, Committee on Nominations responsible for locating, with the help of her committee members, people willing to serve as officers, identifying and promoting new leadership and providing information to the committee concerning vacancies to be filled. We also need 2Communic more committee members.
- **Communications Coordinator** responsible for the publication of the Network News, Anderson District's quarterly newsletter and for publicity through the press and media as necessary.
- Cluster Leaders shall be members of the Executive Committee with voting privileges. They are the connecting link between the Executive Committee and the local units within their cluster. Two are needed.
- **Social Action Coordinator** Bring justice issues of concern to women, children and youth to the attention of the Executive Committee and to promote UWFaith social justice priorities. Coordinates letter-writing campaigns addressing social issues and promotes the Charter for Racial Justice.
- **Education and Interpretation Coordinator** Inform and promote mission giving and mission opportunities within UWFaith. Responsible for completing the annual Census Report.

# If you are able to serve in one of these positions, please contact one of the following people:

Jane Hallums – <u>janehallums@charter.net</u>

Lynn Friedman – <u>lynnf113@msn.com</u>

Bonnie Surface – bonniesurface@yahoo.com

We look forward to hearing from you!

On Saturday, February 16, Clemson United Methodist Church hosted 9 women from 4 area churches for a Bible study. Our book was Living the Kin-dom, which is a study of The Lord's Prayer. We started by comparing two musical versions of the Lord's Prayer - one traditional and one modern. We also compared several different translations, including the original Aramaic. and discussed how different words could change how we react.

Other activities included sharing what we think heaven might look like and describing a perfect day on earth, making lists of evil in the world and then burning our lists to symbolically get rid of them.

Possibly the best parts of the day were getting to know each other as we shared breakfast snacks, lunch, and a friendship meal of muffins before ending.









# Local Unit

The address of the church is:
Bethesda United Methodist Church
516 Piedmont Road
Easley, SC 29642





# **CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE DIAMOND UNIT AWARD**

Unit President	Date
Church Name	Number of members in unit
	t President or Social Action Mission Coordinator.
	ertificate, the unit must complete three or more
	promote racial justice. At least one of several
•	d. The <u>dates</u> of the activities must be noted
and reported to the district Soci	al Action chairperson by August 202 4
DIAMOND	AWARD ACTIVITIES
A UNIT MUST COMPLETE ONE OF THE STARRED	ACTIVITIES AND AT LEAST THREE ACTIVITIES TOTAL.
1. *Watch a video related to the Charte	er for Racial Justice.
2. *Give a book report on a Reading Pro	ogram book selected from the Social Action area.
<ol><li>*Share articles from Response and N to racism.</li></ol>	ew World Outlook or UMW Action Alerts relating
4. *Supply each member with a copy of	f the Charter for Racial Justice.
	human rights from the UMW Program Book.
6. Participate in a UMW Social Action/F	
7. Give a report to the unit about an ex	perience of attending a musical or theatrical
performance by persons of a differe	nt race, culture, or ethnic background.
8. Send at least one member to Legisla	tive Day.
<ol><li>Participate in postcard writing to end deprived or challenged.</li></ol>	courage legislation favorable to the economically
<del>-</del>	UMW unit program/activity with an ethnic group
11. Attend or host an international host	ing party, culture fair, or other international event.
12. Participate in a Bible study on racisr	n.
13. Celebrate Black History month in Fe	bruarý.
14. Suggest and plan with your pastor a	pulpit exchange with a pastor of another race.
15. Plan an event with a unit of a differe	ent race or ethnic background (a celebration,
worship, Vacation Bible School, etc.	)
Other	

Send this report to ADUMW Social Mission Action Mission Coordinator -

**Social Action Mission Coordinator** - Vacant

# MISSION TODAY ACTION FORM 2023-2024

Unit President	Date
Church Name	Number of members in unit
Units, which include all circles, must a All units must complete #1.	complete at least 10 of the following items.
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was lifted up as a way to tell the14. Had at least two programs fro	t where an article from Response Magazine mission story in at least three meetings. m the Program Book. Racial Justice Policies in at least two ways.

Send completed form to Education & Interpretation Mission Coordinator:

**Education and Interpretation Mission Coordinator** - Vacant

# South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith 2024



March 23

Legacy Fund Day of Giving 155th year

March 23

Anderson District Day Apart @ Pendleton Library

March 31

Easter

April - Columbia Bethlehem Community Center, Special Emphasis Month

April 6

10:00 am - Spiritual Growth Event - Virtual

**April 19-21** 

SEJ - Tennessee

April 23 – May 3

UM General Conference - Charlotte, NC

May 18 – 9:30 am

Come Together Be Together - Virtual

June 9-12

SC UMC Annual Conference, Greenville, SC

June 22

10:00 am - Charter for Racial Justice Event - Virtual

July 6

10:00 am - Limitless Event - In-Person

July 18-20

Mission u, Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, SC

September - Killingsworth Special Emphasis Month

September 14 Anderson District 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting @ "Easley First"

October - Bethlehem Center -Spartanburg, Special Emphasis Month

October 25-26

SCCUWF 52nd Annual Meeting – Rock Hill

November 9

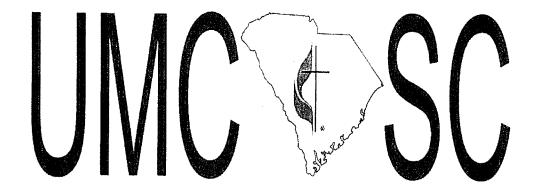
District Officers Training - 9 am / Columbia District UWF host

December 7

10:00 am - Limitless Event – In-Person

December 25

Christmas



## 2024 Anderson District Leadership Team

### **President**

Lynn Friedman, 2nd year of a 1st 2-year term 628 Pointe Wildwood Drive Seneca, SC 29678 864-723-7090 lynnf113@msn.com

### **Vice President**

Bonnie Surface, 2nd year of a 1st 2-year term 409 Frontage Road Clemson, SC 29631 540-997-0545 bonniesurface@yahoo.com

#### Secretary

Mary Rose Gathman, 2nd year of a 1st 2-yr term 118 Richland Drive Easley, SC 29642 864-633-4064 scifigal@bellsouth.net

#### **Treasurer**

Eileen Blowers, 2nd year of a 1st 2-year term 289 Roy F. Jones Highway Sunset, SC 29685 864-506-2981 etblowers@gmail.com

### Communications Coordinator - vacant

#### **Secretary of Program Resources**

Carol Weatherford, 1st year of a 1st 2-year term 104 Terrace Drive Seneca, SC 29673 864-247-5364 dweather104@aol.com

# **Education and Interpretation Mission Coordinator** - Vacant

# Membership Nurture and Outreach Mission Coordinator

Elaine Jones, 2nd year of a 1st 2-year term 5 Eberhardt Ct.
Greenville, SC 29611
(H) 864-269-3858, (C) 864-979-6821
Georgiajones19678@gmail.com

#### **Spiritual Growth Mission Coordinator**

Donna Hopkins, 1<sup>st</sup> year of a 2-year term 405 St. Paul Road Easley, SC 29642 864-915-5872 marcell405@bellsouth.net

#### Nominating Committee Chair - Vacant

Nominating Committee 1 from each cluster & 2 more Jane Hallums, 1<sup>st</sup> year of a 2-year term 321 Mary Ann Street Easey, SC 29640 864-859-0537 janehallums@charter.net, hallumsevelyn@gmail.com

#### **Cluster Leaders**

Brenda Davis, Zone1, Year 2 287 Ann Street Westminster, SC 29693 864-710-2282 foxclayd@yahoo.com

Judith Polson, Zone 2, Year 2 116 James L. Orr Drive Anderson, SC 29621 864-353-4877 jpolson29621@yahoo.com **Zones, 3, 4, and 5 - vacant** 

### Historian - Vacant

#### Ex-Officio

Cathy Ford 702 Woodfield Drive Anderson, SC 29621 864-231-6740 cathylford@gmail.com

Beth Addis 703 Autumn Oaks Anderson, SC 29621-2686 (C) 864-314-5932, (H) 864-224-6005 baddis1108@yahoo.com