

#### **Greenwood District United Methodist Women**

## **News A Plenty**

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#### **Greenwood District UMW**



# Saturday, March 12, 2022 Main Street United Methodist Church Greenwood, SC 29646

211 North Main Street, (864) 229-7551 Registration - 9:15 AM Assembly - 10 AM



#### Exploring Our Charter for Racial Justice

Come & Explore This Document Together

If you have a copy or acquire one online, bring it with you.

This Will Be Our First In-Person Event

Wear Masks If You Prefer

#### **News from District President**

#### By Joyce Crouch, President, Greenwood District UMW

UMW Ladies, I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I do hope each of you stayed well and safe during the holiday season. It is hard to believe it is already February 2022.

I hope that some of your units have begun meeting in person again. I know it will take a lot of hard work to get going again and to catch up with your meetings, events, and mission giving, but I have all the confidence in each of you.

One very important thing to note is that, for the first time in years, Greenwood District was able to meet its pledge of \$16,000; we actually paid a total of \$17,084.70!! 'Way to go, Greenwood District ladies, and thanks be to God!

Greenwood District has started off the new year with three (3) vacant positions — Membership, Nurture & Outreach, Nominations Chairperson, and a Cluster Leader. It has been hard to find officers since we have not been meeting in person. Our Nominating Committee is working tirelessly to find leaders for these positions. With God's help we will find new officers. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE GOD AND UNITED METHODIST WOMEN, PLEASE GIVE ME A CALL OR SEND ME AN E-MAIL.

The Greenwood District Day-A-Part event is currently planned as an "in-person" event to be held Saturday, March 12, 2022 at Main Street UMC in Greenwood. Our Spiritual Growth Coordinator, Mary Lynn Polk, is planning a great event, and we are looking forward to seeing all of you.

I am very encouraged that we will have a great 2022 and that things will get back to normal soon with our events being held in-person. We are a great organization of women that continue "to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church."

Love in Christ,

Joyce



#### Important Message from Cathy Ford, SCCUMW Presisdent

You will find on page 8 of this newsletter a notice on a new **Giving Campaign** for the **Legacy Fund**. Our Legacy Committee just met and chair Maureen Thomas, our Legacy Liaison, has designed a Giving Campaign everyone will want to support. Please read her words on page 8 and share this new plan with those in your district. It is an invitation to support the Legacy Fund collectively.

Our March *Mission Echo* will contain this same news. It is ready now for sharing. We are truly excited and cannot wait for you to be informed. Please include in communications of your units and share with any who support the work we do.

Thank you all. Special thanks to Maureen and her Legacy Committee.

Peace, Cathy SCCUMW President



#### **News from District Vice President**

By Carol Marse, Vice President, Greenwood District UMW

Happy New Year from Your Vice President

The New Year affords us the opportunity to look forward to the "unchartered waters" of the future. As we navigate the unknown, let us look back to Methodism's founder John Wesley and one of his prayers:

O Lord God Almighty, Father of angels and men, We praise and bless your holy name for all your goodness and loving kindness to humanity. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and for your unceasing generosity to us throughout our lives; but above all, we bless you for your great love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ. We bless you for bringing us safe to the beginning of a new year. Grant that we fall not into sin, neither run into any kind of danger...May we serve you with quiet hearts and minds...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer. Amen

With the pandemic still affecting our future, we are keeping our options open for in-person meetings. We look forward to the **District Day Apart** and the wonderful program Dr. Mary Lynn Polk has prepared. **Information about September's Annual Meeting will be found in future newsletters.** 

Carol



#### Legacy Fund Update

As of January 28, 2022: \$39, 180,955 •

65% of the total goal of \$60,000,000

See Legacy Fund Update on Page 8 of This Newsletter

#### **REMINDER**

During February, 2022, when our special emphasis is **Wallace Family Life Center**, units are reminded to donate your \$5.00 (or more if possible) to this mission project.



## South Carolina UMW Presidential Scholarship

South Carolina United Methodist Women offers a scholarship to future leaders of United Methodist Women. As a supportive community, our desire is to financially assist young women with their higher education needs.

Application deadline

March 1

#### THE READING CORNER

#### **News from Greenwood District Program Resources Coordinator**

By Carolyn Cantrell

I hope everyone is keeping safe and warm these days.

The Reading Program improved by offering **Faith Talks** podcasts that can be counted in the Spiritual Growth category. Listening to two podcasts gives you credit in Spiritual Growth. If you listen to three it will count as a bonus book.

Another area that has been added is movies and documentaries that are available: *Just Mercy*, *The Hate You Give*, *Push Out*.

Bonus books count as two books in different categories and Mission U studies also count as bonus books. For 2021-2022 participants can read books from 2015-2022 lists.

Stay safe and Happy Reading!

#### Carolyn

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#### ATTENTION GREENWOOD DISTRICT UMW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There will be a brief Executive Committee meeting immediately following the District Day Apart on Saturday, March 12 at Main Street United Methodist Church.

#### **IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING 2021 UMW CENSUS**

UMW National is handling the census differently this year. There will be some changes to the Census and the information will be forthcoming sometime in April. In the meantime, <u>please disregard the usual census deadline of March 31</u>—new information will be sent out to let you know what the new deadline is.



Joyce Crouch, Greenwood District UMW President

#### **News from Greenwood District Treasurer** By Marcia Miller

Hello, UMW Ladies!

I am sure there may be some new treasurers out there who are wondering what they are expected to do. I am willing to help. You can get a copy of the blank remittance form online from the SC United Methodist Women website. Also, see the next page (page 6) where you will find a copy of the remittance form. Pledge cards are also a download now.



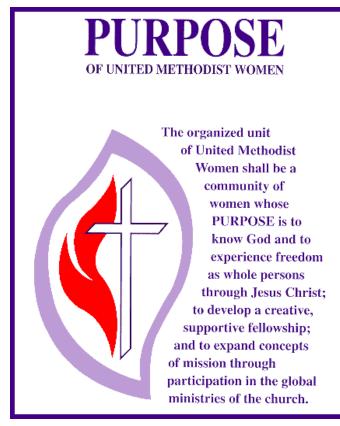
Remember to make all checks payable to the Greenwood District UMW. Your goal for the year is to achieve Gold Seal status. To do this, make contributions to Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Gift in Memory, Gift in Mission, and World Thank Offering. Also, our four South Carolina Mission projects—Bethlehem Centers in Columbia and Spartanburg, Killingsworth Home, and Wallace Family Life Center. Call to Prayer and Self-Denial is not required, but we are thankful for your gifts.

Treasurers may contact me by email (.marcia.miller@firstcitizens.com) or phone ((803) 924-3134), (just leave me a message), We can achieve great things when we work together!

We made our goal last year, so let's hope for one dollar more during 2022!!

#### Marcia

## SHARING BRINGS JOY



# Greenwood District United Methodist Women is looking for women who are willing to serve God and UMW by serving on the District Mission Team. Sesus said: Here Jam among you

Here Jam among you as one who serves.

Please take time to pray about this as

Please take time to pray about this, and if you are willing to serve as a District Officer, please contact Joyce Crouch, District President at 864-981-0942

and she will notify the Nominations Committee—Thank You!



#### REMITTANCE FORM FOR ALL TREASURERS

Thank you for giving

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## Greenwood District United Methodist Women 2022 Calendar of Events

<u>February, 2022</u>—Special Emphasis Month—Wallace Family Life Center 2022 Legislative Advocacy Days—Virtual

February 2, 2022 - Legislative Advocacy Days—Workshop #1/10 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

<u>February 8, 2022</u>— Legislative Advocacy Days- Workshop #2/7 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

<u>February 17, 2022</u>—Legislative Advocacy Days—Workshop #3/2 p.m.— 3:30 p.m.

February 26, 2022—Legislative Advocacy Days—Workshop #4/10 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

March 1, 2022—Presidential Scholarship Applications due

March 12, 2022—Greenwood District UMW Day Apart

March 23, 2022—Legacy Fund Day of Giving, 152 years young

April, 2022—Special Emphasis Month—Bethlehem Community Center, Columbia, SC

April 23, 2022 — Spiritual Growth Event/10 a.m./Spartanburg District Host—Virtual

May 20-22, 2022—Assembly, Orlando Conference Ctr., Orlando, FL-Hybrid In person - Virtual

June 25, 2022—Come Together Be Together/10 a.m./Charleston District host-Virtual

June, 2022—News-A-Plenty Articles Due

July 2, 2022—Limitless/10 a.m.—Virtual

July 21-23, 2022—Mission u, Spartanburg Methodist College—in person

August, 2022—News-A-Plenty Articles Due

September, 2022—Special Emphasis Month—Killingsworth Home, Columbia, SC

October, 2022—Special Emphasis Month—Bethlehem Center, Spartanburg, SC

October 21-22, 2022—50th SCCUMW Annual Meeting/12:30 p.m./Marion District host—in person

November 12, 2022—District UMW Officers Training/8:30 a.m./Columbia District host-in person





The United Methodist Women continue to celebrate **The Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign** today, lifting-up the continued commitment of time and investment made by thousands of United Methodist Women since the campaign's beginning in 2014. **As of January 28, 2022 the Endowment Fund has received \$39,180,955 which is 65% of the total goal of \$60,000,000.** 

As a body, the South Carolina Conference UMW has contributed \$89,898.47 since the campaign's inception. We are grateful to all members, units, family and friends who have contributed. Now we are asking you to take this one step further. This year we have set a goal to reach conference cumulative giving to \$100,000. This can be done. One way is to ask each member of your unit or circle to donate a minimum of \$1.00 designated for the Legacy Fund to your treasurer. Once all donations are received make the unit check or money order payable to the United Methodist Women and mail to:

#### **United Methodist Women**

National office 475 Riverside Drive 15th Floor, Attn: LEGACY New York, NY 10115

Do not mail to the conference Treasurer.

Another way is to make a donation on March 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of Giving 2022. On that day donors may contribute by text or online. Invite friends or family members to share in the live Facebook event. Additionally, donations may be made at any time by texting "41444" on your cell phone and enter "Legacy 150" on your cell phone in the message area; online direct gifts or pledge payments may be made through the United Methodist Women website. Visit <a href="https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund">www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund</a> to make a secure credit card payment. To ensure we meet our goal, we ask that all giving for this special effort be completed by August 1, 2022. At our annual meeting in October, we want to acknowledge your faith, hope and love ensuring 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.

Maureen Thomas

SCCUMW Legacy Fund Liaison

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## Find Your Unit's Cluster!

Cluster 1

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Aldersgate

Bethel

Cambridge

Ebenezer

Harmony

Harris

Hodges

Lowell Sreet

Lupo

Main Street - Greenwood

Matthews

Mays

**McCormick** 

Mt. Bethel - Greenwood

Mt. Carmel - Ninety Six

Panola

Rehoboth

Republican

St. Mark

St. Paul – Plum Branch

St. Paul – Ninety Six

Tranquil

Trinity - Greenwood

Troy

Ware Shoals

Cluster 2

Leader: Vacant

**Broad Street** 

Capers Chapel – Pomaria

Central

Central/Sandy Springs – Laurens

**Epting Memorial** 

**Epworth** 

First – Laurens

Hopewell – Sharon

Lewis Memorial

Mt. Carmel – Laurens

Mt. Pleasant – Pomaria

New Hope – Pomaria

O'Neal Street

Soule Chapel

Springdale

St. James

Trinity – Newberry

**Trinity** 

Waterloo

Wightman

Zion – Prosperity

Cluster 3

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Bath

Belvedere

Bethany – Saluda

Capers Chapel –N. Augusta/Beech

Island

Edgefield

Emory

Grace

Harmony – Johnston

Johnston

Langley

Leesville

McKendree

Monetta

Nazareth

Pentecost

St. John – Batesburg

St. John – Graniteville

St. Paul – Saluda

Trenton

Vaucluse

Warrenville

Zoar

#### **Legislative Advocacy Days 2022**



#### "And what does the Lord Require of You?"

"To act justly. To love mercy, and To walk humbly with your God." - Micah 6: 8

### Our FREE Virtual Legislative Advocacy Days will be held on various days in February, 2022 and available via Zoom!

Our 90-Minute Workshops will feature knowledgeable Speakers on a variety of topics that address our South Carolina United Methodist Women's focus for this very important year. The Covid Period has changed the ways that we live, worship, and connect with others. Unfortunately, the Pandemic has also multiplied the many challenges faced by our most vulnerable brethren. The Workshops have been planned to provide for an introduction, a 60-Minute Presentation by an expert, followed by a Q & A session to address participant questions. The UMW Tech Team also plans to record the four Workshops for future use and will manage the computer aspects of this delivery. Workshop topics will include PREDATORY LENDING, SC PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES, KINSHIP CARE VIA DSS, and CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM.

The Workshops are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, Feb. 2nd from 10 am – 11:30 am

Tuesday, Feb. 8th from 7 pm – 8:30 pm

Thursday, Feb. 17th from 2 pm - 3:30 pm

Saturday, Feb. 26th from 10 am – 11:30 am

Our National UMW and our SCCUMW District Social Action Coordinators have chosen Mass Incarceration/Criminal Justice Reform, and Environmental Justice as a major focus. SC will also continue to pay attention to Quality Education and Expanded Physical and Mental Health Services Access as legislative issues for 2022. Our statewide action focus for the upcoming year will be PRED-ATORY LENDING in all its many forms. United Methodist Women are 8,000+ strong in South Carolina. We can make a legislative difference for our most vulnerable citizens. As God's children who are charged to love one another, we are singular in seeking JUSTICE. To do so, we must educate ourselves, critically listen and learn, then take appropriate action. As Christians, we believe that "Faith Without Works is Dead" (James 2:14-17), and We are Alive in Christ!

Registration is strongly encouraged online via Zoom at https://bit.ly/3xSgOPf						
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	Alternative Paper Registration should be mailed to Registrar Rebecca Eleazer,					
	5116 Burke Avenue, Columbia, SC 29203 Phone: (803) 754-0942					
Name	Email:					
District_	Church:					
Phone	Address					



## Who Can We Be Together?

## Building Communities of Hope and Joy

#### July 21-23, 2022, at Spartanburg Methodist College

Great news— COMMUNITY is God's desire for us! Please join us at Mission u 2022 as we reflect on the community that Jesus is calling us to be!

This year, as we study Luke 13, we find ourselves in a period of disruption and uncertainty. In the midst, of a devastating pandemic, divisive political climate, unaddressed systemic racism, ecological crisis, and economic turmoil, we turn to the stories of Jesus that have anchored Christian communities for two millennia.

Our hope is that we will leave Mission u with a bigger and broader vision of the community Christ is calling us to be in times of loss, grief, and massive disruption. What would be possible if we tend to the needs of our communities in small yet radical ways, as Jesus did in Luke 13?

Our newly designed Mission u 2022 is more flexible and intergenerational than ever— with curricula for youth, children and adults focused on the 13th chapter of the Gospel of Luke.

The curricula we will be using will be available on our **e-store** by January 2022.

Who Can We Be Together? (Adult)

Community in the Midst, of Challenging Times (Youth)

Our Growing Tree From Self-Love to the Beloved Community and All of God's Creation (Children)

Will you join us?

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#### **Wondering What Your Officer Duties Are?**

If you are an officer in your Local UMW Unit and wondering what the duties of your position are, feel free to contact the District Officer listed here in your position and ask them for help.



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We're on the web:

www.umcsc.org/umw

Click on Greenwood

District—A good place to find

forms when needed.



The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be 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.