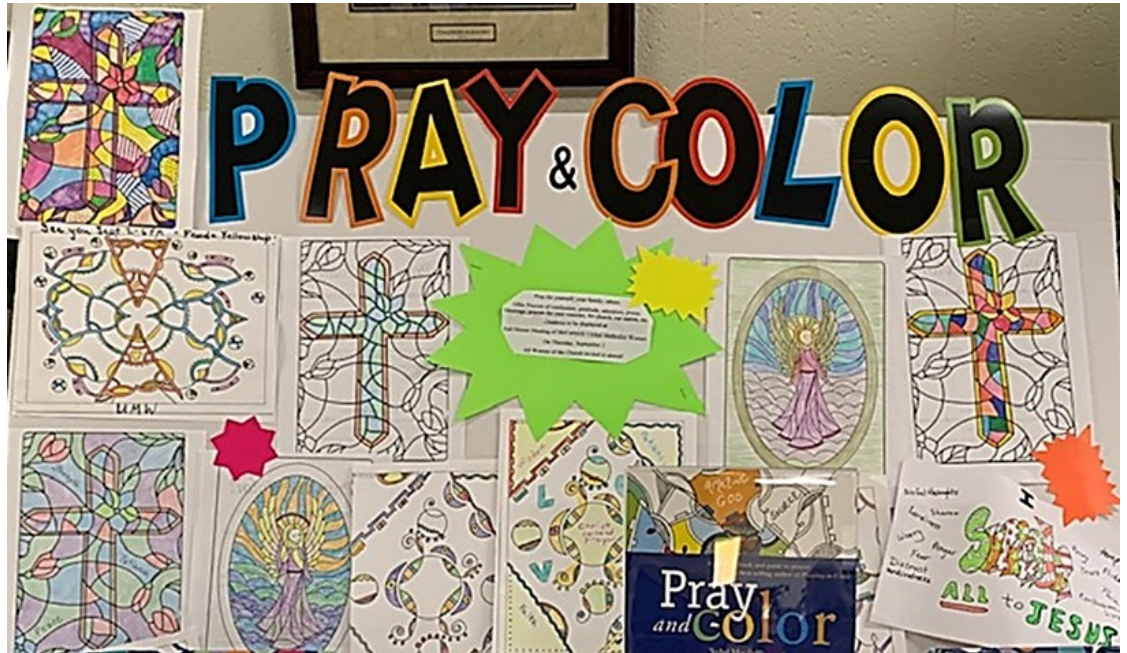


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Making Connections During Covid Time



When the members of McCormick United Methodist Women had their first meeting in 18 months on September 2, there was much excitement with finally being able to be together! During their time apart, they took on a special project—**Pray and Color**—that is named for the book by the same name by Sybil MacBeth in the UMW Reading Program. This project was a way of giving women of the church the opportunity to practice a spiritual discipline while working together apart from one another and during a difficult time when meetings were not possible. There were 14 participants and their finished project was displayed at the meeting and afterwards on their UMW bulletin board.



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JOY
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BELIEVE
CHRISTMAS

News from District President

By Joyce Crouch, President, Greenwood District UMW



Ladies of UMW,

I bring you blessings for this Holiday Season! Let us prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Because of Jesus, our lives have been changed forever. Because of Jesus, we can change the lives of others.

We have been through two years with the Covid-19 virus. This has been a tough time and it has created some challenging times, but we are moving forward with God's help. United Methodist Women is a strong group of women that know how to "push through" when times get hard. As we continue to live out the **Purpose** of United Methodist Women, we know God is at work in every aspect of our lives and our organization.

Some of our units in the Greenwood District are still not meeting in person and I know that makes it difficult for units to meet their obligations. Some units have come up with great ideas as to how to collect pledges and mission dollars, even though they are not meeting in person. We will continue to have faith that our meetings, events, and mission givings will be restored soon.

Our district annual meeting, which was scheduled for Saturday, September 25, 2021 at Grace UMC in North Augusta, had to be cancelled due to the high number of Covid cases in that area. The Executive Committee did print a 2021 Annual Meeting Report booklet which was sent to all units receiving certificates they earned for Five Star, Mission Today, and Diamond Unit. The theme for our annual meeting was "*Keeping the Faith!*"

Please continue giving to our four mission projects—Killingsworth, Bethlehem Center-Columbia, Bethlehem Center-Spartanburg, and Wallace Family Life Center. They can truly use our mission dollars.

The Executive Committee has decided not to hold Officer's Training in January 2022. If your unit has any new officers that need information about their position, please give me a call and I will put them in touch with their counterpart to discuss their position. You can call or text me – 864-981-0942 or e-mail me – jmcrouch59@yahoo.com.

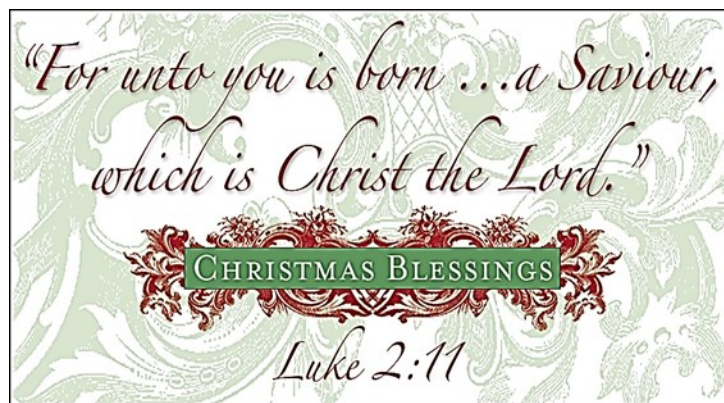
The Greenwood District Nominating Committee continues to work on its slate of officers for 2022. We do have a few positions that are vacant at this time---Membership, because of death, our Nominating Committee Chairperson, through resignation, and a Cluster Leader. If you would like to be a part of our Executive Committee, please contact me. It is a great, rewarding experience and I know you will receive a blessing.

I do hope each of you will have a wonderful Christmas. Please share God's love with those you come in contact with and help those who are less fortunate. May God richly bless each of you.

Merry Christmas!!

Love in Christ,

Joyce



News from District Vice President

By Carol Marse, Vice President, Greenwood District UMW



A SEASON OF JOY

We have come through a season of “keeping the faith” when we were unable to meet in person for our yearly activities: Officers’ Training, District Day Apart, and the Annual Meeting. Now, as we enter the season of Advent and Christmas, we need to seek JOY! It may not be easy, with CO-VID still a consideration and the usual stress and rush of the holidays. My hope for you is to squeeze a few extra moments of BIBLE reading, prayer time, and devotionals. Those extra moments can bring joy into our busy, busy lives! Have a Merry and Joyful Christmas!

We look forward to the New Year when we can hopefully and joyfully resume meeting in person. The beginning of 2022 offers many opportunities. If you are the Vice President of your local unit, your job is quite different from mine. At the District Level I am responsible for selecting host churches for our two or three meetings a year and organizing the Annual Meeting in September. You, as local vice presidents, are to preside in the absence of the president; guide your local Executive Committee in its responsibility for planning and implementing the programs; and chair the Committee on Programs if one exists. There are opportunities to serve at the local, District and Conference levels.

Carol

NOTE: For information about this year’s Greenwood District UMW Day Apart, please see page 4.



It’s Good to Be Meeting In Person Again!

These ladies from Hopewell-Sharon UMW enjoyed being together December 6 for their Christmas party: (L to R) Heather Crouch, Joyce Turner, Julie Buford, Melissa Tucker, and Sarah Greene. It’s good that some units are back in person! Heather's baby (puppy) was at the meeting, too! (Photo by Joyce Crouch)

THE READING CORNER

News from Greenwood District Program Resources Coordinator

By Carolyn Cantrell

Hello, everyone!

I hope that you have started reading for the New Year . Wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Please read the following and respond to it:

As Christian women, I have heard from some of you who oppose the coarse language and taking the Lord's name in vain that is used in some of our books on the book list for 2021-2022. Most of the books are spiritual, educational and enjoyable but we refuse to read books with unacceptable language. Even though the author may be quoting what someone else says, it is not necessary to repeat it in the text.

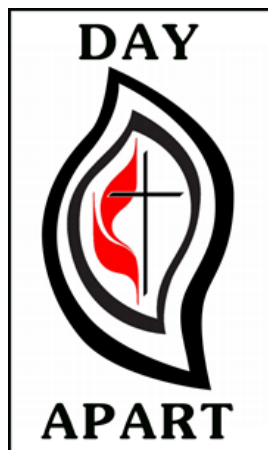
We stand faithful to God's word as we reflect on the following scriptures Leviticus 15:16, Deuteronomy 5:11, and Matthew 5:3-7.

Sleep, Pray, Heal, The Leavers, Small Great Things and *The Hate* are all books that have bad language in them.

Please let your Conference Program Resource person know how you feel about this. Her e-mail address is shirleycrossby788@yahoo.com

Listen to three **Faith Talks** Podcasts. The three will count as two books (Spiritual Growth). **Faith Talks** are monthly conversations with UMW. Each conversation explores themes and resources that empower us to put Faith, Hope and Love into action.

Carolyn



SAVE THE DATE!

Greenwood District UMW Day Apart

Saturday, March 12, 2022

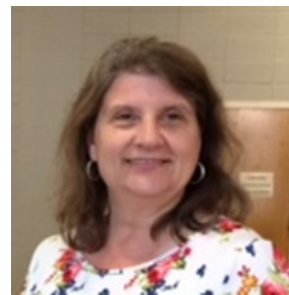
NOTE: Due to issues regarding coronavirus variants, specific details about this event are currently unavailable.

News from Greenwood District Treasurer

By Marcia Miller

Great news, ladies!!

Due to the restructuring of the treasurer's remittance form, and what we can apply to our yearly Pledge Goal, Greenwood District United Methodist Women made our \$16,000 Pledge and then some—our total is \$17,084.70! This is the first time in years that we have been able to accomplish this. This has been quite a year, and we did get off to a slow start, but YOU have done a great job! I am so proud of the groups that have helped us to make this happen!



You will see the NEW remittance form on page 6 of this issue of News-A-Plenty. The changes that have been made to this form are what have helped us meet our goals. Please make copies of the new form and begin to use this one.

I know that some groups will have new treasurers in 2022. You are welcome to call or email me with questions. I will help in any way I can.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EACH OF YOU!

Most sincerely,

Marcia

Marcia Miller, District Treasurer

SHARING
GOD'S
GIFTS

PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



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.

**Greenwood District
United Methodist Women
is looking for women who are willing to
serve God and UMW by serving on the
District Mission Team.**



**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

Local Unit: _____ Remittance #: _____

District: _____ Date: _____

Conference: _____ Period From: _____ To: _____

Local: Submit Remittances Form to district treasurer with every check to explain how the money should be used.

District: Consolidate local remittances. Submit Remittance Form (online or paper) to conference treasurer with check.

Conference: Consolidate district remittances. Submit Remittance Form (online or paper) to national office with check.

MISSION GIVING	\$ Donation
1.Pledge to Mission (general)	
For Conference only: Minus designated percentage of Pledge (retained for budget)	
2.Special Mission Recognition (SMR)	
3.Gift to Mission (GTM)	
4.Gift in Memory (GIM)	
5.World Thank Offering	
*All five channels help fund the budget and count for Pledge goal. Sub-Total Mission Giving	\$
SUPPLEMENTARY GIFTS **	\$ Donation
6.A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial #3001145	
7a.A Brighter Future for Children and Youth #3001146	
7b.Assembly Offering #3001148	
7c.United Methodist Women Project Names & Codes (list below):	
7d.Enter Total from Supplementary Gifts Details Form (if attached to list more projects)	
8.Bequests #3001177 (attach copy of an excerpt of will)	
9.Other designated gifts (list):	
6-9 are unbudgeted extra support for specific projects. Sub-Total Supplementary Gifts	\$

Make check payable to: _____ **TOTAL CHECK** \$ _____

Last remittance of year due: _____ Check Number _____

Prepared by: _____, Treasurer

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

(Keep copy of submitted form for our records) Submit to: _____

Greenwood District United Methodist Women

2022 Calendar of Events

February, 2022—News-A-Plenty Articles Due

February, 2022—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.

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

February 17, 2022—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



*Special Notice *

Greenwood District UMW will not have Local UMW Officers Training in January 2022!

If your unit has any new officers that need information about their position, please call Joyce Crouch, Greenwood District UMW President, and she will put them in touch with their counterpart to discuss their position. You can call or text Joyce – 864-981-0942 or e-mail me – jmcrouch59@yahoo.com.

Growing
Together
in Faith



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 PREDATORY 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 _____

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

Mission Projects & Their Special Emphasis Months

FEBRUARY

Wallace Family Life Center, Bennettsville, SC is a family oriented facility whose mission is to provide educational, cultural, recreational, and religious programs to enrich the lives of the people that live in the Wallace/Bennettsville, SC communities. They currently offer the following programs: Adult Education for those desiring to complete their high school education; Arts & Crafts classes for adults to engage in various projects; Homemakers' Club to explore and discuss relevant issues; After School Program Tutoring and Enrichment, operating Monday-Friday; Summer Reading Program/Children Defense Fund Freedom Schools program for twenty-five to thirty scholars during the summer months, provides learning in a safe and fun environment; Youth Council for youths ages 12-18, to help them to become more active citizens in the community; One week of Vacation Bible School at the end of the Summer Reading Program.

APRIL

Columbia Bethlehem Community Center, Columbia, SC is a historic multi-service agency now serving residents of the Riverview Terrace and Broad River Terrace communities in Columbia, South Carolina. Their vision statement is as follows: We envision that the Columbia Bethlehem Community Center will be the premiere community center for children and families in the Midlands. Their mission statement is: To educate and enrich the lives of individuals and families in the Midlands to help them achieve their own success. The following programs are offered: After-school tutoring (Monday & Wednesday), Summer Feeding Program; Youth Film Camp (children ages 10-14) and Kids for a Better Community Summer Ca

SEPTEMBER

Killingworth Home, Columbia, SC provides residential care for women in crisis situations. The home offers a peaceful, safe, loving, but truth-telling, and disciplined environment where residents begin the long hard journey of working with God to become the wholesome adults they are called to be. Residents work with trained, experienced staff one day at a time — sometimes one hour at a time — to stay clean, stay out of trouble, and learn various life-skills to care for themselves and others as grown-ups. They come from prisons, from alcohol and drug treatment facilities, from psychiatric hospitals, from abusive even violent homes, from the streets, from homelessness and hopelessness. At Killingworth residents live 24 hours a day, seven days a week with people who not only love them, but tell them the truth in love, discipline them, encourage them, support them, teach them and advocate for them.

NOVEMBER

Spartanburg Bethlehem Community Center – Spartanburg, SC is a multi-service agency providing an array of programs to residents in Spartanburg County. The Center's day care facility has the capacity to serve 130 children between the ages of two and five. The outreach department facilitates client-centered referrals, provides emergency assistance with food, electrical, heating and rental payments as well as coordinates self-improvement focused programming and remedial academic GED preparation classes. The community services department provides numerous programs related to afterschool tutorial services, fine arts (dance, drama, piano lessons and art), sports and recreational activities, scouting, seasonal camping, primary prevention and leadership programs for community youth. Programming for adults includes Bible studies and fellowship, nutritional programs, sewing and craft classes. A computer lab is maintained for all program participants and community residents. The health clinic provides emergency, routine and preventive medical services to community residents.

Be Sure to Check the Websites of these Special Mission Projects to Find Out What Their Needs Are So That Your Units Can Help By Donating Items to Them!



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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.



Finding Grace During the Christmas Holidays

The information below is reprinted from *Thrive*, publication of United Methodist Women that is a resource for inspiring ideas to nurture your mind, body and spirit. As we approach the season of celebrations, it's a good time to reflect on thanks and gratitude for ourselves, others and for God. The editors of *Thrive* hope their holiday issue brings inspiration, grace and renewal to your everyday moments.

Find Grace within Yourself

Putting love in action every day can wear you down. A little self-care goes a long way to recharge your batteries and support you as you work to help others. Here are a few easy, inspiring ways for changemakers like you to build healthy habits and find grace from within.

1. Stress Less

We need downtime and rest to perform our best. If you're feeling stress — and who isn't these days — stay present and focus on your immediate needs.

2. Pause and Be Present

Journaling helps us reflect. Consider keeping a spiritual journal this holiday season to help you find balance and build your capacity for gratitude.

3. Give Thanks

Giving thanks expresses trust in God and God's good purposes, whether or not we understand how God works (Romans 8:28). In what ways are you showing gratitude towards God during this season?

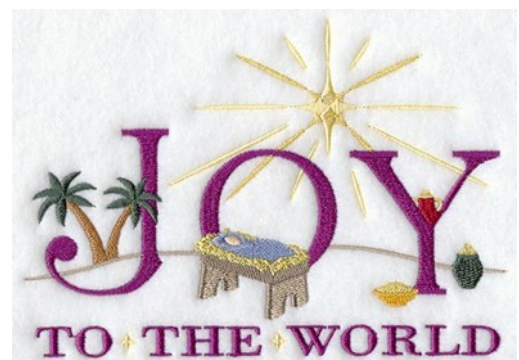


Greenwood District United Methodist Women

Wish You All the

Blessings of the

Season!



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