

Greenwood District United Methodist Women

News A Plenty

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Wightman United Methodist Women Host "Healing Prayer" Service

Ladies Are Willing To Share This Idea With Others!

(See Below for Contact Information)



(Left to Right) Viki Hydrick, Tina Hooker, Charlotte Hargreaves, Rosemary Bowers, Lynda Counts, Paulette Gay, Margie Moore, Shirley Atwood, Jeanne Riggs, Joan Mills, Margaret Boozer, Judy Livingston

The United Methodist Women of Wightman United Methodist Church in Prosperity, SC, recently hosted a "Healing Prayer" Service for the women of the church. The service consisted of words of welcome, prayers, and scriptures with a biblical theme of healing for many types of illness including physical, mental, addiction, and dementia.

Each lady present was given one or more cards with the name of someone who was in need of prayer. Each card also contained a scripture verse which was read aloud as the person's name was mentioned. The card was then placed on the altar and a candle was lit in that person's honor. All those present were given the opportunity to offer a prayer for each person as their name was called.

The service concluded with prayers for caregivers, who are in need of comfort and strength as they minister to those they serve.

NOTE: Contact Wightman UMC if you would like help in organizing such a service at your church. Submitted by Lynda P. Counts, Administrative Assistant at Wightman United Methodist Church—secretary@wightmanumc.org.

Annual Meeting Reports Are Due August 31!

Please See Pages 9 - 14

For Information, Forms & Where To Send Them!

News from District President

By Joyce Crouch, President, Greenwood District UMW

Greetings Greenwood District United Methodist Women!!

I hope everyone is having a great summer with vacationing, gardening, and trying to stay cool! I also hope everyone has stayed away from the persistent Covid-19. We continue to support our mission projects and our pledge obligations as we fulfill our Purpose as United Methodist Women.



As you saw from our June newsletter, our District Executive team was able to get back to an in-person meeting on May 23rd. We were so excited to see each other again. We are continuing to work hard to continue with our programs, events, and the newsletter so you all can keep up with what's going on with United Methodist Women. If you ever have any questions or need anything, please do not hesitate to call me – cell: 864-981-0942.

So far, I have attended the July 24th and July 31st sessions of Mission U. I do hope some of you were able to register for this great event and attend one of the mission studies. I am doing the study "Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom: Living into the Church's Moral Witness through Radical Discipleship." The leaders are Rev. Susan Maddox and Pastor Thessa Goodwin Smith. They have done a fabulous job so far and I am really looking forward to our last session on August 7th.

<u>PLEASE NOTE</u> -- Our District Annual meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2021 at Grace UMC in North Augusta. We are planning on having our meeting in person this year. Please have your units get all of your reports, pledges, etc. in before the deadlines. Please see information on reports and forms due for the Annual Meeting on pages 9 through 14 of this newsletter. I do hope we can have a good attendance this year.

Ladies, I do have a special request. We are very much in need of officers for the District Mission Team. Our Nominating Committee is working diligently to find ladies to fill these positions. Please take time to pray and think on this and, if you would be willing to serve God and UMW, please contact me and I will get you in touch with the Nominating Committee. My number is 864-981-0942.

The 49th SC UMW Annual meeting will be held Saturday, October 23, 2021. This will again be a virtual event. The meeting will begin at 9:30 am and will end at 1:30 pm. The theme is "Exercising Faith Over Fear – Joshua 1:9." I hope each of you will register for this event.

I do want to thank each of you for continuing to support UMW and for your dedication and commitment this past year. I know you may think your unit has not done very much this past year, but every little bit helps. Please send in any report, no matter how small, and let us know what you have been able to get accomplished. I know God is pleased with whatever we do. We are "a community of women, whose purpose is to know God..."

I look forward to seeing you all soon!

In Christ,





49th S.C. UMW Virtual Annual Meeting exercising FAITH over FEAR Saturday, Oct 23, 2021

THE READING CORNER

News from Greenwood District Program Resources Coordinator

By Carolyn Cantrell

Hello, everyone! I hope that you have had a good and safe summer. This has been a good time to stay inside with the hot weather and read.

We have something new in the Reading Program consider listening to **Faith Talks Pod-casts**, these monthly interviews or conservations with UMW mission study authors explore themes and resources that empower us to put faith, hope, and love inti action. These can be found at unitedmethodistwomen.org/faith talks. **If you listen to three Faith Talks Podcasts it counts as two books in the Spiritual Growth category**

By participating in the Reading Program, you are improving your involvement in local and global Christian mission.

I need your reading reports as soon as possible you can email them to me at cwcantrell@embarqmail.com or mail them to me at 534 Circle Drive Greenwood, SC. If you have any questions, please call me at 864-223-0271 if I don't answer leave a message and I will get back to you.

Stay safe and smile and be happy.

Reading Program Report for 2021 is on Page 14.

Carolyn



News from District Vice President

By Carol Marse, Vice President, Greenwood District UMW

Dear Ladies of the Greenwood District UMW,

This is just a quick reminder to you of our Greenwood District UMW Annual Meeting scheduled for Saturday, September 25 at Grace UMC in North Augusta. We are very appreciative to the ladies of Grace for hosting this special event. It will be good to be together again! Please be mindful of getting your unit's reports in so that this can indeed be a day of celebration for our District!



Carol

Greenwood District UMW Annual Meeting
Saturday, September 25—Grace United Methodist Church
See More Information on Page 6 of This Newsletter!

News from Greenwood District Treasurer By Marcia Miller

Hello, UMW Ladies!

As you know, the Mission of United Methodist Women is to support those with less. There are those that need our prayers and our financial support. Because we were unable to have meetings during the pandemic, I know it is hard to meet our pledges within our units, but let's do our best!



Our Greenwood District has a goal of \$16,000 for Pledge to Mission, which is a reduced amount from previous years. As of this date, we are at nearly \$4,000 that has been received from UMW units. We have a long way to go and a short time to get there. All remittance monies are due August 31 to receive your certificate with gold seal.

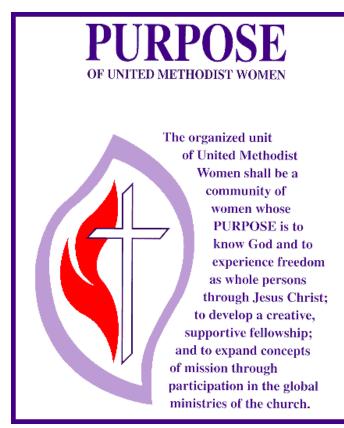
Sometimes we have to go the extra step to make this work. Presidents and Treasurers, please get together. Try to get your donations in to me so that your unit may continue to receive your 5 Star Certificates.

Together we will continue to do God's Work through United Methodist Women!

Thanks to all,

Marcia





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!



Greenwood District United Methodist Women 2021-22 Calendar of Events

August 7, 2021—Mission u, 10 am + 1 pm—Virtual Event

August, 2021—News-A-Plenty Articles Due

September, 2021—Special Emphasis Month—Killingsworth Home, Columbia, SC

September 25, 2021—Greenwood District UMW Annual Meeting—Grace UMC, North Augusta, SC

October, 2021—Special Emphasis Month—Bethlehem Community Center, Spartanburg, SC

October 23, 2021—SCCUMW 49th Annual Meeting 10 am & 1 pm, Host: Hartsville District UMW— Virtual Event

November, 2021—Special Emphasis Month—Bethlehem Community Center, Spartanburg, SC

November 6, 2021—District Officers Training—10 a.m.—Host: Florence District UMW—Virtual

December, 2021—News A Plenty Articles Due

February, 2022—Special Emphasis Month—Wallace Family Life Center

February 3, 2022 – Social Action Workshop #1 | 10 a.m. – Virtual

February 9, 2022 – Social Action Workshop #2 | 7 p.m. – Virtual

February 18, 2022 – Social Action Workshop #3 | 2 p.m. – Virtual

February 27, 2022 – Social Action Workshop #4 | 10 a.m. – Virtual

March 1, 2022 - Presidential Scholarship Applications due

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

April, 2022—Special Emphasis - Columbia Bethlehem Community Center

April 24, 2022 - Spiritual Growth Event | 10 a.m. | Rock Hill District UMW host - Virtual

May 15, 2022 - Come Together Be Together | 10 a.m. | Anderson District UMW host - Virtual



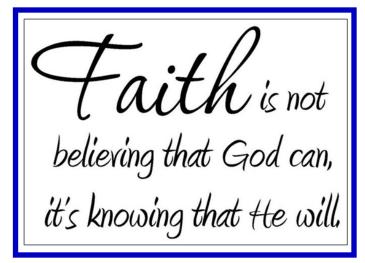


Greenwood District UMW Annual Meeting

Saturday, September 25, 2021
Grace United Methodist Church, North Augusta, SC 639 Georgia Avenue, North Augusta, SC 29841
Phone: (803) 279-7525

"Keeping The Faith"

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Worship Service & Meeting begin at 10 a.m.



Please Join Your UMW Friends To Celebrate Missions!



"Where friends and faith are formed"

August, 2021

Hello Friends,

My name is Rev. Joey Gambrell and I am the campus minister for the **Greenwood Wesley Fellowship**. The **Greenwood Wesley Fellowship** is the Greenwood District's campus ministry serving the students of **Lander University** and **Piedmont Technical College (PTC)**. Campus ministries have become an integral part in the lives of college students and in the life of the local church. Many United Methodist ministers (myself included), missionaries, and religious scholars report having an active involvement in a collegiate campus ministry.



Our ministry aims to foster compassion, community, and curiosity about student faith development in the Lander and PTC communities. While our emphasis is distinctly Wesleyan, we welcome all students of all backgrounds, regardless of demographics or differences. Every Tuesday, we gather at 6:30 pm for food, praise and worship, Bible study, prayer, conversation, and fellowship. This is the time that students can escape from the challenges of college life and spend time in a relaxed atmosphere to explore their faith. In addition to our weekly meetings, once a semester we offer spiritual retreats, which gives students a place for even deeper spiritual reflection and growth. Our ministry also believes in embodying the love of Jesus Christ by serving throughout the Greenwood community and beyond.

As the beginning of the school year is rapidly approaching, the board of directors and I are making plans that will meet the needs of our students. This is why I am contacting you today. We have learned that in order for the **Greenwood Wesley Fellowship** to effectively minister to our students, we need the support of your congregations. If your congregation, UMW, UMM, Sunday School or small groups have supported the Greenwood Wesley Fellowship, we thank you and encourage you to continue your support for the 2021 -2022 school year. If your congregation has never considered supporting the Greenwood Wesley Fellowship, we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting it in one or more of the following ways:

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- Hosting a weekly meal during our Tuesday night meetings.
- Providing praise and worship music.
- Leading bible studies/group discussions.

In addition to supporting the **Greenwood Wesley Fellowship** in the above ways, this year the board of directors would like the campus minister position to become a part-time position. Therefore we will also be engaging in various fundraising events throughout the year. At this time, if you feel so led, we ask that you consider a yearly donation of \$100.

If you have any questions or need additional information or you wish to be added to our schedule, you can reach me at 864-331-9627. We look forward to your support of our campus ministry. We pray God's continued blessings on you and your ministries.

In Christ,

Rev. Joey Gambrell, Campus Minister

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This is a Wonderful Mission Opportunity for UMW of the Greenwood District!

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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 in your position and ask them for help.



Reminder of District Reports Due From Local UMW Units

Hopefully, you have been working on your Local UMW Unit Reports that are due to be submitted prior to this year's Greenwood District Annual Meeting scheduled for September 25 at Grace UMC in North Augusta! Realizing that participation has been difficult this year due to the pandemic, please complete your Unit's forms to the best of your ability.

:Forms are included on pages 10-14 of this newsletter! Thank You!

Reading Program— Form on page 14- Send to Carolyn Cantrell—Need ASAP

Mission Today Form — Form on Page 13—Send to Barbara Barber

Memorial List — List of Deceased Members (9/1/20-8/31/21) - Send to Joyce Crouch

<u>Charter for Racial Justice</u> – Diamond Units Form—Form on Page 12—Send to Rebecca McDonald

2021 President's Report – Form on Pages 10 & 11 —due by September 15 - Send to Joyce Crouch

<u>Five Star/Gold Seal SC Mission Award</u> Determined by Marcia Miller, Treasurer, based upon your unit's budget and quarterly reports—see Treasurer's update on Page 4 for more information)

<u>The following is due by December 31, 2021 or earlier:</u>
<u>Local Unit Officers List</u> - Send to Betty Swann, Secretary



PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2021 (for September 1, 2020—August 31, 2021)

Unit (Church or group of churches)	
President	
President's E-Mail	President's Phone Number
President's Address	
Membership totals:	
Total number of members in	n unit
Total deceased this year	<u> </u>
Names of Deceased:	
Pledges and contributions:	
Actual amounts sent in to D	District Treasurer:
	Gift in Memory \$5/card Special Mission Recognition (at least \$40)
Call to Prayer & Self Denial	Killingsworth
Wallace Family Life Center	Bethlehem Center, Spartanburg
Bethlehem Center, Columbi	a
Participation: (since September 1, 2	2020)
District Events (Number of	people from your unit attending each event):
Annual Meeting 2020 (Canc	relled Due to Covid-19)-Annual Report Submitted? Yes () No ()
Day Apart 2021 (Also Cance	elled—Personal Day Apart Meditation Instead –Completed? Yes () No (
Officers' Training 2021 (Als	o Cancelled)
Conference Events (Number	er of people from your unit attending each event):
Annual Meeting 2020 (at Ma	ain St. UMC, Greenwood-Virtual Event)
Officers' Training (Columbi	
	oworth) (Virtual)Spiritual Growth Event (Virtual)
	er (Virtual) Any Other Conference Events

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2021 (for September 1, 2020—August 31, 2021)

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Mission Education/Mission Today:	
Total Number of Reading Participants:	
Total Number of subscriptions to Response	
Use of Program Books (yes/no)	
Use of Prayer Calendar (yes/no) How used?	
Racial Justice Diamond Unit (yes/no)	
In what public school system is your unit located?	
Did your unit complete activities to support Campaign for Children? (This can be any activities that support welfare, education, nutrition, family life of children in your community.)	the
What other projects or activities would you like others to know about?	
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Send this report (Pages 10 & 11) to:

Joyce Crouch 110 Crouch Drive Kinards, SC 29355 By September 15, 2021



Charter for Racial Justice Diamond Unit Award

In order to receive a Diamond Unit Certificate, a minimum of three activities must be completed. Certificates will be presented at your District Annual Meeting.

Please return this form to Rebecca McDonald, Greenwood District Social Action Coordinator at the address below by August 31: 127 Hill and Dale Drive, Greenwood, SC 29646, jbecca@gmail.com

1. V	Vatch a video relating to concerns addressed by the Charter for Racial Justice.
	Give a book report on a UMW Reading Program book selected from Social Action area.
3. \$	Share articles from Response magazine relating to racism.
4. §	Supply each member with a copy of the Charter for Racial Justice.
5. I	Present a program on the Charter for Racial Justice.
6. U	Use a program on racial justice or human rights from the UMW Program Book.
7. I	Participate in a UMW Social Action/Human Rights Mission Study.
8. 0	Give a Unit report about an experience; i.e. attendance at a music or theatrical performance by
pers	sons of a different culture, race, or ethnic background
9. \$	Send at least one UMW member to Legislative Day.
	Participate in post card writing or email to support legislation on behalf of the economically deved or challenged.
	Experience worship, Bible study, or UMW unit program activity with ethnic group different from ir own.
12.	Attend or host an international tasting party, culture fair, or other international event.
13.	Participate in a Bible Study on racism
14.	Celebrate Black History Month in February.
15.	Suggest and plan your pastor (or pulpit choir) an exchange with a pastor/choir of another race.
	Plan an event with a unit of a different race or ethnic background (a Celebration, Worship, Vacation ble School, Service of Prayer and Self Denial).
	Other (Collect items/funds for UMCOR Kits—collect items for other community social welfare/leational purposes.)
Ch	urch Name:Church Address:

MISSION TODAY ACTION FORM

Please Send Completed Form To Barbara Barber, Greenwood District Education/Interpretation Coordinator, 2381 Harmon Quarters Road, Prosperity, SC 29127, bbarber@newberry.k12.sc.us, Phone: (803) 924-4250

by August 31

Unit President:	Date:		
Unit Name:	Number of Members in Unit:		
Units, which includes #1.	e all circles, must complete at least 10 of the following items. All units must complete		
Check if your unit	<u>:</u>		
1. Made and r	net its Pledge to Mission.		
	Prayer Calendar at each General Membership Meeting of the unit to pray for people in for our mission work with women, children and youth.		
3. Added at 1	east one or more members to its roll.		
4. Had at lea	st one member who subscribes to Response Magazine.		
	st one member (other than a conference or district officer) attend Mission u and/or a dismission study.		
6. Had at lea Meeting.	st one member (other than a conference or district officer) attend the District Annual		
7. Had at lea Meeting.	st one member (other than a conference or district officer) attend the Conference Annual		
8. Had at lea	st two members who wrote to at least five people listed in the Prayer Calendar – at least 5 the year.		
9. Participate	ed in the Campaign for Children.		
10. Is a Five	Star Unit, contributing to all five channels of Mission Giving.		
11. Had at le	ast one person complete one of the plans in the Reading Program.		
12. Invited a ing the year	district or conference officer, other than a member of the unit, to one unit meeting dur-		
Check if your unit	, circle, or subgroup:		
	a Response Moment where an article from Response Magazine was lifted up as a way to ion story in at least three meetings.		
14. Had at le	ast two programs from the Program Book.		
15. Impleme	nted the Charter for Racial Justice Policies in at least two ways.		

2021 UMW Reading Program Individual Participation Form Name _____ Church Telephone ____ Reading Program Plan: **BOOKS READ: DATE: Education for Mission: Nurturing for Community: Social Action: Spiritual Growth: Leadership Development:**

PLAN I: 5 books a year • One book from each category • Selections can be from the 2016–2021 reading lists if not used previously; **PLAN II:** 10 books a year • Two books from each category • Selections can be from the 2016–2021 reading lists if not used previously; **PLAN III:** 15 books a year • Two books from each category • Plus five additional books from any category. • Selections can be from the 2016–2021 reading lists if not used previously' **PLAN IV:** 20 books a year • Two books from each category • Plus ten additional books from any category. • Selections can be from the 2016–2021 reading lists if not used previously

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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.