



United Women in Faith

Greenwood District United Women in Faith News A Plenty

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Stars Shine At Greenwood District United Women in Faith Annual Meeting at Republican United Methodist Church



“And we all shine on” was the theme for this year’s Annual Meeting hosted by the United Women in Faith of Republican UMC in McCormick on Saturday, Sept. 24. (Left) Carol Marse, Vice President (seated) recognized Joyce Crouch, outgoing President, for her dedicated service as President for four years. Guest speaker at right was Rev. Susan Galasso, Republican UMC Pastor.



Installation of officers was led by Ellen Schumpert, Past Greenwood District President and member of the Nominations Committee (far left), a devotional and Memorial Service were presented by Dr. Mary Lynn Polk (second from left), Greenwood District Spiritual Growth Coordinator; welcoming greetings were given by Betty Swann (second from right), Republican UWF President and Greenwood District Secretary, and Zella Williams (far right), Greenwood District Historian, gave the Report from the Nominations Committee.

More Annual Meeting Photos on Page 4





News from Greenwood District UWF

Vice President

By Carol Marse

Dear Ladies of United Women in Faith,

I bring you holiday greetings from the Greenwood District Executive Committee! We wish for you a blessed and joyous Christmas. This glorious season in our church brings excitement and joy, but even as we celebrate the birth of our dear Savior, let us be mindful of those less fortunate. We ask you to be generous in sharing with others, especially our four mission projects: Killingsworth, Bethlehem Centers—Columbia and Spartanburg, and Wallace Family Life Center.

The ladies of Republican UMC hosted a special Annual Meeting in September. It was our first in-person gathering in quite a while. We thank Rev. Susan Galasso for a very inspiring message and Betty Swann and the ladies of Republican for their great hospitality. **On a personal note I would like to thank Carolyn Cantrell for pushing my wheelchair wherever I had to go and making sure I had everything I needed. She was my personal “angel.” My knee is much better now.**

If you are searching for extra inspiration during this Christmas season, you could try the United Women in Faith website for devotionals by Rev. Kathleen Stone. These devotionals will be posted weekly.

At present we have not scheduled an Officers Training Session. However, if you have questions, call me at 803 364-2320 or text me at 803 920-7509. You could text any of our officers for particular questions in their areas. For contact information, please refer to the listing on Page 13.

We are looking forward to our **District Day Apart in March** hosted by Aldersgate and Harris churches. **Dr. Mary Lynn Polk will have a wonderful day planed for us!!** The Executive Committee will be meeting in early 2023 to finalize the program.

There is still the need to fill several of our offices on the Executive Committee. If you are interested in serving, please contact me. *Christmas blessings to you all!*

Carol



SAVE THE DATE!

Greenwood District UWF Day Apart

Saturday, March 11, 2023

Aldersgate Harris UMC—Greenwood, SC

NOTE: More details about this event will be forthcoming in the February issue of News A Plenty—please reserve this date on your calendars!



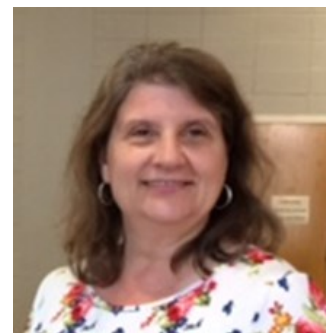
News from Greenwood District

UWF Treasurer

By Marcia Miller

Good news, ladies!!

I am pleased to report that Greenwood District United Women in Faith made our \$16,000 Pledge and then some—our total is \$19,000 in pledge money this year from our units! Once again this year, 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 7 of this issue of News-A-Plenty. Please make copies of the new form and use it for reporting.

I still get calls asking for Legacy Fund address: UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH, OFFICE OF THE TREASURER, 475 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, 15TH FLOOR, NEW YORK, NY 10115.

There is no certificate sent with a Special Mission Recognition pin any longer. Also, Pledge Cards are now a print off and make copies.

I still have a good supply of Gift in Memory and Gift in Mission cards on hand. A group can get one for each \$5 they donate to these categories.

I know that some groups will have new treasurers in 2023. 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!

Marcia

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Special Notice

Greenwood District UWF will not have Local Unit Officers Training in January 2023!

If your unit has new officers that need information about their position, please call Carol Marse, Greenwood District UWF Vice-President, and she will put them in touch with their counterpart to discuss their position. You can call or text Carol at

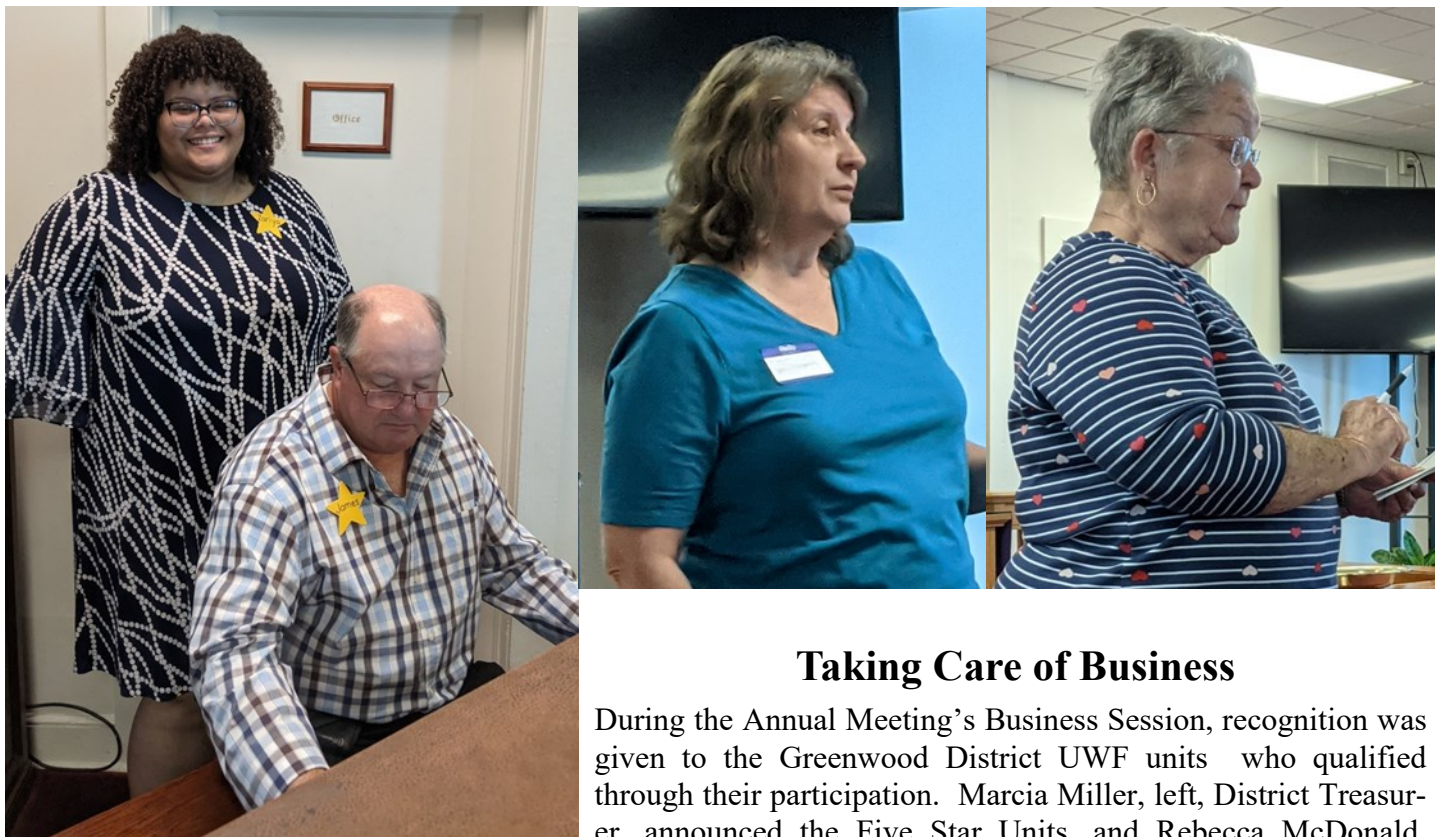
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Serving 
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Heart



Meet The Real “Shining Stars” At This Year’s Annual Meeting!

Each of these ladies is wearing a yellow star to let attendees at this year’s Greenwood District UWF Annual Meeting know they were available to answer any questions, take care of any needs they may have, and serve delicious refreshments! They are members of Republican UWF: (left to right) Betty Swann, Susan Galasso, Debbie Morgan, Peggie Robertson, Jeanette Ferqueron, Nan Goff, Joyce Goff, and Ellen Schumpert. Thank you, ladies!



Taking Care of Business

During the Annual Meeting’s Business Session, recognition was given to the Greenwood District UWF units who qualified through their participation. Marcia Miller, left, District Treasurer, announced the Five Star Units, and Rebecca McDonald, right, District Social Action Coordinator, presented the Diamond Certificates to qualifying units.

More Shining Stars: Special music was presented at the Annual Meeting by Zariya and her father James Lagroon at the piano.

2023 Greenwood District UWF Executive Team



During the Business Session of this year's Annual Meeting, new Greenwood District officers were elected and installed to serve for 2023. They are (left to right) Carol Marse, Vice President; Sarah Greene, Cluster Leader for Clusters 1 and 2; Betty Swann, Secretary; Dr. Mary Lynn Polk, Spiritual Growth Coordinator; Marcia Miller, Treasurer; Nancy Roebuck, Membership Chair; Carolyn Cantrell, Program Resources Coordinator; Linda Woods, Nominations Committee; Rebecca McDonald, Social Action Coordinator; Zella Williams, Historian; and Betty Staples, Nominations Committee. Not pictured are Mary Ann Bayer, Cluster Leader for Cluster 3, and Linda Kidd, Communications Coordinator.

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THE READING CORNER

News from Greenwood District UWF

Program Resources Coordinator

By Carolyn Cantrell

Reading Program 2022 features a selection of books for all ages. Share some of the book selections with children and youth in your life and then talk about the topics and how it is expressed in your faith.

As you begin, your Reading Program journey this year, know that you are uplifted in prayer. May this Reading Program nourish your soul, strengthen your understanding and train each of you for work in the Spirit placed in your heart.

There are four plans to the Reading Program

Plan 1: 5 books 1 Book for each category and regular reading of Response

Plan 2: 10 Books each year 2 books from each category Regular reading of Response Resources

Plan 3: 15 Books 2 in each category Plus 5 additional books from any category Regular reading of Response

Plan 4: 20 books 2 books from each category Plus 10 additional books from any category Regular reading of Response Magazine

Books for the 2023 Program Program can come from Previous years 2018-until December 31,2023 (don't repeat books reported in previous years). Resources can be ordered either online, phone, or your local Library.

A new 2023 highlighted book recommendation in each category that has been enjoyed so far.

Social Action;- Four Winds by Kristin Hannah

Spiritual Growth- Community in the midst of challenging Times: A Biblical Exploration of Luke 13 by Kenya Cummings counted (Bonus Book)

Nurturing for community- Vail's Tales.by Vail Johnson and Ed Payne (Children's book) counts as one.

Leadership -A Knock At Midnight by Brittany Barnett

Education for Mission - Being Sheela: The life Journey of an immigration Lawyer by Adithi Rao

If you have any questions you can reach me cwcantrell@embarqmail.com or by phone at 223-0271 if no answer please leave a message. I will gladly get back to you.

Happy Reading!

Carolyn

Faith Talks: are monthly conversations with **United Women in Faith**. Each conversation explores themes and resources that empower us to put faith, hope and love into action. To find out more, visit <http://www.uwfaith.org>. Most podcasts are about one hour in length. When you listen to two podcasts, you can count them as reading one book in the UWF Reading Program.





United Women in Faith

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

News From Central United Women in Faith, Newberry

By Peggy Berley, Acting UWF Unit President

On Sunday, September 25 at Central United Methodist Church, the emphasis was all about the women's new name—**United Women in Faith**. The front of the bulletin that day explained the new name. Worshipers were greeted by UWF members, giving them brochures of information about our organization.



In the worship service, UWF members served as ushers, lay readers, led the children's sermon, handled the video and sound system. Our minister, Rev. Joe Long, preached a sermon entitled, "*Singing Mary's Song*" about women through the ages up to modern day.

After the final hymn, acting UWF unit president, Peggy Berley, presented to the church a new banner honoring Central's Stephen Ministry, also recognizing persons who made our banner stands long ago. Our banners were supported by a penny project over the decades.

Next came the announcement of a closely guarded secret—the name of the recipient of the **2022 Special Mission Recognition**. This year the award was given, by her UWF sister, to **Hannah Pitts Davis**. She and her husband, Willie, returned to Newberry following retirement. She was very active in mission work and other areas of the church and community. Sadly, Hannah passed away very unexpectedly only twelve days after receiving this award.

The service was closed with a beautiful benediction pronounced by retired minister, Rev. Ada Charles, also a UWF member.

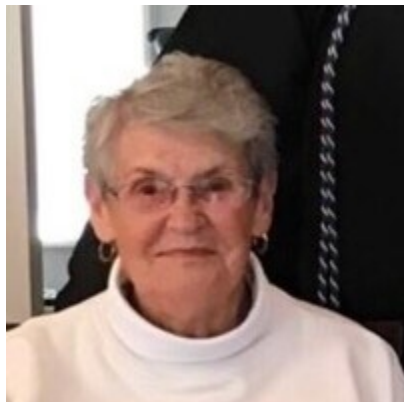
Below is the cover of the new brochure of the Central United Women in Faith



Republican UWF Pay Tribute to “Miss Dottie” Lagroon

“God Wink” Begins First Step

By Nan W. Goff, Republican UMC



After having a vision for a prayer garden at our church, I shared my thoughts with the Council Board. Everyone felt it would be an asset to our church family and beyond. However, as with all smaller churches, funding came into play, and I began brainstorming possible fundraisers.

Each year our UWF select an individual to honor with a Special Mission Recognition pin. For this year’s recognition, we decided to honor a couple, Dottie and Billy Lagroon, who have been “rocks” in our church for many years. Sadly, in March of this year, Dottie passed away, leaving a huge void in our church and UWF. As a tribute to the Family, the Special Mission Recognition pins were presented at Dottie’s Memorial Service.

Now, back to the prayer garden vision. When I read Dottie’s obituary, her family had requested Memorials be made to Republican UMC in her memory for the creation of a prayer garden at the church. After wiping away the tears, my reaction was what a “*God wink moment*”!

Our congregation has had the groundbreaking, and once our prayer garden becomes a reality, we hope you will visit and spend some time in our prayer garden dedicated in loving memory to **Dorothy “Miss Dottie” Lagroon.**

Shown taking part in the groundbreaking ceremony are (left to right) Billy Lagroon, Dottie’s husband, along with members of Republican UMC Church Council: Nan Goff, Jeffrey Robertson, Jimmy Smith, and Betty Swann.



Greenwood District United Women in Faith

2023 Calendar of Events

February, 2023—News-A-Plenty Articles Due

February, 2023—Special Emphasis Month—Wallace Family Life Center

Social Action Workshops (All Virtual):

February 1 – Social Action Workshop #1/10am – February 7– Social Action Workshop #2/7pm - February 16 – Social Action Workshop #3/2pm - February 25 – Social Action Workshop #4/10am

March 1, 2023—Presidential Scholarship Applications Due

March 11, 2023—District UWF Day Apart—Aldersgate,Harris UMC—Greenwood, SC

March 23, 2023—Legacy Fund Day of Giving—154th year

March 27-30, 2023 -Mission Trip, Asheville to Nashville Adventure, North Carolina and Tennessee

April, 2023—Special Emphasis Month—Bethlehem Community Center, Columbia, SC

April 22, 2023 - Spiritual Growth Event/10 am/Walterboro District UWF host - Virtual

May 20, 2023– Come Together Be Together/10 am/Columbia District UWF host - Virtual

June, 2023—News-A-Plenty Articles Due

June 24, 2023 – Charter for Racial + Environmental Justice Event/10 am – Virtual

July 1, 2023 – Limitless Event / 10am-virtual

July 20-22, 2023—Mission u, Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, SC

August, 2023—News-A-Plenty Articles Due

September 23, 2023—District UWF Annual Meeting—Zion UMC, Prosperity, SC

September, 2023 – Killingsworth Special Emphasis Month

October, 2023 – Bethlehem Center -Spartanburg Special Emphasis Month

October 20-21, 2023– SCCUWF 51st Annual Mtg. /12:30pm - 3 pm/St. John’s UMC, Aiken, Orangeburg District

November 11, 2023 – District Officers Training/ 8:30 am /Columbia District UWF host

December 2 , 2023– Limitless Event /10am- virtual

Get to Know Your Cluster Friends!

Cluster 1

Leader: Sarah Greene

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(803) 271-2903 (C)

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: Sarah Greene

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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

Leader: Mary Ann Bayer

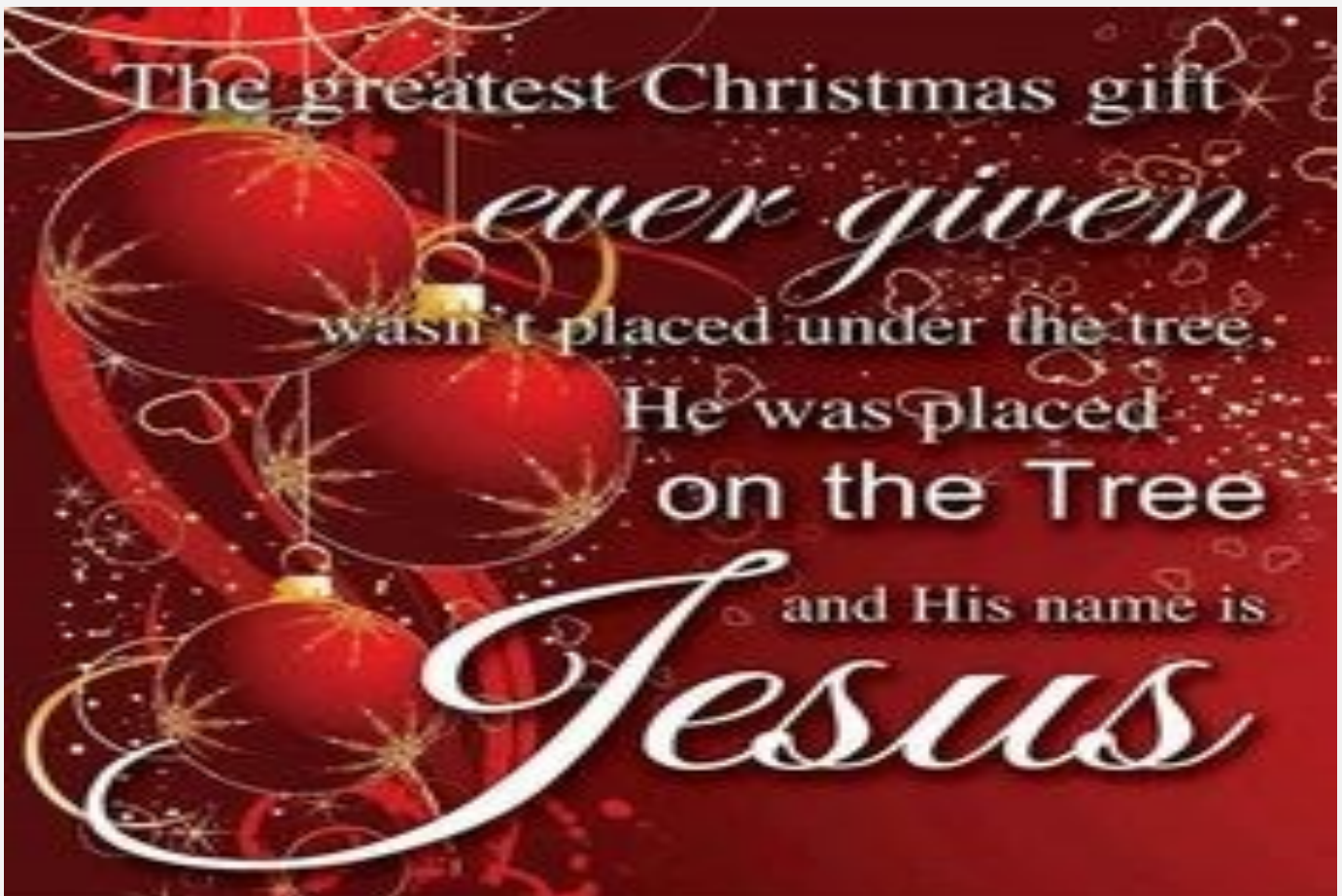
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Bethany – Saluda
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Edgefield
Emory
Grace
Harmony – Johnston
Johnston
Langley
Leesville
McKendree
Monetta
Nazareth
Pentecost
St. John – Batesburg
St. John – Graniteville
St. Paul – Saluda
Trenton
Vaucluse
Warrenville
Zoar

Greenwood District UWF Officers Attend SCCUWF Officers Training

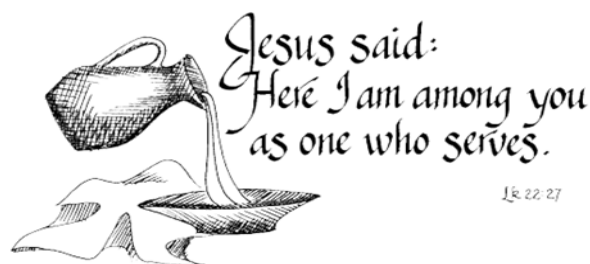
The South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith held their Annual District Officers Training at Washington Street United Methodist Church in Columbia, SC on Saturday, November 11. Attending from the Greenwood District UWF were (left to right) Sarah Greene, Greenwood District Cluster Leader for Clusters 1 and 2; Betty Swann, Greenwood District UWF Secretary; and Linda Kidd, Greenwood District UWF Communications Coordinator. They just couldn't resist having their picture taken beside this most unusual and beautiful fall tree that graced the hall of Washington Street UMC. Carolyn Cantrell, Greenwood District Program Resources Coordinator, attended the SCCUWF 51st Annual Meeting in Myrtle Beach October 20-21.



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Wondering What Your Officer Duties Are?

If you are an officer in your Local UWF 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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The organized unit of United Women in Faith 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.