



United Women in Faith

Informer



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Jesus is Calling. Will You Follow?

Shake off Your Fears & Step out of the safety of your "boat"

Join us for a celebration of Mission, Fellowship,
Social Action and Spiritual Renewal at our
52nd Rock Hill District Annual Meeting



Woodland UMC
801 Cherry Rd. Rock Hill

Sept 23, 2023 9:30-12

Guest Speaker: Lynne Tyner,
District Lay Servant Ministries

Theme: "Step Out of the Boat"

Jesus said, "Come." Then Peter got out of the boat and was walking on the water toward Jesus. Matthew 14:29

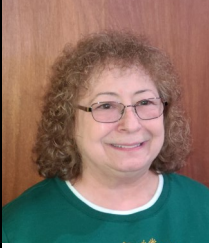
Bring a friend! All Christian Women are always welcome.

The Registration Form is on **page 17**. Registering helps ensure we have a program and enough food for all.

Informer is the quarterly newsletter of the Rock Hill District UWF/UMW. It is published in December, March, June, and September and sent via email to UWF Unit Presidents who then share it with their circles and members. If you wish to be added to our *Informer* email list, please send your request to rockhillumw@gmail.com. News items, photos, and event announcements for the *Informer* can be sent to your Cluster Leader or sent to rockhillumw@gmail.com.

Keep in mind we are published only 4 times a year.

President



To my sisters of the Rock Hill District
Like pieces of a puzzle our lives came together,

in intricate ways we formed a masterpiece of the love of Jesus.

For all of you who have stepped up to serve, answered questions, hosted events,
shared meals, provided guidance, strength, or solutions to obstacles we faced.
Through the laughter, pain, and tears, that brought us closer to God and each other.

Memories I will treasure for years to come.

I want you to know how proud I am to have served as your president.

I am a better person because of each one of you.

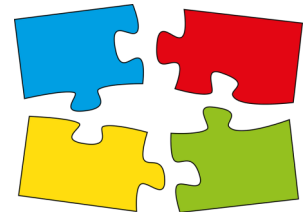
Our puzzle is unique – Jesus' love is real.

May God's Love and Grace continue to be
our piece of this puzzle we hold forever.

Thank you one and all.

Blessings, Peace, & Love

Crystal



Crystal Barrs
President

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1218 Gladstone Rd, Lancaster SC 29720

barrs.crystal@yahoo.com

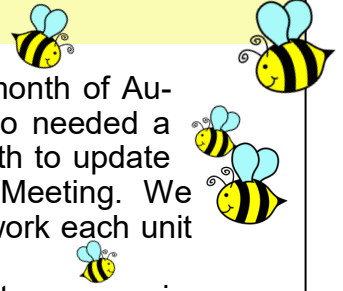
*This is love: that we live according to His commands.
This is the command that you have heard
from the beginning: live in love.*

2 John 1:6

VP & Communicator



Your UWFaith Leadership Team were *BUSY BEES* during the month of August. We compiled the reports you sent in, contacted units who needed a push to get forms completed, sent emails and calls back and forth to update information with each other, and prepared for our District Annual Meeting. We sincerely hope you will join us for this annual celebration of the work each unit has done in boldly furthering the Kin-dom of God.



Celebration is exactly what our annual meeting is about. I hope to see you in person at Woodland as we celebrate together. The registration form is on *page 17*.

I attended a few events over the summer. St James held a Sneaker Tea in June...imagine getting all dressed up and wearing sneakers! See pictures on *page 11*. Linda Hughes and I enjoyed the speaker, Jennifer Davis, so much that we invited her to speak at our District Day Apart on March 16, 2024.

In July, 12 women (including 2 girls) from the district attended Mission u in Spartanburg. We would love to have you join us next year. See *page 9* for an idea of what Mission u is like.

Aldersgate UWF held a Prayer Breakfast on August 19. See *page 10* for a few pictures from their event and mark your calendar for next year. They hold an event annually on a Saturday in August and welcome all women to participate.

The Quadrennial Meeting of the Southeastern Jurisdiction will be held in April 2024. Let me know if you are interested in going. I know of several women who are already saving money to go. The registration is not cheap but the experience will be awesome. More information is on *page 15* and in the September *Mission Echo*.

Our next Informer will come out in December. Please take pictures of your fall events or activities and send them to me along with a report so we can share it with the District. Also...feel free to post announcements of upcoming events in our Facebook group *Rock Hill District UWF*. If you prefer, just send me the info and I'll post it.



It has been a delight to serve as your District UWFaith vice president over the last 4 years. Getting to know many of you has been a great joy for me. I look forward to interacting with you over the next 4 years as we continue serving God through serving others

Joyfully,

Lynne Chandler

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1025 Princeton Rd Rock Hill, SC 29730

Way to go Barbara!!

Did you see this picture on the front page of the July 2023 *Advocate*? It's our own Barbara Gaither, Secretary of our District Leadership Team and President of St John's Fort Mill UWFaith, making an announcement at Annual Conference in Florence back in June.



Secretary



Although we often think of Spring as the time of new beginnings and opportunities for growth, I believe that Autumn also promises new opportunities, with children and teachers returning to school and the cooler air giving us more energy.

I want to encourage you to participate in another opportunity for growth and enrichment. FAITH TALKS are presented twice a month by UWFaith. I have found them encouraging, educational, enriching, and just plain fun! On September 7, the topic will be "Prayer." I'm looking forward to that. To sign up to attend the live event via ZOOM, go to *UWFaith.org*, click *Menu* at the top, then scroll down. Under *Resources* you'll find *Podcasts and Webinars*. Click that and you can sign up for the next event, or listen to a podcast from an earlier date. Please plan to join me at 2:00 on September 7, and be sure to sign in via the chat, to let everyone know that Rock Hill District wants to enrich our prayer lives.

I hope to see you in person on September 23rd for our District Annual Meeting!

In His grip,

Barbara Gaither

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bgramb@outlook.com

Treasurer



Thank you, Treasurers, for continuing to donate to UWF missions. I am hopeful that we will end the year making our Pledge to Conference of \$20,000. We only need about \$6,000 in the 4th quarter to achieve this goal. So if you can donate to the Pledge category any extra funds, that would be greatly appreciated.

When donating to SMR, Special Mission Recognition, please use the SMR form. The usual minimum for this category is \$40 whether you want a pin or not.

Smaller amounts do not qualify your unit for the 5-Star Award. And it is not necessary to contribute more to this category, unless you are ordering a more expensive pin or multiple pins. The only category that is needed each quarter is Pledge.

If your unit qualified for a 5-Star Award, please come to our Annual Meeting on September 23 at Woodland UMC in Rock Hill to receive your award in person. And thank you for all your financial support for Missions.

Elaine Cryderman

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1885 Oak Briar Circle Fort Mill, SC 29715

*Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord,
and He will repay him for his deed. ■ Proverbs 19:17*



Frances Bratton, Apprentice Treasurer

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Program Resources



Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2022-2023 Reading Program. You will be recognized at our Annual District Meeting on September 23 at Woodland UMC.

It's not too early to begin reading for next year. For those who did not participate this year, make it a goal. I challenge those who participated this year to up their plan level for next year. Plan 1: 5 books, Plan 2: 10 books, Plan 3: 15 books, Plan 4: 20 books. Books on the lists from 2019 and later can be read for credit. As soon as the 2024 list is available I will post it on our Facebook page "Rock Hill District UWF."



We have books that members are willing to share. Contact me to borrow a book or check out the Resource Table at any of our meetings. Other books can be checked out from your local library, purchased from a bookstore or online, and even found on Kindle or Audible. Some readers post book recommendations on our Facebook page.

In addition, we have a reading group on Zoom that meets on Thursdays. A new book will be started on September 12 at 8 pm. Barbara Gaither will be reading Phoebe: A Story by Paula Gooder. Let me know if you want to join.

Bette Jean Janicke

Call/text: 803 517-1665 bjanicke@comporium.net
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Membership



National has extended the deadline for the Annual Survey/Census to September 30, so if your church is not listed below please complete the survey ASAP. Contact me, or Crystal Barrs or Lynne Chandler if you need help. The form and instructions can be found on pages 18-19.

**DEADLINE
* EXTENDED ***

Thank you to the following units for completing the Survey/Census either by sending it in or completing it online.

Bethel, Chester	Good Shepherd	New Hope, Rock Hill	Trinity, Lancaster
Camp Creek	Hopewell, Lancaster	Philadelphia, York	Wesley
Clover Chapel	Kings Mountain Chapel	St John's, Fort Mill	Woodland
Cornerstone	Mt Olive	Tabernacle	Zion
First, Lancaster			

Each unit in our district matters and makes a difference in the lives of others. Please, be counted by taking the survey.

Blessings to all,

Jackie B. Hicks

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jbhicks9800@aol.com


Spiritual Growth



Sisters in Christ,
Thank you for sending in the names of your deceased members so that they can be remembered during our memorial service at our District Annual Meeting. If you missed sending in the name of a member/former member who died between Sept 1, 2022 and Aug 31, 2023, please send it directly to Lynne Chandler so the name can get added to the program. The absolute last day to add anything to our program booklet is *September 11*.



Food for Thought: How do you get everything you want out of life?

Psalm 37:4 Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your 

*God be with you,
Linda Hughes*

*Call/text: 803 280-6763 linda.hughes43@yahoo.com
2490 Eagle Point Rd, Clover, SC 29710*

Education & Interpretation (Missions)



Thank you to the 14 churches who submitted all requirements for the Mission Today recognition. That's 5 more than last year. Good job!! I encourage all UWF units to work extra hard and complete 10 activities for Mission Today in 2023-24. You can do it!

Bring all your cancelled stamps and pull tabs to our District Annual Meeting on September 23. Can't come? Ask a sister church in your area to bring them for you!

Conference recommends using the Mission Giving cards with the old UMW logo on them before you reorder cards with the new logo.

We will continue collecting gift cards and new postage stamps to support our four missions: Killingsworth, Bethlehem Center Columbia, Bethlehem Center Spartanburg and Wallace Family Life. You can bring them to the Rock Hill District Annual Meeting in September and your District Leadership Team will get these to conference.

SCCUWF will cease collecting cancelled postage stamps in October. Marion Mission Storehouse receives 50 cents per pound for the stamps versus an average of \$1.75 per pound to mail them to Indiana. If your unit would like to continue collecting stamps you may do so. You may mail them directly to:

Marion Mission Storehouse
402 E. Highland Avenue
PO Box 38,
Marion, Indiana 46952



Blessings,
Margaret Parker

Call/text: 864 940-0969

parker3384@comporium.net

"The giant in front of you is never bigger than the God who lives in you!"

-Christine Caine

Historian



HISTORY! Do you want to help continue our heritage?

Can you believe that our **HISTORY** began in 1869 with just eight determined, strong, and faithful women at the Tremont Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston!

These dedicated women formed a union in response to a lack of women's health care in India. Our purpose still remains: to help women, children, and youth.

In 2022, we became The United Women in Faith. Our **FAITH** in God and His purpose is still our mission. Let our **HISTORY** continue with us!

If your United Women in Faith group has a special event, please let me know. I would like to preserve the bulletins and photos for our Rock Hill District History!

Thank you!

Jane Wood Carter

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cjcecarter@yahoo.com

Nominations

We will be electing a few new officers to the Leadership Team at our Annual Meeting at Woodland UMC on September 23. Here are the nominations which are approved by the Leadership Team.



President

Lynne
Chandler



Vice President

Nichole
Nickens



Treasurer

Frances
Bratton



Membership

Nancy
Rivers



Nominations

Crystal
Barrs



*York/Clover
Cluster Leader*

Jean
Thomas

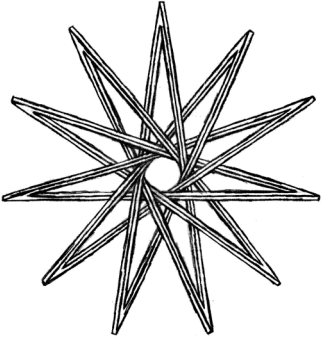
Willing to serve? We still have open positions including Social Action Chair, Lancaster Cluster Leader and Fort Mill Cluster Leader.

Contact Crystal Barrs, President

call/text 803 804-4061

barrs.crystal@yahoo.com

Social Action



Here is a 12-pointed star to represent the 12 units that turned in completed Diamond Unit Forms. Bravo, ladies! Social Action, Racial Justice (whatever you want to call it) is a main focus of our organization, United Women in Faith! This year we have raised awareness of injustices and sought ways to make the world a better place. The requirements for the Diamond Unit help increase our understanding of minorities and those who may be different than ourselves. New knowledge and understanding leads to action-that is our mission. Thank you for all you do to help others in the name of Christ.

May you continue to be Diamonds and inspire other units to achieve Diamond status next year.

We still need a Social Action Chair for next year. Who will **STEP OUT** and accept the responsibility for this area? Email Crystal Barrs (barrs.crystal@yahoo.com) or Lynne Chandler (mrs.lynnchandler@gmail.com) if you have even a slight interest in this or other positions.

Cluster Leaders



Lancaster/Fort Mill

Clara Horton
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clarashorton84@gmail.com



Rock Hill/Chester

Linda James
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linda.james54@gmail.com

York/Clover

We have a cluster leader for York/Clover for 2024. Jean Thomas from Kings Mountain Chapel UWF has agreed to take the position for a year. Thank you, Jean!!

Stay
Tuned

Assistant

Debbie Blackmon
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Rock Hill District at Mission u

A grand time was had by all! Twelve ladies from the Rock Hill District attended Mission u in Spartanburg in July. The weekend included Bible study, good food, great conversations, music, games, and a whole lot of fun! These pictures give you just a taste of what Mission u is like. **1.** Crystal Barrs & Linda Hughes converse during the dinner break. **2.** Brenda Stowe attempts a selfie during lunch. **3.** Marlene Spencer makes announcements to the gathered women. **4.** Rock Hill District at Mission u **Front:** Linda Hughes, Wendy Wright, Sandra Jeter, Nevaeh Williams, Zaria Spencer, Ann Alexander. **Back:** Lynne Chandler, Barbara Gaither, Brenda Stowe, Crystal Barrs, Linda James. **MIA:** Marlene Spencer **5.** Rev. Mary Johnson, instructor, poses with Barbara Gaither after class. **6.** Azilec Dickey and Crystal Barrs ham it up onstage. **7.** Vikki Hill, Registrar of Mission u and Marlene Spencer, Assistant Registrar, collect room keys at lunch the last day.



Around the District

Aldersgate Prayer Breakfast

Left: Betty Hunt talks to Donna Hauenstien.



Below: Donations of adult incontinence briefs will be greatly appreciated by hospice patients.



On August 19, Aldersgate UWFaith welcomed women from across the district to their Prayer Breakfast featuring Rev. Lee Ann Livingston as the speaker. Sherilyn Brewer, Unit Co-chair, welcomed everyone and opened the event with prayer. All kinds of breakfast casseroles, pastries, fruit, coffee, tea, and orange juice were served.

Rev. Livingston is the Chaplain for Hospice & Community Care and spoke about her work. She said there were several hospice groups that serve our area but Hospice and Community Care is the group that runs the Wayne T. Patrick Hospice House.

Attendees brought donations of adult incontinence briefs for use with hospice patients. Monetary donations were also accepted.



Below: Attendees from Cornerstone UMC: Kathy Starnes, Stephanie Pilecki, Maxine Smith, Debbie Betancourt, Sharron Jones, & JoAnn Till gather for the Prayer Breakfast.



Above: Sherilyn Brewer listens as Rev. Lee Ann Livingston makes plans with Debbie Blackmon from Woodland.



Time to clean up! Nancy Griffin, Sissy Holler, and Peggy Palmer wash dishes after the breakfast event.



Above: Ladies from Good Samaritan, Wesley, and Aldersgate enjoy the morning: Glynis Lowry, Clara Horton, Pam Gilmore, Phyllis Ward, Joyce Moore, Sissy Holler, and Janice Miller.

Around the District (continued)

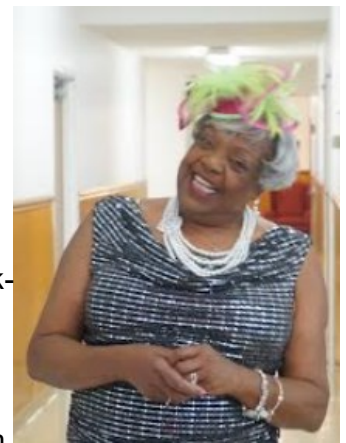


An Afternoon of Glitz, Glam, and Sparkle

St James UWF Hosts "Sneaker Tea" as Fundraiser

Photos - counter clockwise from left:

- Jennifer Davis speaks about her book which she used as door prizes.
- Clara Horton clutches the pocket book she won as a door prize as she leads a section of "strollers."
- Marlene Spencer talks to the gathered guests.
- Wendy Wright & Natayla Bratton declare themselves "winners" in one of the table games.
- Sandra Jeter strolls the room showing off her sneakers.
- Ann Alexander shows her gracious smile as she greets guests to the tea.



Below: Erica Odom, UWF President, & Andrea Barber show off their Glitz & Glam.



Around the District (continued)

Right: Joyce Kimbrell and Ellie Davies portion bean salad in preparation for lunch.

Below: Conversation and food go together. Lise Turner, Jennifer Isenhour, Kristi Vandergriff, Charlene Williams, and Amber Bowen (back to camera).



Above: The UMM is ready to serve.. George Rhinehardt, Darren Edwards, Gene Ervin, & George Dickinson. *Not pictured:* Jimmy Wolfe, RW Edmondson, & Benny Patterson.



Right: Mallory Capps runs an informational PowerPoint presentation created by Nancy Rivers.

St John's Fort Mill Summer Celebration

Current and prospective UWF members at St John's Fort Mill gathered on August 27 for a Summer Celebration. UWF members provided a delicious salad luncheon and dessert which were graciously served by UMM volunteers. The men cleared plates and washed dishes while the women played games and learned about UWFaith.

Games included finding "A Woman Who..." fit certain characteristics in a type of scavenger hunt, tying a knot in string with your non-dominant hand, and naming people in the Bible who's name begins with your first initial.

A rolling presentation about United Women in Faith was shown throughout the gathering. Presentations on our conference missions were given including Lynn Dickinson's memories of tutoring children at Columbia Bethlehem Center with her MYF group.

At the close of the event, guests were invited to join a circle or possibly start a new circle. All in all, it was a great celebration of fellowship and sharing about UWFaith.

Right: Susan Spencer, Nancy Lerch, Nancy Stark, Elaine Cryderman, and Peggy Bishop enjoy lunch.

Far Right: Brenda Stowe cuts pound cake to serve with peaches. Guests choose from six different desserts.



Items of Interest

Looking Ahead

Make plans to attend these events.

September 23 Rock Hill District Annual Meeting *Registration Form on page 17*
at Woodland UMC on Cherry Rd, Rock Hill

October 20-21 SCCUWF Conference Annual Meeting *Registration Form on page 16*
at St John UMC in Aiken

April 19-21, 2024 Southeastern Jurisdiction UWF Quadrennial Meeting
in Chattanooga, TN Interested in going? *More information on page 15*

response: Magazine for Women in Mission

response is the official magazine of United Women in Faith. Its goals are to educate for mission, interpret our Purpose, and strengthen the organization. It is published 6 times a year in both print and digital formats. Reading response is part of the Reading Program.

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PO Box 395
Congers, NY 10920-0395

Subscribe Online: uwfaith.org/resources

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Digital Only Subscription	
1 year (6 issues)	\$20
2 year (12 issues)	\$38

US Print Subscription (includes digital subscription)	
1 year (6 issues)	\$24
2 year (12 issues)	\$45

UWFaith Digital

While the internet is nothing new, we have all been thrown into new depths over the past few years, discovering ways we can connect with one another and engage resources to nurture our faith and support the ways we put faith, hope, and love *in action*.

United Women in Faith Digital is a safe and secure online space to do exactly that—

- access online versions of your favorite United Women in Faith resources, and
- connect with over 4,000 other members on the platform!

Visit uwfaith.org/digital and create your free account or log in.

Items of Interest

Bundle 2024

20% offer available through December

Sign up for the 2024 BUNDLE!

Order the print subscription today for a **20% discount!***
The Bundle includes:

- 2022 Adult curriculum mission study (\$14.99).
- 2024 Daily Prayer Guide (\$19.99).
- 2024 Program Resource† (\$14.99).

†The 2024 Program Resource will be start in January. The interim months of September through December 2023 will be offered free on our digital portal: UWfaith.org/digital. (A printed booklet may be made available for purchase for a nominal fee.)

Please sign me up for the **2024 Bundle**. All products will start shipping in December 2023.

NAME _____ CONFERENCE _____

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CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Check enclosed for **\$46.00**.** Please make check payable to: **United Women in Faith**.

* The 20% discount offer applies to the entire Bundle retail price with ground shipping and handling and available to the first 1,500 subscribers!

** Residents of NY and TX must add their sales tax to the subtotal/check amount.

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Atlanta, GA 30374-2349

Meals for Winthrop Wesley

Thank you to those who have provided dinner to Wesley students in the past and to those UWF units who have signed up for this school year. There are a couple of slots left for Mondays before Winter Break and lots of open slots later in the school year. They meet for dinner on Monday nights at 6:30 and appreciate home-cooked meals.

If you would like to provide a meal, please sign up at winwes.org/dinner-servers If you can't sign up online, you can email Charlie Farnum with the date you would like. Please share this information with other groups in your church.

For more information, contact Winthrop Wesley's director, Rev. Charlie Farnum
Charlie@winwes.org

Missed the Racial and Environmental

Justice Workshop?

Open YouTube www.youtube.com

Search for *SCC UWF*

Scroll down to find

SCC UWF Social Action Clean Water

Everyone deserves clean water





United
Women
in Faith

Get Together!

SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION QUADRENNIAL EVENT

APRIL 19-21, 2024 | CHATTANOOGA, TENN | SEJUWF.ORG

What does it mean to answer the call to "love one another"
(John 13:34) in 2024? Come GET TOGETHER! to:

FEEL the joy when faith-filled women unite

NURTURE our souls through the strength of our sisterhood

DEEPEN our relationship with God

EXPLORE the power of love to make a difference

**TOGETHER we can do more. TOGETHER we can be more
TOGETHER the power of love in action can change the world.**

Registration opens in September. \$210 through Dec. 2023, \$240 after Dec.

Check the website for registration information. www.sejuwf.org



**51st South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith Annual Meeting
October 20-21, 2023
St. John's United Methodist Church 104 Newberry St NW Aiken, SC**

For registration information contact Hazel Darby, Registrar (803)516-1354 / hazeldarby@bellsouth.net

Theme: "Unity in Christ"

Name _____ email _____

Address _____

Phone _____ District _____ Church _____

Check all that apply:

- First Timer Conference Officer District Officer Past Conference President
 Under 40 Unit President Mission Director Clergy
 Age 14-30 Voting Delegate Missionary / Deaconess
 Childcare needed – Number of Children _____ Ages _____

Emergency Contact: _____ **Phone** _____

Attending Friday dinner _____ Attending Saturday lunch _____ Vegetarian __ Gluten Free __

****By registering for this event, you understand that your photo may appear in any SCCUWF publication/media avenues. ****

+++++++Cut here and mail top portion to Registrar listed below+++++++

Friday, October 20

Registration check-in: 12:30pm – 3:00pm / Late check-in: 6:15pm-7:00pm

Displays and activities, Limitless donations drop-off, Soul Care Prayer Room

Session 1

- 2:45pm Gathering & Opening /featured local mission organization/Bible Study – **Faith Center Sanctuary**
 4:00pm Break with option of light chair exercise (Faith Center Sanctuary)
 4:15pm Workshop on **Community Creation Care: Climate Justice** – Faith Center Sanctuary (option to view displays, do mission encouragement & support card making, or go to Soul Care Prayer Room)
 5:30pm Dinner – **MEAL TICKET REQUIRED** (inside name tag holder)

Session 2

- 6:45pm Gathering music
 7:00pm Communion Worship Service – **Main Sanctuary**

Saturday, October 21 Registration check-in: 8:00am-9:00am

Session 3

- 8:45am Gathering, Memorial Service, General Business, Informational Moments, Special Recognitions, Offering, Keynote Speaker: Rev. Shirley Gordon, Orangeburg Wesley Foundation – **Faith Center**
 12:15pm Lunch – **MEAL TICKET REQUIRED**

Session 4

- 1:15pm Retirement of Officers, Nomination & Election of Officers, Installation of Officers, Announcements

Mail early registration fee of \$45 payable to SCCUWF to Hazel Darby, 109 Meatcutter Rd., Bamberg, SC 29003 postmarked by September 30. Late registration fee postmarked by October 14 is \$55. Onsite fee is \$65.

District Annual Meeting

Hosted by Woodland UWF (801 Cherry Rd, Rock Hill, SC)

Date September 23, 2023

9:15 Registration/Refreshments

10 Worship/Business



An offering will be collected to support our 4 SCUWF Missions: Bethlehem Center-Spartanburg, Columbia Bethlehem Center, Killingsworth Home, Wallace Family Life Center

Jesus said, "Come." Then Peter got out of the boat and was walking on the water toward Jesus. -Matthew 14:29

Invite your friends. All Christian Women are invited to attend.

Our speaker will be Lynne Tyner, the District Director of Lay Servant Ministries.

Join us for this time of fellowship and celebration.

You can choose to attend in person or virtually on Zoom.

Use the form or include the requested information. You can register as a unit or individually.

Please register by Saturday, September 18, 2023.

Please send registrations to Lynne Chandler

mrs.lynnchandler@gmail.com

864 426-3501 (call/text)

1025 Princeton Rd, Rock Hill, SC 29730

Church/City _____

Name	Email	Phone	Check if Zoom

2023 Unit Survey / Census Worksheet

Please complete by June 30, 2023

The following information is needed to complete the survey for your unit/church.

You can fill out this worksheet and send it to Jackie Hicks by mail or email

3320 Meadow Creek Rd Clover, SC 29710 jbhicks9800@aol.com

OR

Complete your survey online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SouthCarolina>

When you have finished call or text Jackie Hicks (803 517-0434) to let her know you are done. Please retain a copy of your worksheet in case there are problems and it needs to be redone.

If you have questions please contact Crystal (text/call 803 804-4061) or Lynne (text/call 864 426-3501)

1. Reported by (information of person who is reporting this data)

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Position in unit _____ (pres, sec, member, etc)

2. Are you an ALL-ACCESS group? Yes No (Rock Hill District check No)

Numbers 3-7 concern All-Access groups

8. Church Name _____ 9. Unit or Group Name _____

10. Unit Type Local (Choose from drop down menu) 11. District Rock Hill

12-15. Unit President's First Name _____ Last Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

16-19. Unit Mailing Address (suggested: church mailing address, but a different address is okay)

City/State/Zip _____

20. Primary Language English 21. Number of new members added in 2022 _____

22. Number of members lost in 2022 _____ 23. Total # of Members as of Dec. 31, 2022 _____

24. Average age of members 18-34 35-55 56-69 70+

25. My unit is gathering virtually in person by phone hybrid (in-person/virtual) not at all

26. Is your unit aware of digital options for the Program Resource Book? Aware, but use print
 Use both print & digital Use digital only Not aware of digital Aware but do not use

27. As of April 2023, has your unit taken the name United Women in Faith? Yes No

28. Has your church disaffiliated or considering disaffiliation? Yes Undecided No

29. Will your unit continue to operate as a United Women in Faith (if disaffiliating)?

Yes Unsure No

30-31. Does your unit relate to a National Mission Institution (NMI)? Yes No

*If you donate to Bethlehem Center, Spartanburg and Killingsworth, check yes and write in
Bethlehem Center, Spartanburg and Killingsworth.*

32. How is your unit participating/involved with the NMI? elected to board ex-officio on board
 regular volunteer one-off volunteer (e.g. mission trip, day of service) donor staff

33. Is your unit regularly involved with other organizations? Yes No (most units give to others)

34. Why does your unit work with other organizations?

Other organizations offer opportunities for services and advocacy, locally/nationally, that NMIs do not.

We had challenges building relationships between our unit and NMIs.

We do not know enough about NMIs to gauge whether we should or could be better served connecting with them rather than outside organizations, in fulfilling our mission work.

More answer choices are on the next page.

- We do have good and ongoing relationships with NMIs, but we also work with outside organizations as part of our unit's mission.
- There are no NMIs in our area.
- Other Explain: _____

35. Would your unit like to receive more information on NMIs? Yes No
36. What information about National Mission Institutions (NMIs) would you like to receive?
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37. Is your group working on Interrupting the School to Prison Pipeline?
 Just Energy for All ?

38. Would you like more information on #37? Which one or both?
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39. What publications do you receive? E-connect Newsletter response magazine
 Thrive e-newsletter Touchpoints newsletter

40. What changes would you like to see in response magazine?
 larger print more photos more reader-submitted content

41. Which version of response magazine do you prefer? print digital

42. If you prefer print would you consider switching to digital? yes no

43. Does your unit use Mission u curricula in 2022? yes no

44. What Mission u event did your unit attend? local conference none

45. Did your church or affiliated group use the 2022 Mission u curricula? yes no

46. Are you interested in serving as a voting member? local church council & charge conference
 Annual Conference I am not interested.

47. Are you interested in serving as a voting delegate in The United Methodist Church?
 Jurisdictional General Conference I am not interested

48. Does your unit or group give in the following ways: pledge designated giving
 Vanco Faith We do not give to United Women in Faith
 Provide details on other giving _____

49. How are you designating your giving (through the District)? We do not give.
 Social Action/Justice Education/Leadership Spiritual Growth International Mission
 Legacy Fund National Mission Institutions Where it is needed most
 Specify other giving _____

49. Are your members aware of opportunities to make a planned gift to the organization (will bequest, stocks, IRA, etc)? Yes no

51. Are you interested in attending a Conference or District event in the fall? Yes No

52. Will one or more of your members attend either of these events:

Assembly 2026 (Indianapolis, IN) Yes No SEJ 2024 (Chattanooga, TN) Yes No

53. What would inspire you to attend either SEJ or Assembly?

More info Virtual Option Nothing

54. How often do you receive contact and/or information about the unit survey from your district?

3 or more times/year 2 times/year 1 time/year never

Thank you for taking time to submit this survey!

United Women in Faith

We are a **sisterhood**
acting in **faith**
to tackle the **hard work**
of the **world** without hesitation.

MISSION: We seek to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.

VISION: We are a powerful, fearless force driven by God's love and united in sisterhood, with a focus on women, children, and youth, we act for justice and transform communities.

We face the realities we see in the world, even when they are not the ones we would like to see. However, our goal is not to bear witness simply to harms but also to God's love by action boldly to change those harms.

ACTION: Bold action, like faith, takes courage. Our bravery is inspired by God's love and our powerful commitment to improve the lives of women, children, and youth. United Women in Faith works for justice through compassionate service and advocacy to change unfair policies and systems that harm women, children, and youth—from racial and gender injustice to economic inequality, climate issues and more.



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