



United Women in Faith

Informer



September 21

The Rock Hill District will gather at Hopewell UMC in Lancaster for our Annual Meeting on September 21. Please join us as we celebrate the past year and recognize units who have faithfully responded to the UWF Purpose. More information and a registration form are on **page 13**.



Two Events You Don't Want to Miss!

October 25 & 26

The SCCUWF Annual Meeting will be hosted by the Rock Hill District on October 25 & 26. Woodland UMC is serving as the host church. A plethora of activities are planned for Friday afternoon. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Anthony Hodge will deliver the message at the Friday evening communion service. Saturday morning's keynote speaker will be Patricia Leary from the Catawba Nation. More information and the registration form can be found on **page 15** of this issue or in the June Mission Echo. To see how you can help with hosting duties check out **page 14** in this issue of Informer.



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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 - Lynne Chandler



Greetings My Faithful Sisters in Christ!

Those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer have melted in the heat! I am looking forward to cooler days and gathering with United Women in Faith within the Rock Hill District and from across the Conference.

Many units in our district fed Salkehatchie Teams. This is a great service to the volunteer workers. I hope we can get pictures of this next year. I was not present when my unit fed Salkehatchie because I had two other events that same day. I joined the ladies at St. John's in Fort Mill to watch the Conference's Racial & Environmental Event on Zoom and enjoyed St. John's delicious luncheon afterward. I should have taken photos.

That same afternoon I traveled up to York to enjoy St. James UWF at their Sneaker Tea Fundraiser. They served up wonderful hospitality, tasty food, fun games, and a great speaker. I managed to take a couple of pics at St James. I should have taken more but I was too busy enjoying myself.



Right: Clara Horton & Linda Hughes
Far Right: Sandra Jeter & her granddaughter



My circle does not meet during the summer except for monthly gatherings to go out to eat. I have found some favorite restaurants that way. I know some of you still hold monthly meetings during the summer. I was able to meet with Hopewell UWF in Lancaster for their July meeting and look forward to seeing them again as they host our District Annual Meeting in September (see page 13 for more information). Mission u was held in July at Spartanburg Methodist College. We had a great group from the Rock Hill District with several first timers. There is a photo of us on page 3 (VP Nichole's page).

I had dinner with ladies from Good Samaritan UWF. They hope to continue to get together in spite of their church closing. I have also been in touch with women from the Indian Land area who have started an All Access Group to participate online.

Thank you to all the units that sent in their reports. I will be double checking and comparing the Unit President's Reports to the various award reports so we can make sure everything is correct in our Annual Meeting Program.

Coming Up...

I hope to see you all at our District Annual Meeting in Lancaster (see page 13) and our Conference Annual Meeting in October (see page 15). I am excited about this opportunity for more of you to attend. I'm asking for your units to prayerfully consider helping us have a great annual meeting. Please see page 14 for a list of ways you can help.

Please remember to take pictures of your events and send them to rockhillumw@gmail.com along with a write-up so we can share your news through the *Informer*.

Love in Christ,

Lynne Chandler

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Vice President—Nichole Nickens

Greetings Ladies!

In July I attended my first Mission U in Spartanburg, SC. A time was surely had. If you have not been, make sure you attend next year. You won't be disappointed. The fellowship with other women across the state of South Carolina was phenomenal and an unforgettable experience. Here is the fun-loving group from the Rock

Hill District:

Seated: Martha Sides, Windy Bartee, Crystal Barrs, Brenda Stowe, Nancy Rivers, & Margaret Parker. Standing: Barbara Gaither, Marlene Spencer, Linda James, Nichole Nickens, Charlene Williams, & Lynne Chandler. Missing from the photo: Ann Alexander.



I hope to see each of you at our District Annual Meeting on 9/21 at Hopewell UMC, Lancaster, SC. Registration information can be found on **page 13** Our theme this year is "What A Friend!". Speaker will be Dr. Kimberly P. Johnson.

I also wish to invite you all to attend the SCCUWF 52nd Annual Meeting @ Woodland UMC, Rock Hill, SC on 10/25-10/26. A registration form is on **page 15**. You can find more information about this event in the Mission Echo. This will surely be a joyous occasion for all!



Remember Jesus is my Light! John 8:12

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Your Sister in Christ,

Nichole Nickens

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Treasurer—Frances Bratton



Thank you, Unit Treasurers!

You made my first year as treasurer delightfully gratifying. Your faithfulness and commitment to the United Women in Faith have been incredible! All reports have been sent in without fail. Thank you for your contributions to help support the missions we support as United Women in Faith!

The district has not reached our pledge to mission goal for 2024. Our goal was \$18,000. We are short by \$1,747.10. Please dig deep so we can continue to support United Women in Faith and our program. We want to continue to be a vital group of women that serves our vulnerable sisters and children. Please give!

The remittance for the 4th quarter begins September 1st . 4th quarter contributions count toward your 2025 pledge.

A pledge form will be sent out to Presidents and Treasurers next week. Please remember to bring your pledge to mission form to the annual meeting in September.

Thanks again for all you do for your local unit.

Yours in Christ,

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UWF is committed to financial stewardship that ensures each dollar makes the greatest difference in the lives of women, children, and youth.

Secretary—Barbara Gaither



Secretaries, remember the District Annual Meeting on September 21! I hope to see you there as we celebrate the many accomplishments of our local units.

As you continue through your term, please remember how important your role is within your local unit. Your minutes are the official record of all decisions made by your unit.

If you have or will have new officers elected, please remember to forward that information to our President, Lynne Chandler and to me.

If you have any questions, please contact me and I will find out the answer for you.

God be with you,

Barbara Gaither

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Program Resources- Bette Jean Janicke



I am so thankful for those of you who turned in your Reading Report for the year. Your certificate will be awarded at our Annual meeting in September at Hopewell in Lancaster.

I am excited for the 2025 Reading List and hope you will encourage your unit to take part. The 2025 Catalog can be found online at uwf.org/read You will have to download it to view it. I will have a list of the books at our annual meeting.

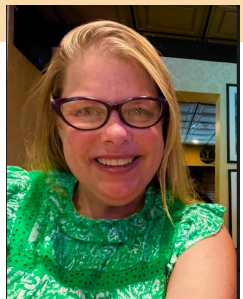
I will again be reading a book from each category in our UWF Facebook Group (*Rock Hill District UWF*). If you listen to them you will get Plan 1. Keep reading and reporting.

If you borrowed books from our UWF Reading Program please return them to me so by our annual meeting. Call me and I will meet you to pick them up.

Bette Jean Janicke

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Social Action - Tonya Janicke



Congratulations to our nine Diamond Units! You ladies are awesome missionaries and your service hasn't gone unnoticed by God and our community.

It has been my pleasure to serve as Social Action Chair this past year. Due to other commitments to church, community, and school I am stepping down as chair.

Tonya Janicke

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Membership — Nancy Rivers



I pray that we have all had rejuvenating summers and are ready to resume our mission work amid creative, supportive fellowships.

I'm curious, are any of you holding any kind of membership promotion? Perhaps you are having a luncheon open to all ladies in your church and will provide some information about United Women in Faith. Maybe you hold a tea party. Perhaps a new book club is forming. I would love to hear from you! Let's share those great ideas with each other.

I had the pleasure of attending Mission u for the first time. What a blessing! I know it takes a lot of preparation, but it was so good I would love to have it more than once a year! I hope you will join us next year.

As of this writing, we do not have the official census from conference. I will be in touch as soon as it is shared with district leadership. To facilitate that contact, please, be certain that your cluster leader has the name and contact information for your unit president. Thank you!

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

Hebrews 10:24-25

Blessings to all,
Nancy J. Rivers

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E&J (Missions) - Margaret Parker



Congratulations are in order for the following 9 churches who successfully completed all 10 requirements for the Mission Today Award. Great job, Ladies!

Camp Creek	Philadelphia, Fort Mill
Clover Chapel	St James
Good Shepherd	St John's, Fort Mill
Hopewell, Lancaster	Wesley
Hopewell, York	Woodland

I encourage all units to begin now to plan for next year. Remember, the Leadership Team is available and willing to help as needed.

Continue to save your pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Bring what you have to our Annual Meeting on September 21 at Hopewell UMC in Lancaster. I hope to see you there.

God's blessings to you all.

Margaret Parker

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Spiritual Growth — Linda Hughes



Greetings Sisters! I hope all is well.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 reads "For everything there is a season, a time to be born and a time to die." If you have additional names of deceased members to be included in our memorial service at our annual meeting, please email them to me or to Lynne Chandler (or both, if you like). The last day to add any names is September 10, so don't delay! At our Annual Meeting we will remember those

who passed on to glory between Sept. 1, 2023 and Aug 31, 2024.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as Spiritual Growth Chair for the district. At this year's Annual Meeting I will change positions to be the York/Clover Cluster Leader. I hope to see everyone at Annual Meeting at Hopewell UMC in Lancaster.

Continue to pray for all of us as we have Faith, Hope and put God's Love into Action!

Linda Hughes

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Historian-Jane Carter



Hi everyone!

We are fast approaching our Rock Hill District Annual Meeting on September 21st and our South Carolina Conference Annual Meeting on October 25 & 26. I will be preparing a visual presentation of our activities for the year for the meetings. We would love to include your articles and photos on our visual board. Please email me any information you would like to include as soon as possible.

Thank you! If you have any questions please contact me.

Always in Christ,

Jane Wood Carter

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Nominations - Crystal Barrs



I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our District Annual Meeting in Lancaster, Hopewell UMC will be our host church. I hope you have saved the date and will join us September 21st. Registration starts at 9:15am and our program starts at 10am.

I am trying to build a data base of future leaders for our District. If you are interested in taking a position but not at this time, we would love to get your information to help fill positions as they come available. I ask everyone to Pray and Listen to what God is leading you to do. If you are passionate about Social Justice or Climate Justice I want to know. If you love Reading and want to share that passion with others, I want to know. If you have computer skills that can be put to good use, I want to know. If you enjoy calling people on the phone, I want to know. Please fill out a Potential Leader Form (see page 16) and brag about you passion & skills. We only have a couple of openings this year but will need several new people to join the team in September 2025. If you have questions about what a position is like ask the Leadership Team. We will be glad to answer your questions.

Ask God what it is that best fits your talents, then let's talk about it.

God Bless our local units and all women who are active in your local units. Travel Mercies to those traveling over the Labor Day weekend.

Blessings,

Crystal Barrs

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Join Us On the Leadership Team

The Rock Hill District UWF Leadership Team is a unique sisterhood, working together to encourage others in Christian faith and service. Please prayerfully consider joining us.

What we do...

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| ⇒ Meet together | ⇒ Help each other |
| ⇒ ZOOM | ⇒ Work together |
| ⇒ Pray for each other | ⇒ Deepen our faith |
| ⇒ Lunch together | ⇒ Learn from each other |
| ⇒ Plan District events | ⇒ Laugh together |
| ⇒ Teach each other | ⇒ Serve God |
| ⇒ Pray together | ⇒ Encourage each other |
| ⇒ Share ideas | ⇒ Relax together |

Cluster Leaders

Cluster Leaders serve an integral role in the Rock Hill District. They ensure that each unit has received the Informer each month and try to develop a working relationship with each unit president in their cluster. They help tremendously with communication between the Leadership Team and the units.

All Leadership Team Members are eager to help you but the Cluster Leaders can be your go to person for questions. Each is a current president of her own unit so she understands the president's position.

Cluster Leaders also work the registration table at our events and our part of our Nominations Committee, keeping an eye out for potential leaders.

Please save the name, phone number, and email of your Cluster Leader so you can easily contact her or will know to answer when she calls.



Lancaster/Chester - Clara Steele

Serving units in Lancaster County and Chester County and those churches in Kershaw County who are part of the Rock Hill District

Clara Steele
Call/text 803 804-0319
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Rock Hill/Fort Mill - Linda James

Serving all units with a Rock Hill or Fort Mill address
Also includes churches in Catawba and Indian Land

Linda James
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York/Clover - Jean Thomas

Serving all units with a York or Clover address
Also includes Lake Wylie

Jean Thomas
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We will need a new Cluster Leader for Rock Hill/Fort Mill in September. If you are interested reach out to Linda J. to learn more. Contact Crystal Barrs to apply.



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Around the District

**HOPEWELL UWF IN YORK HOSTS
PAINT & SNACK
DURING JUNE MEETING**



Food
Fun
&
Fellowship

Around the District (continued)



Aldersgate Feeds Salkehatchie Team

Submitted by Susan Floyd

The United Women of Faith of Aldersgate UMC fed 42 hungry workers from the Rock Hill Salkehatchie camp. Some of the workers were from as far away as James Island. Taco Tuesday was on the menu which included all the fixin's. Everyone fellowshiped together, shared their experiences, and ate until it was gone. Aldersgate loves Salkehatchie and were blessed to have the chance to serve these disciples of Christ. Their contribution of time and talent to the people of Rock Hill is such a blessing! We can't wait until next year!



Top: Chalk art adorns the pavement welcoming Salkehatchie workers to Aldersgate.

Above: Susan Floyd, Chris Dodd, and Charlotte Kilpatrick pause for a selfie.

Right: Charlotte Kilpatrick and Chris Dodd stand ready to serve tacos to the hungry workers.



The following units reported feeding Salkehatchie workers but did not send in photos.

Camp Creek
Clover Chapel
Good Shepherd
Hopewell, Lancaster

Kings Mountain Chapel
Philadelphia, Fort Mill
St John's, Fort Mill
Woodland

Other units may have fed Salkehatchie workers but did not include it on their President's Report.

Around the District (continued)

Aldersgate Prayer Breakfast

Aldersgate UWF President Sherilyn Brewer welcomes everyone to the Prayer Breakfast. And introduces the speaker.



Below: Peggy Palmer enthralles her tablemates with tales of her Austrian staff.



Right: Susan Flores speaks to the gathering on Queen Esther.



Above: Ladies from the Seventh Day Adventist congregation enjoy sitting with Aldersgate UMC's first lady Sissy Holler. *L to R:* Elba Morales, Zulma Garcia, Sissy Holler, & Luc Betancourth.

Left: Aldersgate ladies help themselves to breakfast. *L to R:* Lyn Skews, Sue VanDyke, Donna Hauenstein, & Yvonne Latzenheiser .

St John's Holds 2nd Annual Summer Celebration

St John's UWF in Fort Mill held a Summer Celebration on Sunday, August 25, 2024. The event included a luncheon and fun games. The "great debate" provided information about St. John's two circles & invited nonmembers to join. Two women put on the roles of missionaries Dr. Clara Swain and Isabella Thoburn to answer questions about the earliest history of what is now the United Women of Faith.

Far Right: Julie Sweatt attended with her mom, Caroline Griffin

Right: Ann Kempka and Bev Poissant are ready to enjoy the delicious lunch. Bev took the role of Dr. Clara Swain for the event.

Below: Elaine Cryderman and Peggy Bishop await the results of a game.



Right: Karen Rowe and her mom, Rachel Lovick share a smile.

All photos courtesy of Joyce Kimbrell



Above: Joy Honeycutt and Charlene Williams pause before enjoying their lunch.

Left: Brenda Stowe, Peg Brust and Martha Sides check the contents of their purse for the Purse Game.

District Annual Meeting

Hosted by Hopewell UWF (3734 Hayward Hough Rd, Lancaster 29720 SC)

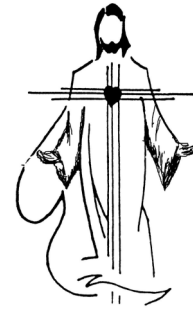
Date September 21, 2024

9:15 Registration/Refreshments

10 Worship/Business

An offering will be collected for Mission Giving.

What a Friend!



I call you friends, because I everything I heard from my Father I have made known to you. You didn't choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you could go and produce fruit and so that your fruit would last. As a result, whatever you ask the Father in my name, He will give you. I give you these commandments so that you can love each other. -John 15:15b-17

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

Our speaker will be Dr. Kimberly P. Johnson..

Join us in person for this time of fellowship and celebration.

Use the form or include the requested information. You can register as a unit or individually.
Please register by Saturday, September 14, 2024.

Registrations should be sent to Nichole Nickens

verneenickens@yahoo.com

704 458-3294 (call/text)

11806 Village Pond Dr. Charlotte, NC 28278

Church/City _____

Name	Email	Phone

Items of Interest



Help needed for Conference Annual Meeting

#1 Pray

Pray for God to be in the planning and carrying out of our annual meeting. Pray for a successful event that inspires the attendees to be bold women of faith. Pray for travel mercies for all who will be traveling to this event. Pray for the speakers to inspire us with faithful words from God.

Donations

Case of Bottled water

Large box/bag of individually wrapped snacks (pretzels, cheese crackers, raisins, mini cookies, trail mix, small candies, etc.) No chips as they crush too easily.

Individual fruit (mandarin oranges, small apples, etc.)

Funds (send check to Frances Bratton, made out to RH District UWF, memo: "donation." Do **not** send a remittance form.)

Choir, Instrumentalist, or Praise Dancer

We have a pianist for the services but want special music before or during our Friday night worship service. We may need something on Saturday morning also. We need to make these arrangements ASAP.

In person (Friday or Saturday)

Your District Leadership Team and Woodland UWF will provide much of the manpower but we will need help. Please pray about the possibility of working for an hour or two during the event. And don't forget to register to attend. Let us know when you want to help.

If you or your unit can help in any of these ways please let us know. Email Lynne Chandler at mrs.lynnechandler@gmail.com

Funds can be sent anytime. Water and nonperishable snack donations can be brought to our district annual meeting in September. We expect 200 to 250 women at this event.

Don't forget to register. Conference Annual Meeting is always a special time. You won't want to miss this event! Registration form is on page 15.

**52nd South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith Annual Meeting
 October 25-26, 2024
 Woodland United Methodist Church 801 Cherry Rd., Rock Hill, SC**



For registration information contact **Frances Bratton, 803-230-6913, bratton.frances60@outlook.com**

Theme: *"Praise the Lord! Justice for All!"*

(Please print legibly.)

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

Emergency Contact: _____ **Phone** _____

Attending Friday dinner _____ Attending Saturday lunch _____ Vegetarian _____ Gluten Free _____
 Trip to Catawba Cultural Center _____ (Limited to 20 Participants – will be confirmed.)

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

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Friday, October 25 Registration check-in: 3:00pm- 5:15pm

Displays, Limitless donations drop-off, Soul Care Prayer Room, *Move 4 Mission*, Inform & Discuss sessions,
 Mission Project Directors, Trip to Catawba Cultural Center at 3:15pm - limited to first 20 registrants signing up.

Session 1: 5:15pm in the Sanctuary

Dinner: 5:45pm-6:45pm – Gym MEAL TICKET REQUIRED (in name badge holder)

Worship & Communion: 7:00pm Rev. Anthony Hodge, Rock Hill District Superintendent, preaching - **Sanctuary**

Saturday, October 26 Registration check-in: 8:00am-9:15am

Session 2:

9:15am General Business, Informational Moments, Memorial Service, Mission Offering, Reports, Pledge Service
 Keynote Speaker: Patricia Leach, Assistant Chief of the Catawba Nation
 Retirement of Officers, Nomination & Election of Officers, Installation of Officers, Announcements
 Annual Meeting Adjourned

Lunch – MEAL TICKET REQUIRED

Mail **early** registration fee of **\$45** payable to **SCCUWF** to Registrar Frances Bratton, PO Box 74, Clover, SC 29710
 postmarked by **September 30**.

Regular registration fee is **\$55** if postmarked by **October 15**. **Late fee** and **onsite fee** are **\$65**.

**Rock Hill District
Potential Leader Form**

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone _____ (cell or home) Email _____

Church/City _____ Ethnicity _____ Age _____

Employed by _____

Professional Skills & Job Experience _____

Offices held in United Methodist Women or United Women in Faith

Local Unit/Circle _____

District _____

Conference _____

Jurisdiction/National _____

Additional Experience within the church or community (other than UWF) _____

What offices are of interest to you?

President _____ Vice President _____ Secretary _____ Treasurer _____

Spiritual Growth _____ Social Action _____ Communications (newsletter) _____

Program Resources _____ Education & Interpretation (missions) _____

Membership Nurture & Outreach _____ Cluster Leader _____ Nominations _____

Are you able to participate in online meetings (Zoom)? _____

Can you travel for meetings and events? _____

Please return this form to your Cluster Leader or any District Officer or send directly to

Crystal Barrs, Rock Hill UWF Nominations Chair,

Email: barrs.crystal@yahoo.com

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