

# Gleanings *News*

SEPTEMBER | 2021

**COLUMBIA DISTRICT UMW 49<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**

**VIRTUAL**

**HOSTED BY FRANCIS BURNS UMC**

**SPEAKER REV. SHARON RISHER**

**THEME: "FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS: FINDING JESUS IN DIFFICULT SITUATIONS"**

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2021**

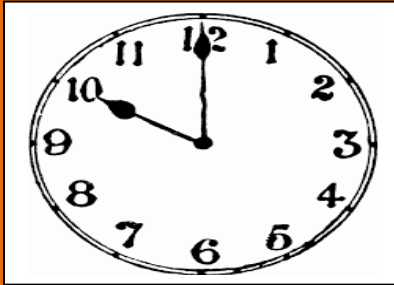
**10:00AM – 12:00PM NOON**

September 18 <sup>th</sup>	District Annual Meeting	Virtual
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	District Executive Committee Meeting	Virtual
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	Conference Officer Training	Virtual



# Columbia District United Methodist Women 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

**September 18, 2021 10:00AM Via Zoom**  
**Host: Francis Burns United Methodist Church**



**Theme:**  
***“For Such a Time as This:  
Finding Jesus in Difficult Situations”***

**Focus Scripture:**  
**“...And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?” (Esther 4:14)**



**Speaker: Rev. Sharon Risher, author of *For Such a Time as This: HOPE AND FORGIVENESS AFTER THE CHARLESTON MASSACRE***

**There is no registration; however, we ask that you send a love offering.**

**Make checks payable to: Columbia District UMW**

**Mail checks to: Tiffany Phillips \* 2336 Hard Scrabble Road \* Columbia, SC 29223.**

**Proceeds will be divided among the four Mission Projects and Racial Justice.**

**Follow this link to register for the annual meeting**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpcu-grT4rHdea5bBIIIjKJikeJO9WG1O7>.**

## Message From Your President...

Hello to my sisters in Christ! I cannot believe we are over half way through 2021. I hope that everyone is still wearing their masks and being careful as this pandemic is not over. We want everyone to be safe so we are once again holding our annual meeting virtually. Francis Burns UMC is our virtual host for our meeting on September 18th, 2021 and we honored to have Rev. Sharon Risher as our guest speaker. Rev. Sharon wrote a book "For Such a Time as This: Hope and Forgiveness After the Charleston Massacre". We hope you will read the Book in advance of the meeting. I know you will find it inspiring and powerful. Our meeting will begin at 10:00 am on the 18th and this is the link to register for the annual meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpcu-grT4rHdea5bBIIIjKJlikeJO9WG1O7>. We look forward to seeing you virtually on the 18th.

The South Carolina Conference UMW is holding their annual meeting on October 23rd, 2021 and the theme is "Exercising Faith Over Fear". We will send you the link to the virtual meeting closer to the meeting date.

As we go into the last months of the year, please remember that your donations to the UMW help so many programs we support and truly make a difference in our community, state and world. The pandemic has created so many needs that our donations are more critical than ever.

We are the face of Jesus on earth and I pray we make Him proud by our service in his name.

May God bless you and keep you safe!

*Debra Schooler, President*  
Columbia District

# Local President's Report for 2021

For Period September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2021

Due September 1, 2021

UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_ PRESIDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

## I. Membership:

Number of Members in Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Deceased Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Members pledging \$5.00 for Wallace Family Life Center: \_\_\_\_\_

## II. Contributions:

Actual Amount Sent for the 5 Star Requirements:

Pledge to Missions: \_\_\_\_\_

World Thank Offering: \_\_\_\_\_

Gift to Memory: \_\_\_\_\_

Gift to Mission: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Mission Recognition: \_\_\_\_\_

Call to Prayer & Self Denial: \_\_\_\_\_

Actual Amount Sent for the Gold Seal Requirements:

Killingsworth: \_\_\_\_\_

Wallace Family Life Center: \_\_\_\_\_

Columbia Bethlehem Community Center: \_\_\_\_\_ Bethlehem Center – Spartanburg: \_\_\_\_\_

## III. Participation:

District Events: (Number of persons from your unit attending each meeting)

Annual Meeting (September 2020): \_\_\_\_\_ Day Apart (March 2021): \_\_\_\_\_

Local Officer's Training (January 2021): \_\_\_\_\_

**Conference Events:** (Number of persons from your unit attending each meeting)

Annual Meeting (October 2020): \_\_\_\_\_ Officer's Training (November 2020): \_\_\_\_\_

Come Together Be Together (June 2021): \_\_\_\_\_ School of Christian Mission (July 2021): \_\_\_\_\_

Legislative Day (February 2020): \_\_\_\_\_ Spiritual Growth Retreat (May 2021): \_\_\_\_\_

Attended Events for the 5 Mission Projects (like Killingsworth Gala): \_\_\_\_\_

Mission Day (May 2021): \_\_\_\_\_

## IV. Mission Education:

Reading Program: # of participants for 2021: \_\_\_\_\_

Subscriptions to Response: # of participants: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Book Used: \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Calendar Used: \_\_\_\_\_

Diamond Unit (Charter for Racial Justice): \_\_\_\_\_

Mission Today Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

## VI. Support Campaign for Children: \_\_\_\_\_ School District for your unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Send in your yearly report for Campaign for Children by September 1, 2021.

## VII. Other: Send in your yearly report for the unit listing all activities by September 1, 2021.

Mail or email to:  
Debra Schooler  
113 Meadow Lane  
Eastover, SC 29044  
Email: debrajschooler@gmail.com



## *Notes from the Vice President*

Greetings United Methodist Women Sisters in Christ:

What does the Lord require of you? "...to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God" (Micah 6:8). In essence, this is what we do as United Methodist Women. Each day, we put our Faith, Hope and Love in Action.

### **Columbia District United Methodist Women**

Thank you local units in the Columbia District for your participation in our district projects: Your donations to Columbia Bethlehem Community Center in support of the Boys Summer Institute were greatly appreciated as were the donations of much needed household and cleaning supplies. We are also thankful for supplies and toiletries donated to Palmetto Place Children and Youth Services and for your attendance at the district-wide virtual viewing of *Pushout*. Many of you participated in Virtual *Faith Talks* that addressed social issues relevant to women, children and youth. Continue to do so!

### **South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women**

Know that Columbia District was well represented at the SCCUMW Mission events that took place July 24th, July 31st, and August 7th, 2021. Many of our officers, myself included, as well as members across the district attended these events. It was obvious that much planning went into facilitating the mission studies. Thank you for your attendance and support of this conference event. **You do us proud!!**

### **Church Women United**

Click on this link [National Presidents Letter](#) to view a message from Church Women United National President, Elmira Washington regarding CWU face-to-face meetings.

### **Upcoming Events**

**September 18, 2021      Virtual CD UMW Annual Meeting      10:00AM**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Sharon Risher, author of *For Such a Time as This: HOPE AND HEALING AFTER THE CHARLESTON MASSACRE*. **See flyer in this edition of Gleanings.**



**Love. Grow. Serve.**

*Carrie R. Murray*

Vice President

Columbia District United Methodist Women

[cmrmurra@bellsouth.net](mailto:cmrmurra@bellsouth.net)



## *From the Secretary's Desk*

The Columbia District United Methodist Women Executive Committee met June 15, 2021, via Zoom.

President Debra Schooler called the meeting to order at 6:03. She welcomed and thanked everyone for their participation. She also thanked Vice-President Carrie Murray for standing in for her at the April 20<sup>th</sup> Executive meeting.

Persons in attendance included: Debra Schooler, Carrie Murray, Diann Selph, Tiffany Phillips, Patricia Armstrong, Mary Nell Trussell, Pat Hoesly, Linda Kennedy, Robin Andrews, Faye Love, Sandra Love and Flo Johnson.

Absentee members were Rhonda Washington, Sharee Washington, Bridgette Gruber, Mary Anne Dewitt, Christine Porter, Stella Chisholm, Vilma Cobb, Becky Travis, Vanessa Key, Evelyn Ann Neal, and Karen Furr.

Carrie Murray (in the absence of Bridgette Gruber) led us in prayer.

Secretary Diann Selph reported that the minutes were printed in the June 2021 Gleanings. Flo Johnson moved that the minutes be accepted as printed in the Gleanings and second by Sandra Love.

Reports were given from the following officers:

**\*\*President** Debra Schooler reported that she has been hard at work this quarter. She attended the Mission U committee meeting and prays that everyone will attend Mission U this year. It is going to be fantastic.

Debra conducted the youth leader study in April on how to talk to our youth about violence which will be a topic at the youth part of Mission U.

She attended the Spiritual Growth Retreat in April and was impressed and touched by the topics and the program.

“Come together Be Together,” hosted by Spartanburg District was fun and motivating. She especially enjoyed the cooking workshop.

The upcoming Leadership Training on Saturday will provide her with the opportunity to grow her leadership skills.

After attending the Hartsville's day of celebration, she was impressed by the leadership in the Hartsville District.

**Vice President Carrie Murray** attended the following events: SCCUMW Spiritual Growth Event, hosted by the Rock Hill District via Zoom; Columbia CWU May Friendship Day 2021 via Zoom; Come Together Be Together hosted by the Anderson district via Zoom. She says, “It warms

my heart to see so many of our ladies from Columbia district in attendance at local, district and conference events. **Thank You!**

Carrie submitted the agenda for the Columbia District United Methodist Women 49<sup>th</sup> Virtual Annual Meeting to be held September 18, 2021 at 10:00AM via Zoom. The event will be hosted by Francis Burns United Methodist Church. The keynote speaker is Rev. Sharon Risher, author of *For Such a Time as This: HOPE AND FORGIVENESS AFTER THE CHARLESTON MASSACRE*. She also provided a timetable for completion of activities leading up to the meeting.

**Treasurer** Tiffany Phillips reported the following:

- **Money received:** (Not Remittance)  
Money for Gleaning Mailing Received: \$ 50.00  
Day Apart Offering: \$1055.00  
Donations for Annual Meeting Speaker: \$145.00
- **Check Book Balance: \$4,523.00**

**Communication Coordinator** - Sharee Washington

## Let's Collect Those Can Tabs



## Supports The Ronald McDonald House

- Each local unit will collect can tabs at their church.  
(Coordinated by local unit E&I Coordinator/unit member)
- Take a photo of your unit with the can tabs.  
(Photos may appear in upcoming Gleanings issue)
- Collection Deadline: **August 15, 2021**
- Winning local unit receives a UMW Program Book and Calendar and two books added to their unit's Program Resources for the year 2021-2022.

Contact Rhonda at [rhondawashington@hotmail.com](mailto:rhondawashington@hotmail.com) or 803-629-4503 to arrange pickup of your tabs during the week August 15-22, 2021.

**Social Action** Patricia Armstrong - Purchasing information for the movie Pushed Out was emailed to members of the executive team. Viewing date and other logistics to be decided.

The Executive Team agreed to a district mission project. United Methodist Women are great supporters of mission and great at carrying out mission work. There are several state mission sites supported by the UMW.

Below are just a few possible places for us to consider as our Columbia District mission project. I recommend we take into consideration some UMW units are just restarting, others do not meet during the summer months. It may be best for us to carry out the mission project over the next few months.

**Possible mission project sites:**

Columbia Bethlehem Community Center

Killingsworth for Women

Epworth Children's Home

**\*\*Palmetto Place\*\***

Sister Care

Harvest Hope Food Bank

Lighthouse For Life

**MOTION:** It was moved by Carrie Murray and second by Patricia Armstrong to support Palmetto Place as our Columbia District mission project. Ms. Armstrong will email a listing of their needs to the committee members.

Debra Schooler agreed to purchase the DVD Push-Out. She will also check with Communication to see if the movie can be downloaded into Zoom so we can watch it as a group. The movie will be shown via Zoom, Friday, August 13, at 7:00pm.

**Education & Interpretation** – Rhonda Washington: Report was submitted through Communications.

**Program Resources** Mary Nell Trussell - We still have 2 months to complete this year's Reading Program. Please report the participants from your local unit to Mary Nell Trussell by August 15. Please send the names of the participants and the programs they completed.

Mary Nell will be glad to order the following books for Mission U.

From Mission Resources. There are "Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom" and "Becoming Peacemakers in a Culture of Violence" (youth).

Orders from Mission Resources must be placed by **June 30**.

"Pushout": The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools" may be purchased at local bookstores.

Everyone is encouraged to read the book by our annual meeting speaker, Rev. Sharon Risher. It is "For Such a Time as This: Hope and Forgiveness after the Charleston Massacre." She will be glad to order this also. Please send your order by **July 15**.

**Chair of Nominations**, Linda Kennedy, reported that the committee will meet at Rehoboth United Methodist Church, 6911 Two Notch Road, Columbia, SC 29223 on Sunday, July 11 at 3:00pm to finalize the officers for the 2022 Columbia District Executive Committee.



**Historian Pat Hoesly** thanked everyone for doing such a wonderful job. Ms. Hoesly agreed to do a picture board of past district presidents in the annual meeting booklet.

Flo Johnson agreed to get past presidents, names, years of service to include in the annual meeting booklet.

**Cluster Reports were received from the following leaders:**

Cluster 4: Faye Love, Cluster 5: Karen Furr and Cluster 6: Sandra Love

**USED PRESCRIPTION EYEGLASSES**

Ashland United Methodist Church is collecting used prescription eyeglasses in August and September to be shipped to Guatemala.

Special prayer for Vanessa Key and Evelyn Ann Neal.

Closing prayer was given by Debra Schooler. Meeting adjourned 7: 52PM.

*Diann Selph*

Columbia District Secretary  
[selphdiann@yahoo.com](mailto:selphdiann@yahoo.com)



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Rhonda Washington/Sharee Washington

Communication Chairs

# Columbia District Local Unit Officers 2021

**Print or Type**

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the **name, address, phone number(s) and email address** of each officer in your local UMW unit that is listed below. If I have already received your information, please accept my thanks.

<b>Office</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone Number(s) Home and Cell</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
<b>President</b>				
<b>Vice President</b>				
<b>Secretary</b>				
<b>Treasurer</b>				
<b>Communications Coordinator</b>				
<b>Spiritual Growth Coordinator</b>				
<b>Social Action Coordinator</b>				

<b>Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator</b>				
<b>Education and Interpretation Coordinator</b>				
<b>Secretary-Program Resources</b>				
<b>Historian</b>				
<b>Chair of Nominations</b>				
<b>Circle Leader</b>				

Send info to  
**Diann Selph**  
**117 Summerhill Drive,**  
**Columbia, SC 29203**  
[Selphdiann@yahoo.com](mailto:Selphdiann@yahoo.com)

# A Note From Our Treasurer:

Thank you so much ladies for your contributions to help the missions we support as United Methodist Women. During this pandemic, your help has made a difference!!!!

4th Quarter Remittances reporting period 09/01/2021 – 11/30/2021 due by 12/10/2021. If the remittances are not received by 12/10/2021 it will be counted in the 1st Quarter remittances reporting period – 12/6/2021- 02/28/2022.

## **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Remittance Sent to Conference Total: 41,541.07**

Pledge:\$ 22,269.25  
SMR Special Mission Recognition:\$ 840.00  
Gift to Missions: \$215.00  
Gift in Memory: \$350.00  
World Thank Offering: \$1,173.00  
Columbia BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CENTER:\$3,080.75  
Spartanburg BETHLEHEM CENTER:\$2,028.75  
Conference Love Offering:\$12.50  
Killingsworth: \$2,069.07  
Wallace Family Life: \$7,511.25  
Call to Prayer and Self Den: \$1,589.00  
UMCOR:\$150.00  
Brighter Future for Children and Youth: \$115.00  
Scarlet Bennett: &15.00  
World Communion Scholarship: \$115.00  
District Love Offering: \$7.50

## **Mission Special Emphasis:**

September - Killingsworth

November - Bethlehem Center Spartanburg

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

*Tiffany Phillips*

Columbia District Treasurer  
2336 Hard Scrabble Rd  
Columbia, SC 29223

# Spiritual Growth Coordinator

## The Celebration of Life for 2020-2021

Please indicate below the names of the ladies who have left their earthly home this UMW year. September 2020 to present.

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Name

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CHURCH

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NAME OF INDIVIDUAL COMPLETING THIS FORM

Please email to Bridgette Gruber, Spiritual Growth Coordinator,  
[chesterj.gruber@outlook.com](mailto:chesterj.gruber@outlook.com). Or mail to 1531 John Chapman Rd., Irmo, SC 29063.  
**Please return by August 25, 2021.**

# Social Action Coordinator Report

Greetings Ladies,

Just a friendly reminder, the Diamond Unit Award form is due September 1, 2021. If you have not submitted your report please do so before the deadline.

Your support of the district mission project is greatly appreciated. Donations to be dropped off September 4th between 10 am- 12 pm at Francis Burns, Platt Springs or Wesley. If other arrangements needed please contact Patricia Armstrong, 803-783-3001.

Palmetto Place

## **WISH LIST**

Paper towels

Disinfectant Sprays and Wipes

Tissues

Hand Sanitizer

Bathroom Cleaners

Kitchen Cleaners

Laundry Detergent

Dish Detergent

Tall Kitchen Trash bags

Plastic ware

Plastic Cups

Paper Plates

Disposable Gloves

Large Plastic Storage Bags

Mouthwash

Lotion

Towels

Washcloths

Body Soap

Baby Lotion

Diapers

Baby Wipes

Heartfelt thanks to all who joined us on Friday, August 13 for the viewing of Pushout. Powerful. Thought-provoking. Disturbing. Encouraging. Conversation-starter. Those are only a few words that come to mind after participating in the Mission U study and then watching the documentary. Pushout is one of those "must see." If your unit is interested in viewing the documentary please email Patricia Armstrong, Carrie Murray and Deborah Schooler.

By the time you receive this publication of the Gleaning the district mission project and the annual meeting would have taken place. Thanking you in advance for your participation with the mission project and meeting the requirements to receive the Charter for Racial Justice Diamond Unit award. More information will be shared in the next Gleaning.

We continue to live in unprecedented time. Please be safe. Take care of your physical, mental and spiritual health.

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and he will make your path straight." Proverbs 3:5-6*

*"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:3-6 NIV*

*Peace and Blessings*

*Patricia Armstrong*

Columbia District Social Action Coordinator

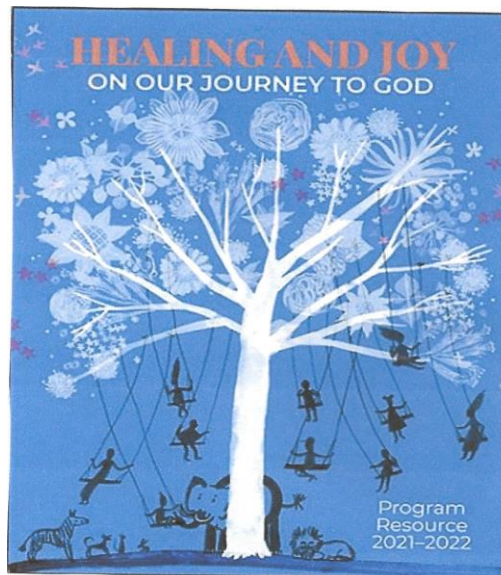
# Program Resources Report for Gleanings

I have received some reports from local units with the names of those who have completed the different plans for the UMW Reading Program this year. Units may still send their reports to Mary Nell Trussell at [mntrusse1183@gmail.com](mailto:mntrusse1183@gmail.com). The names may not appear in the Annual Meeting's Program Book, but will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

September is a good time to begin reading for the 2021-2022 Reading Program. The books will be the same as the ones for 2020-2021. We may read books from the 2015 through the 2022 reading lists.

Rev. Sharon Risher will be our speaker for the Columbia District Annual Meeting on September 18. In preparation for the meeting, it would be a good idea to read her book, *For Such a Time as This: Hope and Forgiveness After the Charleston Massacre*. You may order a copy from [www.umwmissionresources.org](http://www.umwmissionresources.org).

The new program book is available for order. It is entitled *Healing and Joy on Our Journey to God*. Programs will focus on finding healing and joy in many areas of our lives. Programs will use those in Scriptures who felt a similar need to find healing and joy in the midst of transition and hardship. I will be glad to order these program books for the units to save money on shipping. I will send off the order around September 20. You may also order books directly from [www.umwmissionresources.org](http://www.umwmissionresources.org).



*Mary Nell Trussell*

Columbia District Program Resources



# REPORT OF COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

*(Send completed form to your secretary of program resources or equivalent according to your conference's schedules.)*

I have completed the required reading for PLAN \_\_\_\_\_. The books I have read are listed on the reverse side.

LOCAL UNIT	PRINT NAME
DISTRICT	ADDRESS
CONFERENCE	CITY, STATE, ZIP

Current Year \_\_\_\_\_

<b>PLAN CHOSEN:</b>	I	II	III	IV
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<b>NAME:</b>	
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Education for Mission	
Leadership Development	
Nurturing for Community	
Social Action	
Spiritual Growth	

<b>response</b>	
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**Reporting Form**  
 Formulario de Información del Programa de Lectura  
 독서 프로그램독서 프로그램

Additional books I have read to complete PLAN \_\_\_\_\_ of the Reading Program are:

Los libros adicionales que he leído para completar el PLAN \_\_\_\_\_ del Programa de Lectura son:

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I have also read **response** regularly.

También he leído **response** con regularidad.

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# *News from Education and Interpretation*

## **Columbia Bethlehem Community Center Continues to be a Link to a Better Community**

Columbia Bethlehem Community Center (CBCC) is a nonprofit organization, founded in 1945 by a group of women associated with the United Methodist Church. We are located in a building donated by Wesley United Methodist. For over 75 years the CBCC has focused on serving families & communities in the Columbia Metropolitan area. With our literacy-based children's programs, community programs, spring and summer camp we continue to provide intimate educational experiences to our students and families. With the support of partnerships with local businesses and community agencies, we continue to thrive to expand our resources and extend services to strengthen the families we serve.

Although we currently do not have any paid staff, we have two faith volunteers and a rotating group of volunteers that assist regularly. With their assistance, last year during the pandemic, we remained in partnership with Francis Burns UMC. Through this partnership, we supplied free meals (breakfast and lunch) for over 50 families daily (June-August). In addition, we continued serving meals to the community every Friday increasing our number up to 65 families some days. We have applied for a grant from Advance Special Ministries to provide funding for weekend meals. The funds would also be used to provide supplies for our monthly community fun days. Food, prizes, and other entertainment is provided The Columbia Police Department attends and provides an ice cream truck. We also partnered with Junior League of Columbia to do a clothing giveaway to families from Columbia Housing, Transitions, a Boys Group Home, Habitat for Humanity, Sisters Care, First Year Teachers, and the Family Shelter. Items were donated/ purchased from Delivering Good a nonprofit located in New York, New York. Through this mission, we assisted approximately 536 people over the past 12 months. United Methodist Women Circles donate regularly and volunteer when requested throughout the year. We also attend and speak at UMW circle meetings and gatherings. CBCC partners with The Potters Resurrection Tabernacle Church to host weekly community bible studies. Volunteers from I D Newman support our weekly feedings and monthly community gathering.

Our research has determined that CBCC is located in a childcare desert. In an effort to meet this need as we move forward in 2021 we are meeting with the Childcare Licensing Board to determine resources and renovations that will be necessary to provide childcare for the area children ages 2-5. We hope to have a childcare center open by January 2022. Please keep CBCC in your prayers as they move into this new phase of their mission.

CBCC could use your support as they plan for the events for the rest of this year. Donations can be sent to CBCC at 308 McRae Street, Columbia, SC 29203. Items on their wish include cleaning products, paper goods, hand sanitizer, and gift cards to grocery stores, hardware stores, Walmart or Target. Someone is usually at the center from 7 am until 2 daily or you can email or call Kara Simmons for an appointment at [CBCCexecutive@umcsd.org](mailto:CBCCexecutive@umcsd.org) or call 803 807-9583. May God bless you and keep you safe.

## Bethlehem Community Day



*Rhonda Washington*

Columbia District Education and Interpretation Coordinator

# *News from Membership Nurture and Outreach*

## **Reports Due for the Columbia District UMW 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting:**

Celebration of Life for Our Heavenly Sisters - Bridgette Gruber

[chesterj.gruber@outlook.com](mailto:chesterj.gruber@outlook.com)

Columbia District United Methodist Women 2021 Women of the Year -

Debra Schooler [debraschooler@gmail.com](mailto:debraschooler@gmail.com)

President's Report – Debra Schooler [debrasjschooler@gmail.com](mailto:debrasjschooler@gmail.com)

Mission Today Awards - Rhonda Washington [rhondawashington@hotmail.com](mailto:rhondawashington@hotmail.com)

Reading Program Recognition - Mary Nell Trussell [mnrussell83@gmail.com](mailto:mnrussell83@gmail.com)

Campaign for Children – Patricia Armstrong [aggie8711@aol.com](mailto:aggie8711@aol.com)

Charter for Racial Justice/Diamond Unit Award - Patricia Armstrong

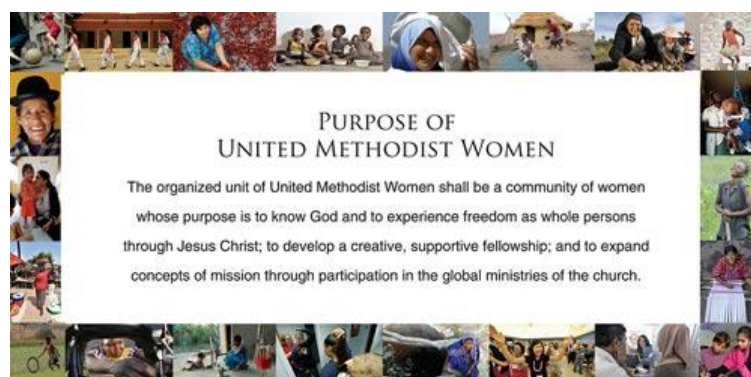
[aggie8711@aol.com](mailto:aggie8711@aol.com)

Five Star and Gold Seal Units – Tiffany Phillips [tiffphillips2014@yahoo.com](mailto:tiffphillips2014@yahoo.com)

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*Debra Schooler,*

Acting MNO Coordinator



**The conference is looking for a few good women! If you are interested in serving as a conference officer, please fill out the attached form and send to Kathy Roys!!**

**South Carolina Conference UMW  
Potential Leader Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_

Age: 20's\_\_\_ 30's\_\_\_ 40's\_\_\_ 50's\_\_\_ 60's\_\_\_ 70's\_\_\_ 80's\_\_\_

Employed? \_\_\_\_\_

Professional Skills/ Job Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

Offices held in United Methodist Women:

Local Unit \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

Conference \_\_\_\_\_

Jurisdiction/National \_\_\_\_\_

Additional experience within the church or community other than UMW:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Which offices are of most interest to you?

President\_\_\_ Vice President\_\_\_ Secretary\_\_\_ Treasurer\_\_\_ Nominations\_\_\_

Communications\_\_\_ Spiritual Growth\_\_\_ Social Action\_\_\_ Program Resources\_\_\_

Education & Interpretation (Missions)\_\_\_\_\_ Membership Nurture & Outreach\_\_\_\_\_

Charter for Racial Justice Committee\_\_\_\_\_

Are you able to participate in online meetings? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you able to travel for meetings and events? \_\_\_\_\_

When would you be available to serve? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you able and willing to use your gifts and talents to uphold and strengthen the Purpose of United Methodist Women? \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to a Committee on Nominations member or send to:

Kathy Roys (Chair of Nominations)  
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## *Glasses for Guatemala*



*Healing Guatemala is a non-profit organization that focuses on healing disease, poverty, and the soul.*



### *Glasses for Guatemala Campaign* Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

*If you have old glasses (prescription or readers) that you are no longer using, We need them!! Ask your friends, family and neighbors to donate. We need glass cases too!*

Rev. Dr. Luke Rhyee, a member of the South Carolina Annual Conference who served in the Columbia District, is currently serving in Guatemala. He is active there as both a Pastor and a physician

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**Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m**  
**Monday - Thursday**



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September: **Killingsworth Special Emphasis**

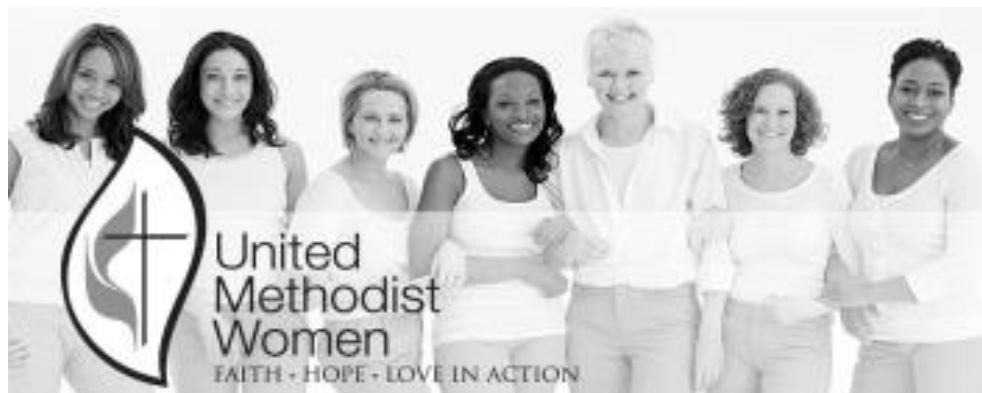
September 18<sup>th</sup> District Annual Meeting Virtual

October: **Bethlehem Center Spartanburg Special Emphasis**

October 19<sup>th</sup> District Executive Committee Meeting Virtual

October 23<sup>rd</sup> SCCUMW 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Virtual

November 6<sup>th</sup> Conference Officer Training Virtual





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