



United Women in Faith

Informer



Celebrating 50 Years of Unity

You are invited to the Rock Hill District 50th Annual Meeting. Come and join the fun as we embark on our next 50 years.



Philadelphia UMC, Fort Mill

September 24, 2022

Registration & Refreshments 9 am

Worship: 10 am

Business Meeting: 11 am

Theme: "Living in the Light"

Guest Speaker: Marlene Spencer, Past President of SCCUMW

Theme Song: We are Called (2172 in The Faith We Sing)

Pre-registration Form on page 11

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President—Crystal Barrs



Greetings from your President

Ladies, thank you for another glorious year of supporting missions and growing in faith. I hope everyone is looking forward to our new journey as United Women in Faith. We have many opportunities for growing in our faith with others who know the importance of our sisterhood. We are unique and wonderful ladies who support each other and always shine the light of our loving God on our pathways. We are still as devoted to our missions as our foremothers were 150 plus years ago.

I believe many of us have improved our technology skills through necessity. Some of you have learned more than others of us. Let's continue to help each other through these growing pains and adjustments.

I would like to recognize the 27 units who completed their census whether online, on paper, or on the phone.

Aldersgate	First, Lancaster	Philadelphia, Fort Mill
Belair	Fort Lawn	Philadelphia, York
Bethel, Chester	Good Shepherd	St James
Camp Creek	Grace-Lynnwood	St John's, Fort Mill
Catawba	Hopewell, Lancaster	Tabernacle
Cornerstone	Kings Mountain	Trinity, Lancaster
El Bethel	Mt Vernon	Wesley
Epworth	New Hope, Rock Hill	Woodland
First, Clover	Osceola	

National has extended the deadline for the Census. If your church is not on this list and you want to be included in the census call Lynne or me ASAP.

My hope for our district is for other sisters to join the Leadership Team with their talents and love of serving our district as God leads them. We have several positions open and waiting for just the right person. Could it be you that says, "Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?" Blessings to all in this sisterhood.

Crystal Barrs, President

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See you at our 50th Celebration!

Philadelphia UMC, Fort Mill

September 24

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Vice President—Lynne Chandler



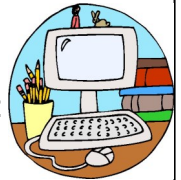
Thank you to every church who completed the 2021 Census/Survey. Some of you completed it online, others filled out the form I provided & sent it to me, others answered a call or email from me or Crystal & provided information. Whatever method you used...WE THANK YOU!

I am grateful to our host churches for 2022: El Bethel, Cornerstone, and Philadelphia-Fort Mill. We enjoyed visiting your churches and appreciate your hard work in preparing for the district events. St James, Bethel-Chester, and Woodland have agreed to host our events in 2023. We look forward to working with you. We are now looking for host churches for 2024. If your church would like to host an event please *contact me and let's talk about it*. We need churches to host the following events in 2024: Officer Training in January, Day Apart in March, and Annual Meeting in September. Please consider hosting.

Do you need help using email, Facebook, or Zoom? I would be glad to help you become more comfortable with technology. Send me your questions and I will answer or find the answer for you. Or call me and let's get together. Technology can be confusing but the more you use it the easier it gets.

Tech Tip: Create a safe password. Don't use your name, pet, birthday, or other personal information for a password. Here's a method to create a safe password:

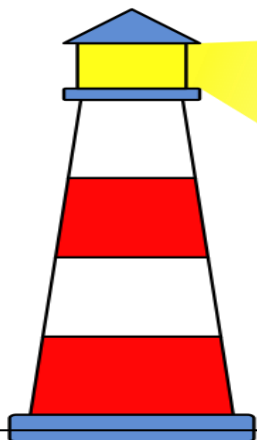
1. Make up a sentence: example: My #1 ice cream shop is in Rock Hill.
2. Use the 1st letter of each word, capitalize proper initials, use numerals & symbols:
M#1icsiiRH



Easy. You can make up any sentence: use an old address, a favorite (#1), a memory, etc. These symbols can usually be used: !, @, #, \$, %, &, *, ? Other symbols may be used depending on the site. There are other password-writing methods but this one works for me. Another tip: write it down somewhere safe. Don't use the same password for every site.

Our online reading group is enjoying another book: [A Knock at Midnight](#) by Brittany K. Barnett. We should finish it by the end of October. If you would like to join us, let me know and I will send you the Zoom link. We meet on Thursday evenings at 8 pm for about an hour.

I hope to see everyone at our Annual Meeting on September 24 at Philadelphia UMC, Fort Mill. Registration & Breakfast 9 - 9:45 Program @10 See page 11 for more information & registration. Invite your pastor to come along!



Joyfully,

Lynne

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Secretary—Barbara Gaither



Greetings to all the unit secretaries! I hope everyone will be able to attend the District Annual Meeting on September 24. It will be at beautiful Philadelphia UMC in Fort Mill. Did you know that Philadelphia is the mother church of St John's (my church)? St John's will celebrate our 150th anniversary the day after our annual meeting.

Barbara bgramb@outlook.com 803 548-7859

Treasurer—Elaine Cryderman



Unit Treasurers,

Thank you for sending in your mission donations to UMW/UWF. As a District we pledged \$25,000 to UWF for this current year. We will be a little short of that goal, so if your units have a few extra dollars at year end, please consider giving that amount to Pledge, the first line on the Remittance Form.

Please attend our Annual Meeting at Philadelphia-Fort Mill on Sept. 24. 5-Star Certificates with Gold Seals will be presented and I hope you are excited to be able to see other UWF sisters. I thank you for all the work you do to help women, youth and children through your donations to missions. Be sure to have someone from your church get the envelope that contains all of your certificates at the close of the service.

Recently I sent a letter for you to take to your bank to facilitate our name change. If you did not receive this letter, please jot me a note.

We give thanks to God for you!!!!!!

Please bring this pledge form (or the written information) with you to District Annual Meeting. If you are unable to attend our District Annual Meeting, send me the information.

Elaine

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UWF Unit Pledge for 2023

Treasurer _____ Church & City _____

2023 Annual Pledge to Mission \$ _____ (only amount in line 1 of Remittance Form)

Treasurer's Phone # _____ Email _____

Mailing Address _____

Education & Interpretation—Margaret Parker



Keep collecting stamps and pull tabs. Bring them to our Annual Meeting at Philadelphia, Fort Mill on September 24.

Nine units will receive their Mission Today Award at our Annual Meeting. They completed 10 requirements. Wouldn't it be wonderful if in 2023 the Rock Hill District had 100% participation in this area? I believe this goal is attainable.

I'll be offering tips on some of the requirements in future issues of the Informer. In the meantime, contact me with your questions. I hope to see you all at our Annual Meeting!

Margaret

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Nominations—Frances Bratton



We continue to have open positions on the District Leadership Team. Several current team members are changing positions which opens new opportunities for you. Please continue to pray for good women to join the District Leadership Team.

If you have an interest please contact me and I can tell you what positions are open. Nominations can be taken from the floor at our Annual Meeting.

Frances Bratton

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Program Resources—Bette Jean Janicke



It's time to get reading for a new year! I will have books for you to borrow at our Annual Meeting. If you have books to donate please bring them to our meeting.

Some Children's Books are on the reading program list. Some of those can be found as Read Alouds on YouTube. A list of a few YouTube read alouds was sent out with this Informer (but not part of the Informer). Let me know if you did not get the list or if you need it again. There are also books read aloud on our Facebook page, *Rock Hill District UWF*. I will add new ones to our Facebook page soon.

Reading books from the UWF Reading Program helps you grow in understanding of God and of His people. Many of the books explain social justice issues.

Proverbs 18:15 (CEB) An understanding mind gains knowledge; the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.

Let me know if you need more information or help.

Happy Reading!

Bette Jean

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Spiritual Growth—Jackie Hicks



I have enjoyed being your Spiritual Growth Coordinator for the last 4 years. The pandemic was a challenge but we made it through together. I hope to be elected to the position of Membership, Nurture, and Outreach at our Annual Meeting. I hope to see you there.

Blessings to all, Jackie B. Hicks

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Social Action—Linda James



Greetings United Women in Faith! We are beginning a new year with a new name, how very exciting! I challenge each church Unit to be a Diamond Unit this coming year. As you begin planning your programs, take a look at the Diamond Unit form and incorporate the objectives into your programs. It only takes three objectives to qualify as a Diamond Unit!. By doing this, you will be living out the purpose of UWF.



We hope to have a new Social Action Chair installed at our Annual Meeting. I will be changing to Cluster Leader for the Rock Hill Cluster.

Blessings, Linda

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Cluster Leaders/Nominations

<i>Chester</i>	<i>Fort Mill</i>	<i>Lancaster</i>	<i>Rock Hill</i>	<i>York/Clover</i>
<p>In Chester?</p> <p>This could be you!</p>		<p>In Lancaster?</p> <p>This could be you!</p>		<p>In York or Clover?</p> <p>This could be you!</p>
<p>Contact any member of the Leadership Team</p>	<p>Marie Thompson 704 968-4673 marie@ thethompson.net</p>	<p>Temporarily: Margaret Parker 864 940-0969 parker3384@ comporium.net</p>	<p>Debbie Blackmon 803-417-0925 bluedog@ comporium.net.</p>	<p>Contact any member of the Leadership Team</p>

Other Items of Interest

Looking 👁️👁️ Ahead: Upcoming Dates

- Sept 24** District 50th Annual Meeting 9 am-noon Philadelphia UMC, Fort Mill
Oct 21-22 Conference 50th Annual Meeting First UMC, Myrtle Beach
Nov 12 District Leadership Team Training in Columbia
Nov 19 District Leadership Team Quarterly Meeting Wesley Foundation 9:30 –11:30

Join Us for Our 47th Annual Fall Festival:

A Taste of the South

October 8 10am-2pm

Philadelphia UMC, Fort Mill

Live music outside: Beach music by Tripp Kelly
Bluegrass by Carolina Ridgeline Band

Featuring...

Christian Illusionist Jack Kelly at 11:15 in the Sanctuary

Great Southern Food

Clowns

Baked Goods

Bounce House

Over 30 Vendors

and MORE

Other Items of Interest

Make plans to attend!



*A new command I give you;
Love one another. As I have
loved you, so you must love one
another."*

John 13:34

"Get Together"
Southeastern Jurisdiction
2024

April 26 - 28, 2024
Chattanooga, Tennessee
Chattanooga Convention Center

response: Magazine for Women in Mission

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Meals for Winthrop Wesley



Winthrop Wesley is back with a small group of students. They currently have 5 to 10 students show up for supper on Monday nights. If your unit is interested in feeding these hungry Christians, sign up to deliver a meal at <http://winwes.org/dinner-servers>. Please share this information with other groups in your church that may desire to prepare a meal.

If you have trouble with the website just email their pastor/director, Rev. Charlie Farnum Charlie@winwes.org

Around the District



New Hope UWF members display their Baby Shower gifts for Pathways Community Center of Rock Hill. L to R: Carrie Cathcart, Rev. Chenita Frierson (former minister), Juanita Meeks, Addie Lowery (VP), Phyllis Cathcart, Katrina McCree, Azalee Thompson (treas), & Karen Hughes (pres).

New Hope United Women in Faith Stay Active in Mission

The women of New Hope UMC believe in helping those in need. Last spring they held a Baby Shower for Pathways Community Center of Rock Hill which provides for the needs of homeless in the community.

Later on, they joined with the UMM of St James UMC in York to provide a meal for Bethel Men's Shelter. The men made soup and the women provided dessert and helped serve.

In July, the New Hope UWF held their annual Women's Day Program. They joined together with The New Hope UMM to benefit the Salvation Army. The women collected Care Packages (hygiene kits) while the men donated canned goods.



Above: Doing their part to help feed the hungry at Bethel Men's Shelter, Unit President Karen Hughes ladles soup into containers as Treasurer Azalee Thompson puts the lids on.



New Hope United Women in Faith display their collection of Hygiene Kits and Canned Goods for the Salvation Army. Seated: Lori Ray, Damita Crockett, & Mattie Hunter. Back: Addie Lowery (Vice President), Phyllis Cathcart, Katrina McCree, T'Najhallah Watson, Carrie Cathcart, Rev. Athena Cathcart (pastor), Louise Roach, Karen Hughes (President), Juanita Meeks, Katie Kirk, Jennifer Woodson, & Azalee Thompson (Treasurer)

Around the District continued...

Rock Hill District Well Represented at Mission u

Ten women from the Rock Hill District attended Mission u at Spartanburg Methodist College in July for a time of study and fellowship. Here are a few pictures and quotes from those who attended.



Five women from the Rock Hill District rode together & enjoyed lunch at Wade's before signing in on campus. The first person we saw at check in was our own Sandra Jeter, past president of the Rock Hill District. That called for another photo. Top left: Lynne Chandler, Linda James, Elaine Cryderman, Barbara Gaither, & Bette Jean Janicke. Top right: Same people as top left with Sandra Jeter in the frame.

"Mission u was a wonderful time of study and fellowship with women from all across our conference, where I was reminded to *grow til I go.*" -**Barbara Gaither**

"The weekend was a time of fellowship, reflection, and discovering how to understand God's place for me and others."

-**Linda James**

"I enjoyed conversations, music, & good food with friends. I learned that my black classmates worry so much for the safety of their children and youth. I never had to consider that. I already plan to attend next year, God willing."

-**Elaine Cryderman**



Left: District President Crystal Barrs models fashion from the year 2000.

"UWF met in fellowship, discussed problems & worked together to find solutions to expand the Kin-ship of God. "

-**Marie Thompson**



Above: Marie Thompson & Elaine Cryderman with their classmates.

"My favorite part of Mission u was the fellowship with women who I had not seen in person for several years because of COVID. It was nice to get a HUG, get caught up, and enjoy the conversation. "

- **Marlene Spencer**



Front: Linda James, Marlene Spencer, Crystal Barrs, Sandra Jeter, Ann Alexander. Back: Elaine Cryderman, Lynne Chandler, Barbara Gaither, Bette Jean Janicke, Marie Thompson

"The teacher for our class presented the study in an exciting and fun-filled way. I hope she returns next year."

-**Crystal Barrs**

"This was my first time to attend in person. Even though it was only 3 days, there was a lot packed into that time. My favorite part was the fellowship with other UWF women."

-**Bette Jean Janicke**

Rock Hill District Annual Meeting

Pre-registration Form

Hosted by Philadelphia UWF, Fort Mill
1691 SC-160, Fort Mill, SC 29708

Date September 24, 2022

9-9:45 Registration/Refreshments

10-11 Speaker: Marlene Spencer, Past President SCCUMW

An offering will be collected for our SC Mission Projects

Please listen to the theme song ahead of time and try to learn it. "We are Called" by David Haas, It is #2172 in The Faith We Sing. You can listen to it on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITJYbi6b0e8> The link is in the email.

Celebrating 50 Years of Unity

"Living in the Light"

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

Church/City	Name	Office	Email	Phone	Check if Zoom

Please send registrations to Lynne Chandler via mail, email, call or text. Use the form or include the requested information. Mailed registrations should be sent early to ensure delivery. You can register as a unit or individually. Please register by Saturday, September 17.

mrs.lynnchandler@gmail.com 864 426-3501

1025 Princeton Rd, Rock Hill, SC 29730

50th South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith Annual Meeting

October 21 - 22, 2022

First United Methodist Church 901 North Kings Highway Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

For registration information contact Kay Summerlin, Registrar (843) 632-1106 or email mikeandkay0233@gmail.com

Theme: "Embracing Change, Sharing Grace!"

Name _____ (this will be printed on name tag)

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone number _____ District _____ Church _____

Check all of the following that apply:

_____ First Timer _____ Conference Officer _____ District Officer _____ Past Conf President

_____ Under 40 _____ Unit President _____ Mission Director _____ Clergy

_____ Age 14-30 _____ Voting Delegate _____ Missionary / Deaconess

_____ Nursery needed: Number of children / ages _____ / _____

In case of emergency, contact _____ Phone _____

Will you be at dinner Friday night _____ Will you be at lunch Saturday ? _____

***Note meals require a meal ticket from your registration packet.**

*******Workshops******

Select your first, second & third choices for Friday afternoon, you will be assigned one of your selections!

___ Human Trafficking Prevention ___ Guardian ad Litem Program ___ Mini Mission u

___ Limitless Workshop ___ What's In a Name ___ Children Recovery Center

___ Missions Around the World ___ Charter for Racial Justice

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Friday, October 21st

Registration: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm (follow signs) **Late registration will be available prior to Communion Service**

Session 1

2:45 pm Opening Ceremonies / Bible Study (Rev. Judith Knox-Trinity UMC Bennettsville) - Sanctuary

4:15 pm Workshops

5:30 pm **Dinner (MEAL TICKETS REQUIRED)**

Session 2

6:45 pm Gathering music

7:00 pm Communion - Sanctuary

8:30 pm Afterglow and Fellowship

Saturday, October 22nd

Registration: 8:00 am - 9:00 am (follow signs)

Session 3

8:45 am General Business, Information Moments, Memorial Service, Special Music - Sanctuary

10:30 am Break

10:45 am Keynote Speaker (Sally Vonner) Adoption of Budget, Love Offering

12:15 pm **Lunch (MEAL TICKET REQUIRED)**

Session 4

1:15 pm Election and Installation of Officers / Closing - Sanctuary

Mail with \$40.00 fee payable to SCCUMW to: Kay Summerlin 1200 McLean Drive Dillon, SC 29536

****Registration deadline: October 5th- registrations postmarked after October 5th and on-site fee is \$50.00****

Recommended Hotels for SCCUWF 50 Annual Meeting-October 21-22
First United Methodist Church, 901 North Kings Highway
Myrtle Beach, SC – Marion District hosts

Anderson Ocean Club and Spa 2600 N Ocean Blvd. Myrtle Beach, SC 29577 (844) 887-9452 Room Rate: \$111 - \$151

Courtyard by Marriott 1351 21st Avenue North Myrtle Beach, SC 29577 (843) 445-6333 Room Rate: \$179

Fairfield Inn by Marriott Myrtle Beach Broadway at the Beach 3150 Oleander Drive Myrtle Beach, SC 29577 (843) 444-8097 Room Rate: \$137 - \$142

Holiday Inn at the Pavilion 1200 N. Ocean Blvd. Myrtle Beach, SC 29577 (800) 211-6947 Room Rate: \$114 - \$144 per night

LaQuinta Inn and Suites by Wyndham Myrtle Beach N Kings Highway 4709 N Kings Highway Myrtle Beach, SC 29577 (833) 483-0763 Room Rate: \$179 - \$225

Sand Castle Oceanfront Resort by Patton Hospitality 2207 South Ocean Boulevard Myrtle Beach, SC 29577 (843) 448-4316 Room Rate: \$79 - \$149

Sea Crest Oceanfront Resort 803 S. Ocean Blvd. Myrtle Beach, SC 29577 (843) 913-5800 Room Rate: \$95 – 107 per night

Sheraton Myrtle Beach 2101 N Oak Street Myrtle Beach, SC 29577 (843) 918-5000 Room Rate: \$143 - \$170

Hotels are listed alphabetically.

Reservations are by individuals, based upon availability.

The SCCUWF Executive Committee is staying at the Sheraton on N Oak Street.