

# Gleanings

# News

SEPTEMBER 2023

## Columbia District



## 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting



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**Theme:** *Get Up! Stand Up! Speak Up!: Intersecting with the Environment*

**Scriptural Reference:** Genesis 1:1-31 **Scriptural Focus:** Genesis 1: 27-28 NIV

*So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground." (Genesis 1:27-28 NIV)*

**Speakers:** Columbia District United Women in Faith

Saturday, September 16, 2023  
10:00 AM

Grace United Methodist Church  
410 Harbison Blvd.  
Columbia, SC 29212

Attire: Shades of Green



United Women in Faith

Columbia District United Women in Faith
51st Annual Meeting
September 16, 2023
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410 Harbison Blvd.
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Registration: 9:00AM-9:55AM \*\*\*\*\* Program: 10:00AM-12:30PM

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Registration Form

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Church \_\_\_\_\_

Special Guest: Check all that apply.

\_\_\_ District Superintendant the Year \_\_\_ Past District President \_\_\_ Conference Officer \_\_\_ Woman of \_\_\_ Missionary \_\_\_ Deaconess \_\_\_ Other

Registration: \$15.00 Late Registration: \$20.00 Registration Deadline: September 9, 2023

Make check payable to: Columbia District United Women in Faith (UWFaith)

Mail check and registration form to:

Tiffany Phillips
2336 Hard Scrabble Road
Columbia, SC 29223
803-543-9405

Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Yes ( List: \_\_\_\_\_ )

## Greetings From Your President...

Greeting Ladies,

I pray everyone is staying cool this summer. I am grateful for air conditioning. Whew!!! I know it is hard to think of getting geared up for fall when it is 98 degrees outside!!! Focus on the cool fall days that are coming soon and all the activities that we are offering to help us learn, grow and serve!!!!

We are excited for our Annual Meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup> at Grace United Methodist Church in Irmo. Our executive team and the ladies of Grace are working to make this a very special annual meeting. The theme is **“Get Up! Stand Up! Speak Up, Intersecting with the Environment”**. Please wear **green** to honor our environment and the issues we will be addressing. We will start at 10:00 am, with sign-in and social time from 9:00 to 10:00. This annual meeting will be a little different with our speakers being our executive team, but I promise you will be blessed as you learn about some of the environmental issues we are facing today. Please register, the form is attached. We want and need you there supporting our Columbia District United Women in Faith.

Our SC conference of United Women in Faith will have their annual meeting on October 20-21 at St. Johns UMC in Aiken, SC. The theme will be “Unity in Christ” and the registration form is in the June and September “Mission Echo”.

Do you know that the United Women in Faith has bimonthly conversations with United Women in Faith, hosted by Jennifer R. Farmer? **FAITH TALKS**, a United Women in Faith podcast that addresses issues that face us all. You can subscribe at <https://www.speaker.com/show/faithtalks>. I have enjoyed listening to these podcasts and I hope you will check it out and see what they are all about.

Don't forget that the United Women in Faith have lots of new resources for us to access. Check out <https://uwfatihresources.org> to locate Mission u study books, Daily Prayer Guides as well as PDF resources arranged in specific categories.

Please remember to make your final remittances by December 5 and give generously! We need to meet our pledge goal so that we can continue to do God's work here on earth. Remember, **YOU** are the hands and feet of Jesus and we need your support as we try to fulfill our mission of connecting, nurturing and helping the vulnerable women and children in our world.

**“The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.” (Luke 4:18-19)**

Ladies, we have lots going on this fall and I pray you will be blessed by our time together.

Blessings to each of you!

In Christ,

*Debra Schooler, President*

Columbia District United Women in Faith



## *Notes from the Vice President*

Greetings, United Women in Faith,

Recently, I read an article posted by Hillside Community Church entitled “God’s Love is for Action.” It especially caught my attention, because just after reading a few lines, the script sounded like it could have been written by a member of United Women in Faith.

Isn’t that what we do? Do we not put Faith, Hope and Love in Action for God and his creation? Yes, we do! Faith: a strong belief or trust; Hope: a strong desire or expectation for something to happen; Love: a deep and tender feeling of affection for or attachment or devotion to a person or a cause; Action: doing something to achieve a goal or affect change.

As United Women in Faith, we strongly believe (**Faith**) that we can make a difference (**Hope**) in the lives of women, children, and youth around the world by assuming a deep affection, attachment and devotion (**Love**) to the needs of others and doing something to bring about change (**Action**).

As the Apostle John wrote, “Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth” (1 John 3:18).

“When we experience God’s love, we are compelled to take action, to make a difference in the world and to help those who are hurting” (Hillside Community Church).

United Women in Faith advocate for Racial Justice, Economic Equality, Maternal and Child Health and Climate Justice.

This year, the morning plenary for the Columbia District Annual Meeting will address Climate Justice. This event will be held Saturday, September 16, 2023 from 10:00AM – 12:30PM, hosted by Grace UMC; 410 Harbison Boulevard; Columbia, SC 29212.

Ladies from the Columbia District will use speech, dramatic readings, original poems, and fashion to explore the theme: *Get Up! Stand Up! Speak Up!: Intersecting with the Environment.*

The presentations are designed to share ideas about how each of us can take bold action to change the world.

Information about the Columbia District Annual Meeting was sent out in June. In addition, you will also find the **flyer** announcing the event and the **registration form** in this edition of *Gleanings*.

If you have not already done so, send in your registration today!

Thank you for all you do for United Women in Faith.

*Carrie R. Murray*

Vice President

Columbia District United Women in Faith

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## Secretary's Desk

The Columbia District United Women in Faith Executive Committee met in person June 20, 2023, hosted by Grace United Methodist Church. The meeting was called to order at 6:25 by President Debra Schooler.

Devotion and prayer were given by Sandra Love.

In attendance were Debra Schooler, Carrie Murray, Diann Selph, Tiffany Phillips, Rhonda Washington, Sharee Washington, Sandra Love, Connie Branham, Mary Nell Trussell, Pat Hoesly, Stella Chisholm, Flo Johnson, Cindy Goodrich, President, Grace United Women in Faith, and Linda Kennedy.

Absent: Betty Void, Becky Travis, Faye Love and Carole Eubanks

**Secretary Diann Selph:** The minutes were printed in June 2023 Gleanings. It was moved by Vilma Cobb and seconded by Mary Nell Trussell to accept the minutes as written. The motion was carried and so ordered.

### **Business:**

President Debra Schooler encouraged ladies to be aware of your surroundings when traveling alone or at night.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**July 1:** SCCUWF----Limitless Event----Virtual

**July 20-22:** SCCUWF----Mission u Spartanburg Methodist College – In Person

**September 16:** Columbia District 51<sup>st</sup>. United Women in Faith Annual Meeting Host: Grace UMC-In Person

The Columbia District United Women in Faith Standing Rules and Policies is in the process of being updated by Sandra Love and Diann Selph.

### **Reports were given from the following officers:**

#### **Debra Schooler - President**

I have been busy this quarter. We had our April and May executive meetings. I am excited about all we can do and all we are doing. Columbia District is the best. I have been working with the conference Charter for Racial Justice event: “The Struggle for Equitable Access to Safe Water”. This event will be by Zoom on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Sharee and Rhonda have sent the info out to all. Please register and attend this critically important meeting. “As United Methodists we are called to participate in God’s creation through acts of personal, social, and civic righteousness. Proclaiming and modeling a new lifestyle rooted in stewardship and justice, we work toward the day when all God’s children respect and share in the goodness of creation”. Quoted from Patricia Armstrong.

I went to a day of Prayer at Mt. Hebron on May 5 and listened to three great speakers on how to Pray. It was very inspirational, and I will share more at our meeting.

I thank Carrie for standing in for me at the Come Together Be Together virtual meeting on May 20. Angela Allen, our conference MNO leader, was very impressed by Carrie and the wonderful job she did for the meeting. Thank you, Carrie.

I met with several of our Cluster leaders, and they are working hard to reach out to their churches and identify the leaders in the units of the active churches. We are hoping to update our officer list with all the circle and

unit leaders in our district. If a unit is not active, they will offer a suggestion to meet with another unit so they can still be involved. This will be an ongoing job, since a lot of our units and circles do not meet in the summer.

I also had my first experience as a delegate to the Annual Conference. What a year to experience my first conference. It was very informative, and I learned a lot. I felt sad that 113 churches are disaffiliating from the UMC, but I know that going forward, we will continue to serve our sisters in Christ and the marginalized in our world. I talked with several of our United Women in Faith sisters, and they are changing churches to attend a church that is not disaffiliating. I know that some of our sisters would like to continue in the United Women in Faith, so we need to work on how we can make this happen.

### **Carrie R. Murray – Vice President**

Church Women United of Columbia held its Annual May Friendship Day Celebration May 5, 2023. Special recognition was given to two young church women from the United Methodist Church Denomination for living out the gospel message in their home, church, community, and place of business. Anna Schafer from Cayce UMC and Ayanna White from Francis Burns UMC were honored with the *Church Women United of Columbia Outstanding Young Church Woman Award for 2023*.

Francis Burns United Methodist Church in conjunction with Power in Changing sponsored a community Drive-Through Baby Shower May 13, 2023. Churches and agencies throughout the Columbia area donated diapers and other baby items and Francis Burns' United Women in Faith prepared Mother's Day gift bags that included personal care items and books donated by Richland library. We serviced over 50 mothers with small children. The event was a gigantic success.

South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith sponsored the annual *Come Together Be Together* fellowship May 20, 2023, hosted by the Columbia District with Virginia Wingard UMC serving as the host church and Carrie R. Murray serving as the official greeter who also introduced Retired Elder Rev. Mary L. Johnson, the keynote speaker who addressed the theme: *Get Hope. Be Hope*. The 115 participants had a choice of four fun and informative workshops to attend. Our time together was outstanding!

The United Methodist Church 2023 South Carolina Annual Conference was held in person June 4-7, 2023, at the Florence Center in Florence, SC. Conference theme: *Seeking A More Excellent Way: Breathe and Believe, Hewing Hope!* The Annual Conference was hosted by the Florence District and Highland Park UMC. The work of the conference included, but not limited to the following: (1) passed resolutions to oppose the death penalty and gun violence; (2) remembered 49 clergy and spouses; (3) commissioned or ordained 22 candidates; (4) licensed 31 new local pastors; (5) closed 3 churches; (6) approved the separation of 113 churches, 6 from Columbia District; (7) announced the election of three bishops, to include Dr. Robin Dease - North Georgia Conference of the UMC; (8) announced ministerial appointments.

We pray for the success of the churches that have disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church as well as those churches that remain in the denomination. God is still in control.

### **Tiffany Phillips – Treasurer Report**

#### **2nd Quarter Remittance Sent (June 2023): \$ 13,603.20**

- Pledge: \$ 7,523.20
- SMR Special Mission Recognition: \$265.00
- Gift to Missions: \$180.00
- Gift in Memory: \$170.00
- World Thank Offering: \$30.00
- Columbia BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CENTER: \$2,207.75
- Spartanburg BETHLEHEM CENTER: \$473.75
- Conference Love Offering: \$5.00
  - Killingsworth: \$481.25
- Wallace Family Life: \$1,648.25
- Call to Prayer and Self Denial: \$584.00
- Deaconess and Home Missionaries \$30.00 (In Honor of Selena Ruth Smith)
- District Love Offering \$5.00

#### **Money received:**

- AMD Money 2nd Quarter: \$1,192.52
- 3rd quarter Remittance (Churches): \$745.00

#### **Expenses:**

- Gleaning Printing 2023 \$ 728.42
- Gleaning Mailing 2023 \$ 158.51
- Officers Expenses \$ 229.07
- Officers Response Magazine Subscriptions \$360.00
- Killingsworth Golf Tournament Hole Donation: \$ 100.00

Check Book Balance: **\$ 15,007.32 (\$1,007.32)**  
**(College Place UMC money\$ 14,000.00)**

### **Rhonda and Sharee Washington – Communication Coordinators**

Articles for the Gleanings are due **August 11**.

### **Sandra Love - Spiritual Growth**

Thank you to those that attended Come Together Be Together on May 20, 2023.

Mission u 2023 will be held on July 20 thru July 22 at Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, SC

**Theme:** Reflecting God's Love.

Please be in prayer for the Annual meeting planning committee. We pray that even though churches are separating themselves from the United Methodist church, that it does not make the attendance fewer.

Please remember to send your list of names of your deceased sisters that departed between August 22, 2022, through August 15, 2023. Due not later than **Sept 1, 2023**, so that it may be listed in the program book.

### **Lexie Chatham – Social Action**

The Racial and Environmental Justice Online Workshop will be held on Saturday, June 24, 2023, at 10:00am.

This virtual workshop will promote our awareness of an issue closer to home. Earlier this year the United Women in Faith learned about a water crisis in Jackson, Mississippi, but did you know there are also water concerns for communities of color in South Carolina? A speaker from the South Carolina Environmental Law Project will help us become aware of our local problem and suggest ways to intervene or advocate in these

instances. Viewing this new event earns credit toward your unit/circle's Diamond Unit Certificate from the SC United Women in Faith Charter for Racial Justice Committee.

I also sent out information concerning Social Action projects sponsored by our local churches. For instance, Francis Burns UMC held a drive through baby shower on May 13, 2023, in celebration of Mother's Day. Items collected from this event were distributed to needy individuals in the community. Washington Street United Women in Faith had a similar project earlier this year.

In addition, I emailed information about projects in which our Columbia District United Women in Faith units may want to participate. One such was the Native American Elder Basket Ministry which collects staple food and personal hygiene items as well as cleaning supplies to be distributed among that community. Whaley Street UMC was among churches that gave several baskets to this effort this year in honor of Native American Sunday on April 16, 2023.

As always, I'm sure there are many other worthy social, economic and/or environmental projects being done by our local United Women in Faith units/circles in the Columbia District. Let's share these ideas and outreach opportunities with our United Women in Faith sisters. I'm willing to pass along this information and encourage cooperation, but I'll need your help to do so. Please email me a brief description of your project along with the contact information for the Social Action Coordinator of the unit/circle.

### **Connie Branham – Membership, Nurture & Outreach**

Connie reminded everyone of two important dates coming up. The Unit Survey is due **June 30th**. Name and contact information of Unit Honorees for Woman of the Year are to be emailed to her by **August 18**.

### **Rhonda Washington – Education & Interpretation**

#### **Mary Nell Trussell - Program Resources**

Mary Nell encouraged everyone to finish reading Response and the books for their plan of the United Women in Faith Reading Program. The deadline for names to be turned in to her is **August 15**.

Mary Nell shared a Response moment with the group. It told how Welch's grape juice got its start as a substitute for wine in the Methodist communion service.

Books that had been ordered were given out. There is one extra copy if anyone else needs one. There is still time to order books before Mission u.

United Women in Faith Resources is offering the 2024 Bundle with a 20% discount. The 20% discount offer applies to the entire Bundle retail price with ground shipping and handling. The total price would be \$46.00. Included in the Bundle are:

2024 Adult curriculum mission study (\$14.99)

2024 Daily Prayer Guide (\$19.99)

2024 Program Resource (\$14.99).

All material will start shipping in December 2023.

The 2024 Program Resource will be starting in January. The interim months of September through December 2023 will be offered on the digital portal: [Wfaith.org/digital](http://Wfaith.org/digital).

(A printed booklet may be made available for a nominal fee.)

**Stella Chisholm and Vilma Cobb– Committee on Nominations**



There are three positions that will be vacant due to two people retiring, and one person resigning. The positions are Membership, Nurture and Outreach Coordinator, Secretary, Program Resource, and Cluster leader. Please share the information about the open positions and make recommendations. The retirees will be recognized at the annual meeting.

### **Pat Hoesly – Historian**

Ms. Hoesly will again this year bring the picture display boards to be displayed at the annual meeting. Please send pictures of any events held in your unit.

### **Cluster reports were received from the following leaders:**

**Cluster 5:** Carrie Murray/Flo Johnson and **Cluster 6:** Linda Kennedy.

The dismissal prayer was given by Sandra Love.

### ***Diann Selph***

Columbia District Secretary

selphdiann@yahoo.com



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Rhonda Washington/Sharee Washington  
Communication Chairs

## A Note From Our Treasurer:

Thanks You for all your contributions to help the missions we support as United Women In Faith!  
Your support really makes a difference.

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Remittances Reporting Period: 9/1/2023 thru 11/30/2023

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Remittance Form are due by 12/05/2023

(Remittance form received after 12/05/2023 will be counted towards 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter)

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Remittance Reporting Period 12/01/2023- 2/29/2024

### **-Remittance Sent December 2022-May 2023 ( 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Reports):**

-Pledge: \$17,191.90

-SMR Special Mission Recognition: \$565.00

-Gift to Missions: \$300.00

-Gift in Memory: \$320.00

-World Thank Offering: \$828.40

**\*Gift to Mission Total: \$ 19,205.30\***

-Columbia BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CENTER: \$2,826.25

-Spartanburg BETHLEHEM CENTER: \$1,397.50

-Conference Love Offering: \$5.00

-Killingsworth: \$1562.50

-Wallace Family Life: \$3,986.00

-Call to Prayer and Self Denial: \$ 939.00

-Deaconess and Home Missionaries: \$30.00 (In Honor of Selena Ruth Smith)

-Brighter Future for Children/Youth: \$30.00

-Scarritt Bennett Center: \$30.00

-Racial Justice Donation: \$30.00

-UWF Scholarships: \$30.00

-Jacksonville MS Water Donation (Bethlehem Center): \$2,919.00

### Love Offerings Sent to Missions 2023:

Officers Training: \$501.00 (\$125.25 to each mission)

Day Apart: \$535.00 (\$133.75 to each Mission)

### \*Special Emphasis Months:

**FEBRUARY** - WALLACE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

**APRIL** - COLUMBIA BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CENTER

**SEPTEMBER** - KILLINGSWORTH

**NOVEMBER** - BETHLEHEM CENTER SPARTANBURG

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. Please send all Remittance forms/money to me at the address below.

**Hope to see you at the Annual Meeting at Grace UMC!**

*Tiffany Phillips*

Columbia District Treasurer

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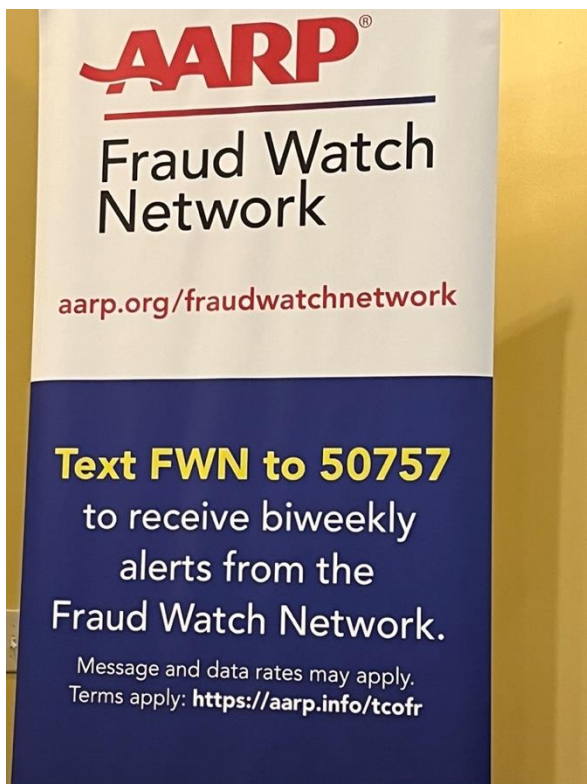
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## Social Action Coordinator Report

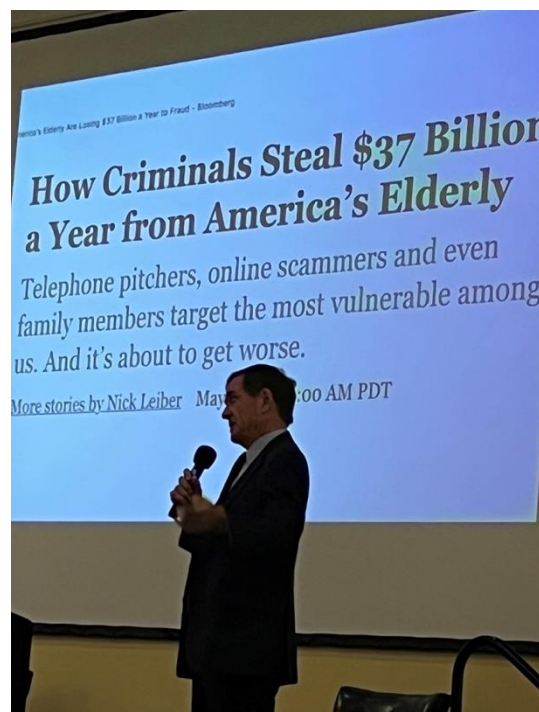
A Racial and Environmental Justice Online Workshop was held on June 24, 2023. This seminar resulted from the UWF Campaign in February to provide safe drinking water to children in Jackson, MS. That prompted the realization that there are some communities of color here in SC with similar toxic water problems. Speakers from the SC Environmental Law Project discussed their efforts in these communities and explained how UWF sisters may participate.

Still of concern, the National UWF is continuing to emphasize two priorities. The School to Prison Pipeline Project affirms the UWF commitment to ending mass incarceration and criminalization of individuals in communities of color. Also, Just Energy 4 All addresses our stewardship, duties and responsibilities involving climate justice. Discussions of these topics may be found on the [UWF website under Faith Talks in the Podcasts and webinars section](#).

<https://uwfaith.org/resources/podcasts/>



Recently the AARP held a seminar entitled “Standing Up to Elder Financial Exploitation.” This workshop featured speakers SC Attorney General Alan Wilson and Paul Greenwood, a former California Deputy District Attorney specializing in financial scams among the elderly. Greenwood explained that the effects of these actions may be devastating and that many victims don’t realize what happened until it’s too late since red flags and clues may be hard to spot. AARP’s website at [aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork](http://aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork) contains a lot of helpful information if elder financial exploitation is suspected. To report these cases in SC, you can call (888)227-3487.



As churches submit their Social Action reports, I am encouraged by all the mission activities being done in the Columbia District. The following are examples of outreaches by Brookland UMC in West Columbia as explained by UWF sister Vikki Hill.

“On the second Saturday we have our community meal called "Loaves and Fishes". We usually serve between 60-75 meals. We deliver lunch to our home bound members and open the doors to the community for lunch and fellowship. We also provide take-out for those who prefer not to stay.

On the fourth Saturday of each month, we have (what started as an all-men’s ministry but now is open to the women as well) "4th and goal". We serve brunch (and more), always have a wonderful speaker, and then follow with "break out" groups for smaller group discussions. The number of people attending is growing and at the last gathering there were about 60 in attendance.”

I’m sure there are many other worthwhile social, economic, and environmental projects local UWF units participate in within the Columbia District. Let’s share our ideas and involvement with our UWF sisters. I’d love to pass this information along, but I will need your help to do so. Please email me with a short write up about what your unit is doing and remember to include the contact information of the Social Action Coordinator for your local unit. My goal is to help our Columbia District UWF members educate themselves about the issues impacting themselves and their neighbors, while suggesting ways that they may make a difference in their communities.

With much thanks and appreciation,

*Lexie Chatham*

Social Action Coordinator

LexieChatham@yahoo.com

Columbia District Social Action Coordinator

## *Spiritual Growth From Your Coordinator Sandra Love*

“I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth” Psalm 34:1

Bless the Lord, O my soul! I bless you because you are the magnificent Creator who put the stars in the sky and separated the land from the sea. I bless you because you always keep your promises, even when fulfilling them requires miracles! I bless you, Father, because you have lifted me out of darkness and led me to victory. I bless you and praise you for your praises are sweeter than honey in my mouth. I praise you for your faithfulness to me. I praise you, Father, because it blesses me to keep your praises continually on my lips! (Daily Declaration of Faith for Women)

Please mark your calendar for our district annual meeting Saturday, September 16, 2023 at Grace United Methodist 410 Harbison Blvd, Columbia, SC 8:45a registration and fellowship. A representative from Killingsworth will be there to show case their beautiful Killingsworth Butterfly pens, ink pins and hair accessories.

The 2023 SC Conference annual meeting is hosted by the ladies of Orangeburg District at St John UMC in Aiken. Watch the Mission Echo and Gleanings for registration forms. Look to see you in Aiken.

“It’s good to give thanks to the Lord to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night” Psalm 92:1-2 ESV

May the Peace of Christ be with you always.

*Sandra Love*

Spiritual Growth Coordinator

## Program Resources Report

September is a good time to begin reading for the 2023-2024 Reading Program for United Women in Faith. The list of new books for the year should be coming out soon. The new list is usually printed in the November/December *Response*. Those who want to start reading now can find many good titles from the past years.

If you have not participated in the Reading Program before, this is a good time to start. The Reading Program is for everyone – adults, youth, and children. The chosen books fall into 5 categories: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth. *Response* Magazine and the Faith Talks podcasts are part of the Reading Program also. Go to [uwfaithresources.org](http://uwfaithresources.org) for more information.

There are 4 plans to choose from:

Plan 1: Read 5 books – 1 book from each category and *Response* magazine.

Plan 2: Read 10 books – 2 from each category and *Response* magazine.

Plan 3: Read 15 books – 2 from each category, 5 additional books from any category and *Response* magazine.

Plan 4: Read 20 books – 2 from each category, 10 additional books from any category and *Response* magazine.

United Women in Faith is offering **Bundle 2024** for next year. The Bundle includes:

2024 Adult curriculum mission study (\$14.99).

2024 Daily Prayer Guide (\$19.99).

2024 Program Resource (Program Book) (\$14.99).

There is a 20% discount on the **2024 Bundle** retail price offer, including shipping and handling, available through December 31, 2023, for the first 1,500 subscribers. The total cost would be \$46.00.

The 2024 Program Resource will start in January 2024. The interim months of September through December 2023 will be offered on the **digital** portal ([UWfaith.org/digital](http://UWfaith.org/digital)) with the option to download and print. It will also be offered in a **print** edition. The cost for this Program Resource, digital or print, is \$5.00.

The annual Program Resource 2024 will be released in January 2024. Preorders will be available this coming August 21. They can be ordered separately or as part of the **2024 Bundle** for a 20% discount. The 2023 print edition for September through December will ship the end of August (while supplies last). These may be ordered online at [uwfaithresources.org](http://uwfaithresources.org).

The 2024 Daily Prayer Guide may also be ordered separately or as part of the **2024 Bundle**. Order online at [uwfaithresources.org](http://uwfaithresources.org).

I will be glad to order these Program Resource books and Daily Prayer Guides for the units to save money on shipping. I will send off an order around September 20. You may also order books directly from [uwfaithresources.org](http://uwfaithresources.org). My email address is [mntrussell83@gmail.com](mailto:mntrussell83@gmail.com).

*Mary Nell Trussell*

Columbia District Program Resources

## THE 2024 DAILY PRAYER GUIDE

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**Columbia District United Women in Faith Needs YOU!!!**



We need persons to fill the following positions:

[Membership, Nurture & Outreach Coordinator](#)

Cluster Leader (Contact Stella for details)

[Secretary, Program Resources](#)

If you are interested in a position, click on the link above to view the “job description” or contact Stella Chisholm, Nominations Chair, at [starrjackson8@yahoo.com](mailto:starrjackson8@yahoo.com). You can also contact any member of the Committee on Nominations noted below.

Please also share this information with members of your unit.

*Thank you,  
Members of the Committee on Nominations,  
**Vilma Cobb & Stella Chisholm – Co-Chairs**  
Becky Travis  
Betty Void  
Melissa Hafer  
Marlene Sipes  
Rosemary Wilds*

## Membership, Nurture and Outreach (MNO) Coordination

**Leader works actively to fulfill the Purpose and find creative ways to nurture current members and cultivate new members. She will:**

- a. keep the leadership team informed about needs and concerns of membership;
- b. chair the Committee on Membership and recommend to the leadership team plans for membership cultivation and official signup via myUnited Women in Faith;
- c. work with district mission coordinators or person responsible for membership nurture and outreach to organize new district and local units and receive information about units in jeopardy of going inactive and follow up with necessary intervention, nurture and support;
- d. serve as the contact person for district mission coordinators or those responsible for membership, nurture and outreach, as well as provide resources, conduct training at least annually, as determined by the leadership team, and promote data collection through the membership census and member profiles;
- e. work with the leadership team to become a supportive community, provide regular creative fellowship activities for the team and work with them to create and encourage mentoring strategies;
- f. include time and space for women to share their concerns and experiences with one another at gatherings (online and in person) of United Women in Faith members;
- g. actively stay in touch with and support members through life's joys and struggles;
- h. work with the leadership team to value the inclusion of women of different cultures and life stages; and
- i. participate in the national MNO cohort for ongoing training, regular updates and best practices; and
- j. serve on the other committees as determined by the leadership team.

**Contact your [staff liaison](#) for questions and clarifications.**

## **Program Resources Coordination/Management**

**Leader works actively to fulfill the Purpose and find creative ways to assist the work of coordinating resources within United Women in Faith. She will:**

- a. Place orders for resources, display and arrange program materials at conference meetings;
- b. Be informed about online resources, such as videos, training classes, podcasts and other audiovisual;
- c. Resources and how to access them;
- d. Conduct training at least annually, as needed;
- e. Promote response magazine (print and online) and the Reading Program;
- f. Serve as the contact person for district secretaries of program resources, provide resources to them;
- g. Serve on the following committees: leadership team, program, finance and Mission u; and
- h. Be available, if asked, to attend and manage the resource room at Leadership Development Days and Mission u training events when they occur in your conference, or recommend names of local volunteers for this purpose.

**Contact your [staff liaison](#) for questions and clarifications.**

**RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS**

Conference		Date	
District			

I recommend:

Name:							
Address:							
Phone home:				Phone mobile:			
E-mail:							
Age:	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s+
Race/ Ethnicity:				Employed:	Yes	No	

Why I think you should consider this person (attach extra sheet if necessary):

Position(s) I would recommend this person for:

Signed:	Phone:
Mailing address or e-mail:	



Please return to: \_\_\_\_\_

## *News from Education and Interpretation*

### **The 4 Missions**

Many of you may be new to United Women In Faith. We have 4 Missions that we support in South Carolina.

**Columbia Bethlehem Community Center  
Killingsworth  
Spartanburg Bethlehem Community Center  
Wallace Family Life Center**

### **Killingsworth**

Currently we have fourteen women living at the house and working toward their goals of wholeness. Some have successfully completed their time with us recently and are doing well on their own.

About this time last year, I came to you with a dismal report about expensive repairs that needed to be done on our property – this year the news is good!

It was a process, but we located two contractors who were certified to do our needed work. Their schedules were filled, and the weather did not always cooperate. It took time – but the roof is repaired, and the painting is underway!

And even better news – our UWF National office has made \$25,000 available for us to get this work completed! We did have some other significant contributions and it is a blessing that we have the money that we need for this project! God is good. And our sisters around the country who contribute to undesignated giving are also good.

We are returning to an in-person gala this year and you will find more information in this newsletter. The date is Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6 PM and we are returning to Seawell's. We look forward to seeing you there and we welcome sponsorships and contributions to our silent auction. Please contact me at [jrscott780@att.net](mailto:jrscott780@att.net) for more auction information.

We are fortunate to have Susan Sirmons as our Interim Executive Director. Susan has been a part of our support staff for years and knows our mission well. She is dedicated to the success of our work and committed to our women. Susan attended Mission u and enjoyed getting acquainted with many of you. Please make time to visit her at our table at Conference Annual Meeting in Aiken.

Our current needs include new pillows, trash bags, and gift cards. The cards can be for grocery stores or for stores where our staff might purchase clothing for women who are starting new jobs. We do have a good collection of donated clothes, but there are times when different sizes are needed.

In contrast to our good news, we do have serious financial problems currently. During the pandemic we were not actively seeking funds and now we are suffering from that. Inflation is hard on us all. We received several grants in the last year, but some were for specific programs therefore not available for day-to-day expenses. We are concerned about having enough money for salaries, utilities, and food. Our board is aware of this critical need and is working hard toward a financially successful gala, then will be looking for other funding sources.

With a new Executive Director, Board President, and Treasurer in place, we are finding some ways to use our current resources more conservatively. We solicit your prayers as we walk through a time of transition and financial difficulties. We also ask for your generous financial support as strive to keep this house viable for many years to come.

Jane Scott, SCCUWF Representative to Killingsworth

### **Wallace Family Life Center**

Wallace Family Life Center recently welcomed new Marion District Superintendent Rev. Steven L. Brown to our Board of Directors. He is excited to be in mission with WFLC and is looking forward to serving. We thank his predecessor, District Superintendent Rev. Tim Rogers for his guidance and service and pray God's blessings upon him as he moves from ministry into retirement.

We are so grateful at Wallace Family Life Center for the many donations from churches, businesses, and United Women in Faith groups that have allowed us to make a difference for families during the summer months. Thank you for the housekeeping and school supplies, food, gift cards and checks which we have used to maintain the Center and to sponsor a variety of events which have benefitted the citizens of the Wallace community.

Serving children in the community has been our primary focus this summer. Led by Interim Director Linda Sanders, WFLC sponsored a Summer Camp from June 12th through July 20<sup>th</sup>. We were encouraged to have fifteen campers at the beginning of the summer. The morning routine included a time for song, ministry, and prayer. Computer learning centers allowed children to work on skills and play games. In the afternoons children were engaged in hands on projects such as making star wreaths to celebrate the Fourth of July. Though our numbers decreased by the end of the summer, the children

who completed the Summer Camp received a certificate and a book bag filled with school supplies. Donations helped to provide lunches, supplies and materials for the camp.

Thanks to the generosity of others, WFLC hosted a Back-to-School event on the evening of August 7<sup>th</sup>. We were able to give away 30 book bags filled with school supplies to children in the Wallace area. We will soon host a second event to give away clear book bags which are now being required by schools.

With school back in session, WFLC will once again host its after-school program for students. Beginning on September 5<sup>th</sup>, the program will run Monday through Thursday afternoons from 3:00 until 5:30 p.m. Students will receive a snack, have supervised homework sessions and time to enhance skills learned at school.

The Adult Education program will also soon be back in session. It will begin on September 6<sup>th</sup> and meet each Wednesday. Attendees will have opportunities to improve math and reading skills as well as work on arts and crafts projects each month.

Our Interim Director and Board members are currently working on ideas for the remainder of our calendar year. We continue to covet your prayers as we look for ways to serve others.

Submitted by Frances McCluney, Conference Representative to WFLC Board

## **Mission Giving Cards**

At the SCJ PAG cohort meeting Ms. Shannon Priddy, the new staff liaison for E & I Coordinators was asked what to do with Mission Giving cards that have the old logo on them.

**Use Them! Please sell them up before you order more!**

You are welcome to continue to sell them until you run out. [They can only be ordered through the District Treasurers].

"We have a vision that is amazing and exciting. We are inviting you to invest yourself through the resources that God has given you- your energy, your prayers, and your money- in this work to which God has called us."

Shannon Priddy

*Executive for Financial Interpretation and Mission Giving*

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### **United Women in Faith**

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New York, NY 10115

## **Move 4 Mission**

United Women in Faith is sponsoring a new fundraising program called Move 4 Mission. Look at this link: [Move For Mission | United Women in Faith \(uwfaith.org\)](http://www.uwfaith.org) for details.

## **Cancelled Stamps Update:**

At the E&I Committee meeting in February, it was decided to stop collecting stamps for the Marion Mission Storehouse which was where the used stamps were sent. If your district or a local church wants to continue collecting stamps, that is their prerogative, but they will have to mail them. You can also send monetary donations.

The mailing address is:

### **Marion Mission Storehouse**

PO Box 38, 402 E. Highland Ave.

Marion, IN 46952



Any you have on hand may be brought to the Conference Annual Meeting in Aiken. But after that, the conference will no longer collect them.

**Beth Addis, SCCUWF E&I Mission Coordinator**

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Thank you to the churches who participated in the pop tops/tabs collection. I dropped them off on June 7 at the Ronald McDonald's House in Columbia.

**Bethel (Columbia), Francis Burns, Trenholm Road, and Virginia Wingard Memorial UWFaith Units.**

*Rhonda Washington*

Columbia District Education and Interpretation Coordinator



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**"CHANGING LIVES ONE RESIDENT AT A**



**Thursday, November 9, 2023**  
**Seawell's Restaurant**  
**1125 Rosewood Drive**  
**Columbia, SC 29201**  
**6:00 P.M.~ 9:00 P.M.**  
**Online Ticket Sales Begin August 18th**  
**Individual-\$65.00 / Table of Eight-\$500.00**  
**Deadline for Ticket Sales is Friday, November 3rd**  
**Killingsworth Home For Women**  
**at [killingsworth.org](http://killingsworth.org) or mail below:**

Tear off and mail this portion with check/money order:  
1831 Pendelton St. Columbia, SC 29201 (Payable to Killingsworth Inc.)  
**All information below required for registration.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone# \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Sponsorship Available

<b>SIGNATURE</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
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<b>DIAMOND</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>RUBY</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>EMERALD</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**\$10,000 Signature Sponsor:**

- The Signature Sponsor gets their name listed everywhere we mention the Gala.
- The Gala will be named Killingsworth's 30th Gala presented by business name.
- The business logo will be included in the logo / graphic elements created for the Gala.
- Speaking time or the ability to present a video during the Gala.
- Two tables of eight for you and your guests will be provided.
- Full page advertising space in the program booklet.
- Thank you plaque.
- Personalized thank you letter from the residents of Killingsworth.
- Mentions and links posted to Killingsworth's social media pages leading up to the event.
- Promotions in our e-Newsletter.
- Numerous mentions and thank you(s) during the event itself.

**\$5,000 Platinum Sponsor:**

- A table of eight for you and your guests will be provided.
- Half page advertising space in the program booklet.
- Company Logo and link on Killingsworth Website.
- A thank you plaque.
- Personalized thank you letter from the residents of Killingsworth.
- Mentions and links posted to Killingsworth's social media pages leading up to the event.
- Promotions in our e-Newsletter.
- Numerous mentions and thank you(s) during the event itself.

**\$3,000 Diamond Sponsor:**

- A table of eight for you and your guests will be provided.
- One fourth page advertising space in the program booklet.
- Company Logo and link on Killingsworth Website.
- Personalized thank you letter from the residents of Killingsworth.
- Mentions and links posted to Killingsworth's social media pages leading up to the event.
- Promotions in our e-Newsletter.
- Numerous mentions and thank you(s) during the event itself.

**\$1,000 Ruby Sponsor:**

- A table of eight for you and your guests will be provided.
- Company name listed in the program booklet.
- Company Link on Killingsworth Website.
- Personalized thank you letter from the residents of Killingsworth.
- Promotions in our e-Newsletter.
- Thank you during the event itself.

**\$500 Emerald Sponsor:**

- A table of eight for you and your guests will be provided.



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## Columbia District UWF Calendar of Events 2023

### September

September

**Killingsworth Home Special Emphasis Month**

September 16

Columbia District 51<sup>st</sup> UWF Annual Meeting Host: Grace UMC In-Person

### October

October:

**Bethlehem Community Center Spartanburg Special Emphasis Month**

October 17

Columbia District Executive Committee Meeting In-Person

Host: Lexington UMC

October 20-21

SCCUWF Annual Meeting Host: Orangeburg District St. Johns UMC, Aiken

### November

November 11

SCCUWF District Officers Training Host: Columbia District In-Person

### December

December 2

\*SCCUWF Limitless Event

In-person TBD

December 25<sup>th</sup>

*Merry Christmas*



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