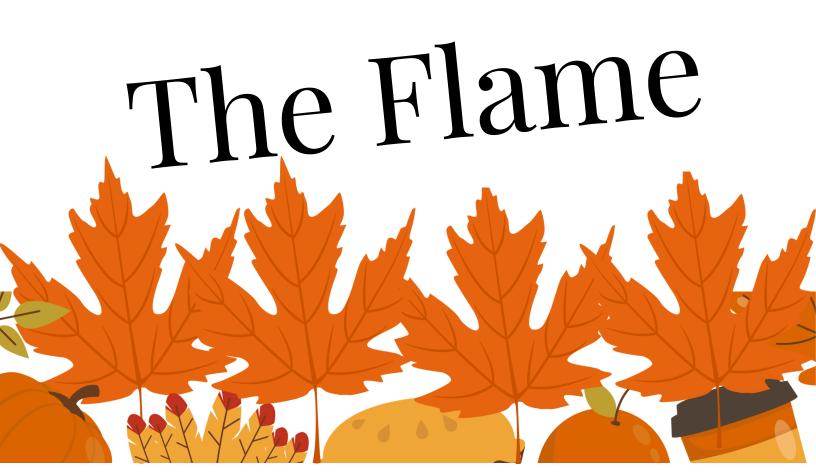
## The Flame

Florence District PO Box 408 Florence, SC 29503



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# Announcements

# Mark Your Calendars

South Carolina Conference 52<sup>nd</sup> United Women in Faith Annual Meeting

October 25 - 26, 2024

@ Woodland UMC/Rockhill



United Women in Faith

September Special Emphasis Month Killingsworth

Save The Date for Killingsworth Gala
November 14th

# **Killingsworth Gala**

transforming women

Venue: SeaWell's Restaurant

Venue: SeaWell's Restaurant 1125 Rosewood Drive Columbia, SC 29201

> November 14, 2024 @ 6:00 pm

Florence District Annual Meeting

Venue: Wesley Chapel UMC 112 Deep River St. Lake City, SC 29560

> September 21, 2024 @ 9:00 am

# WE ARE UWFAITH



## **Limitless Event**

**December 7, 2024** 

@10:00 am

**Location: TBA** 



# President's Message

Greetings to the phenomenal women of the Florence District. I pray everyone had a cool, relaxing, and enjoyable summer. The fall season is approaching, but let's continue to stay focused on the mission and purpose of United Women in Faith. I am spiritually recharged after attending Mission u in July and Fun Day at the Ranch in August.

As we gather strength and renew our purpose, let us be reminded of the scripture from Isaiah 40:31 "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." May this verse guide us in our continued work and faith. (NIV)

Thanks to everyone who attended Mission u and Fun Day of Learning at the Ranch in Kingstree. We were blessed with the opportunity to bond and worship with our sisters in faith and to form meaningful relationships.

We are excited about our 52nd District Annual Meeting on September 21, 2024, at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church in Lake City. This event will be hosted by their United Women in Faith under the leadership of Ms. Betsy Graham. This year's theme is "Living Waters in Time of Drought: Re-Digging the Wells of Our Foremothers." Please see additional articles for details on the Annual Meeting. I thank you for your continued support of UWF through your faithful service, Pledge to Missions, support of Mission Projects, and contributions to missions that impact your immediate communities. If you have fallen behind in submitting pledges and forms, please contact your District contact person to expedite funding and materials.

The South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith Annual Meeting will be held October 25-26, 2024, in Rock Hill, SC, at Woodland United Methodist Church. If you are planning to attend, be sure to register. You can find detailed information in The Flame or on the umcsc.org website.

Your District Leadership Team supports you and invites you to contact us with any questions or concerns. If you wish to order a UWF Name Badge, the information is in The Flame. Due to time constraints, you can contact the company directly and have your badges shipped to you.

Ladies, we sincerely and wholeheartedly welcome you and invite you to the Florence District 52nd Annual Meeting and the SCCUWF Annual Meeting. Thank you for your faithful service and support.

Love | Faith | Joy

Melissa A. Epps District President



# Patricia Leach

**Keynote Speaker** for

South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith

\*Please bring your donated items for Limitless'
"Catawba Nation effort" to the SCCUWF Annual Meeting at Woodland UMC in Rock Hill, SC. The donation list is on the next page. Thank you in advance for your support.





# Annual Meeting

Ladies are encouraged to call to check current price

# **Hotels in Rockhill, South Carolina**

## Hampton Inn \$1

2111 Tabor Drive (803) 325-1100

\$110

Plus Tax

### **Holiday Inn**

503 Galleria Blvd. 803) 323-1900 \$110

Plus Tax

### Staybridge

Galleria Blvd. (803) 329-0000 **\$129** 

Plus Tax

# Hilton Garden Inn \$139

650 Tinsley Way (803) 325-2800

Plus Tax

# Annual Meeting Limitless Donation Supplies List

for Boys & Girls Club of Catawba Nation - for Children and Youth Attending the After School/Summer Camps

Suuk Sarak ("Sprout House") K5-5th Grade (50 children):

Spiral Notebooks

Cleaning Supplies

Lysol •Sanitizer •Clorox

(with and without pockets)

Pencils & Highlighters Wipes •
Paper Towels • Facial Tissue
& Hand Soaps, etc.

Clothes & Shoes\* (for boys and girls)

\*No specific sizes were given.
The items will be used for accidents and for those in need.

Suuk Yap ("Tree House") 6 th -12 th Grade (48 teens):

Highlighters

Folders
(with and without pockets)

Spiral Notebooks

Pencils

Socks\*
(adult sizes - for boys and girls)

\*\*The Catawba Nation is very thankful to be receiving these supplies for their children and youth.

### 52nd South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith Annual Meeting October 25 -26, 2024



### Woodland United Methodist Church 801 Cherry Rd., Rock Hill, SC

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

(Please print legibl	y.) Theme: <b>"Pr</b> a	ise the Lord! Justic	ce for All!"
Name		Email:	
			Church
Check all that a	apply:		
First Timer	Conference Officer _	District Officer	Past Conference President
Under 40	Unit President	Mission Director	Clergy
Age 14-30	Voting Delegate	Missionary / Deac	oness
Emergency Co	ntact:		Phone:
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Session1		-	_
<u> </u>	Vorship & Communion - Rev.	Anthony Hodge, Rock F	fill District Superintendent - <b>Sanctuary</b>
Saturday, Octo	ber 26 Registration Check	ι-in: 8:00am-9:15am	
Session 2			
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	ker: Patricia Leach, Assistant		
Annual Meeting A	·	on on Onicers, Installatio	n of Officers, Announcements
Lunch - MEAL	TICKET REQUIRED		

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

Mail early registration fee of \$45 payable to SCCUWF to Registrar Frances Bratton,

PO Box 74, Clover, SC 29710, postmarked by **September 30.** 



### From the Vice-President's Corner

### **Hello Florence District!**

I pray that all is well with you and your families. I trust that the summer months have reinvigorated you and have allowed you to take some much needed vacation time. Goodbye summer, hello fall!

I would like to thank the Florence District Executive Team for allowing me to attend Mission u. The curriculum study of "Welcome Home" "The Kin-dom is Among You: Drawing Closer to God and One Another." Explored our relationship with God, with one another and ourselves. We had 8 explorations of study for which I am happy to share to be used in your local meetings. The meals were delicious! Thank you Spartanburg Methodist College and the cafeteria staff for its warm hospitality.

Fun Day at the Ranch gets better and better each year. Food, Faith, Fellowship and lots of Fun. Special thanks to the line dancers for sharing the health, emotional and focused benefits of moving together with music. Thank you Executive Team for all that you do in making this event a success. Thanks to all who attended and we look forward to an even greater experience next year.

Are you ready for Annual Meeting? The time is here! Wesley Chapel UMC, Lake City, is hosting us this year. We extend our heartfelt thanks in advance to Rev. Louis Ashley, Pastor and Betsy Graham UWF President. We are honored to have Mrs. Clarice Blakeney, South Carolina Conference UWF President as our guest speaker. Thank you in advance Mrs. Blakeney for accepting our invitation! The Theme is "Living Waters in Times of Drought: Re-digging the Wells of Our Foremothers, taken from our 2024 Program Resource Book.

I trust that your unit has submitted all the necessary information to the District Team in order to be recognized at the meeting. Thank you local units for all that you do in helping to fulfill our mission.

Come, and let us show our foremothers that although some wells have dried up, with God's help and our faithfulness, we can re-dig the wells and receive the living water that only God provides.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Your sister in Christ,

Katherine Sabb-Graham District Vice-President



# Reporting Dates for Local Units

1st Quarter is

January - March

Report due to District Treasurer

By March 5, 2024

2nd Quarter is

**April - June** 

Report due to District Treasurer

By June 5, 2024

3rd Quarter is

July - September

Report due to District Treasurer

By September 6, 2024

(Due early before Annual Meeting)

4th Quarter is

**October - December** 

Report due to District Treasurer

**By November 29, 2024** 

(District Treasurer Report is due to Conference Treasurer)

# **Financial Gifts Change Lives**

It's Not Too Late - Pledge Today!!!
Name of Church/Unit:
President or Treasurer's Name:
Address:
Pledge Amount: \$
Mail to Dorothy Murray, P.O. Box 602, Kingstree, SC 29556

### Florence District United Women in Faith 2024 Calendar

### September

### **Special Emphasis Month - Killingsworth**

Location: Wesley Chapel/112 Deep River, Lake City, SC 29560

### October

### Special Emphasis Month - Bethlehem Center/ Spartanburg

October 25 - 26th ...... South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith Annual Meeting

Location: Woodland UMC/ Rock Hill UWF Hosts

801 Cherry Rd., Rock Hill, SC 29732

**Time:** 12:30 - 3:00 pm

### November

November 9	District Officers' Training/Columbia UWF Hosts @9:30 am
	(Florence District Officers Only)
November 14	
	Location: Seawell's Restaurant/ 1125 Rosewood Drive, Columbia, SC 29201

### December

December 7	Limitless Event @ 10:00 am/In-person/TBA
December 25	Merry Christmas/Christ the Savior was Born

### **Name Badge Information!!**

If you would like to have a name badge, the order information is below. Please contact tina@mrsign.net for further information and/ order your badge today.



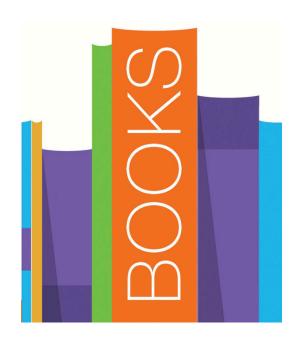
# The 2025 Book list is here for the Reading Program

response magazine and the Faith Talks podcast are part of the Reading Program

# READING PROGRAM Guidelines

Formulario de Información del Programa de Lectura

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### PLAN 1

- ·5 books each year.
- ·1 book from each category.
- •Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports.
- •Regular reading of response magazine.

### **PLAN II**

- ·10 books each year.
- ·2 books from each category.
- •Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports.
- •Regular reading of response magazine.

### **PLAN III**

- ·15 books each year.
- ·2 books from each category.
- •PLUS 5 additional books from any category.
- •Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports.
- · Regular reading of response magazine.

### **PLAN IV**

- ·20 books each year.
- ·2 books from each category.
- •PLUS 10 additional books from any category.
- •Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports.
- •Regular reading of response magazine.

Books can be purchased directly from the retailer of your choice or borrowed from your local public library.

For books on previous reading lists, go to: https://uwfaith.org/resources/reading-program[

or click this online link:



United Women in Faith - 2025 Reading Program Catalog 2020-2025 (Excel file)...

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\* uwfaithresources.org /



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

Signature	\$10,000
Platinum	\$5.000
Diamond	\$3,000
Ruby	\$1,000
Emerald	\$500

### Childlike Joyful Perfect Peace

As we grow spiritually, we have a charge to continue to grow. One way I have personally grown is in my prayers for others. In my last article I shared how I send text to my friend with scriptures, poems, words of encouragement and pictures. The heartfelt and loving responses are rewarding for me daily. I want to take a minute to thank those who sometimes just send hearts, I am encouraged and honored to share.

When a loved one comes to mind, I try calling them, sometimes they don't answer. In the past I would worry about them, but I have overcome that. Philippians 4:6-7 "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus (NLT)." Praise God I have begun a different process that has helped me overcome that urgent need to speak to them. I stop, then center myself and pray for them, right there, wherever I am. My prayer for them is that they will receive God blessings. I pray about their unknown situations, but God knows, Guess what happens when I say Amen. I get joyful perfect peace knowing that I have done what God wants us all to do. Pray without ceasing. Pray in all things. There are no words that can completely describe how I feel, but you have a good idea. Praise God.

I had the pleasure of attending several United Women in Faith Zooms. I encourage you all to make every effort you can to attend these phenomenal meetings with our sisters. Please take the time to check the website https://uwfaith.org/ for the great things that are available. The most recent Zoom "Children's Sabbaths Celebration Planning: Curing an Experience of Unleashing Joy" left me feeling that childlike joy. During the call we were charged with sharing in the chat our favorite childhood toy and game. This small practice took me back to my childhood and immediately made me smile and experience that same childlike joyful perfect peace, when I pray for others. I was amazed to see all the fun childhood games and toys that I had forgotten. I remembered playing jacks on the front porch and this time I was winning; I was filled with joyful childlike perfect peace. This transported me to the place where I grew up, a happy, carefree existence, where you can smell the rain and dirt. Then I remembered playing hopscotch and again I was winning, this game brought me that childlike joy, real joy, that perfect peace joy. We were encouraged to stay with that joyful feeling. Today I want to encourage you to take the time to reflect on those wonderful childhood times, when you felt joyful and had fun. When you do, stay there and enjoy the experience of that childlike perfect peace. Do this often and just enjoy. Since that awesome Zoom call, I find myself enjoying some good music and singing along with pure joy. I was surprised by the number of songs I knew the words. I had that wonderful childlike joyful perfect peace, by allowing myself to reflect on the good music.

So, my sisters, I want to encourage you to take several trips back to your childhood days of fun and laughter. Take time to stay there and enjoy that wondrous, childlike joyful perfect peaceful feeling that God gives us.

Be Blessed My Dear Sisters,

Kimberly Graham Spiritual Growth Coordinator



### 2024 FLORENCE DISTRICT UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS

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# District 52nd Annual Meeting Saturday, September 21, 2024

Theme: "Living Waters in Time of Drought: Re-Digging the Wells of Our Foremothers."



Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church 112 Deep River St | Lake City | 29560

# Registration 9:30 AM

Registration Link tinyurl.com/FDAnnualMeeting24

Click this link: <a href="mailto:tinyurl.com/FDAnnualMeeting24">tinyurl.com/FDAnnualMeeting24</a>

### Florence District Unit of the Year 2024

Local Presidents and Secretaries should work with their Unit in answering the questions on this form to qualify for the "Unit of the Year". The period runs from September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024.

This form needs to be submitted by September 10, 2024 to be considered for the award. **Email to** eppsmelissa@gmail.com or **Mail to** Melissa Epps, 1650 Pudding Swamp Road, Lynchburg, SC 29080. You will need to print this form, complete, and mail or email.

Name of Church:	_ Number of Members in Unit:	_
Local Unit President:	Total # Points:	

Local Unit President:	Total # Points:			
Description	Possible Points	Points Earned		
	Activities:			
Reading Program	2 points per book per person			
Use Program Book	2 points per program used			
Use Response	2 points per subscription			
Use Prayer Guide	2 points per Guide			
Read United Methodist Advocate	2 points per subscription			
	Attendance At:			
District Day Apart	2 points per person attending			
District Annual Meeting	2 points per person attending			
District Officers Training	2 points per person attending			
District Fun Day	2 points per person attending			
Conference/District Workshops/Virtual	2 points per person attending			
Mission u	2 points per person attending			
	Participated In:	<b>-</b>		
Call to Prayer & Self Denial	10 points			
World Day of Prayer	10 points			
World Thank Offering	10 Points			
Day of Giving	10 Points			
	Involvement & Growth:			
Increased Membership	10 points per new member			
Increased Pledge	10 points 25 points 10			
Met Pledge as stated to District	points 10 points 10 points			
Visited Mission Project(s)	10 points 10 points			
Invited & was Visited by District Officer				
Hosted a District-Wide Meeting				
Submitted Roster of Officers				
Mailed Pledge on Time				



# South Carolina Conference UWFaith **Potential Leader Form**

Name:	Date:
Address:	
Phone:	Email:
District:	Ethnicity:
Professional Skills/ Job Experience:	
Offices/Appointments held in UMW	//UWF:
Local Unit	
District	
Conference	
Jurisdiction/National	
Additional experience within the ch	urch or community other than UMW/UWF:
Which offices are of most interest t	o you?
President Vice President S	Secretary Treasurer Nominations
Communications Spiritual Grov	wth Social Action Program Resources
Education & Interpretation (Mission	ns) Membership, Nurture & Outreach
Charter for Racial Justice Committe	e

# **Potential Leader Form**

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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 Women in Faith?
Please return this form to a Committee on Nominations member or send to:
Azilee Dickey
205 Kilpatrick Dr.
Sumter, SC 29154
deejie721@yahoo.com

# I HAVE TALENT! Tell me how to share it with United Women in Faith Name: District: Phone: Email: Circle preferred contact: phone or email Please return form to a member of the Committee on Nominations

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of the Committee on Nominations

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Name:
District:
Phone:
Email:
Circle preferred contact: phone or email

Please return form to a member

of the Committee on Nominations

# Here is your chance to order your 2025 Program Book and Resources. Launching of the 2025 Bundle!

The 2025 BUNDLE is coming

(See link for details—20% off including shipping/handling)

It will be launching this week and you have the early preview!

The Bundle this year includes for **pre-order:**\*
Daily Prayer Guide 2025 (Retail price: \$19.99)
Program Resource 2025 (\$14.99)
Adult 2025 Curriculum for Mission u (\$14.99)
And, the Quadrennial Calendar 2025-2028 (\$14.99)
This offer is available to the first 2,000 subscribers.'

Print and Digital Bundle link: <a href="https://uwfaithresources.org/prodDetail.cfm?productID=11943">https://uwfaithresources.org/prodDetail.cfm?productID=11943</a>

**Print only Bundle:** <a href="https://uwfaithresources.org/prodDetail.cfm?productID=11798">https://uwfaithresources.org/prodDetail.cfm?productID=11798</a>

Have you thought to explore the **full range** of digital offerings? Then order the **digital Bundle** — an additional \$5 **per resource.** You can have both the print and online editions with special access to the Program Resource monthly Community Gatherings!

If you'd like to lower your carbon footprint and want to purchase only the digital formats, click one of the links above and a link for various options are on the web page.

(View each page for more details of the subscription.)

\*Materials are all in production and printed materials will ship December, while digital resources will be online by December as well. A reminder will go our in November that materials are shipping or available for downloading.

### Regards,

Andrew Cheu
Director of Operations, Communications
Executive for Program and Project Management
Staff Liaison, Resource Room Management/Coordination
332.240.2823

# Florence District Annual Fun Day/ Meeting

The Florence District Executive Team would like to take a moment to sincerely Thank our Local Units for showing up and showing out this year for every event that we have had. Seeing the crowd of beautiful faces at each event encouraged us to work harder to improve our great organization. This year's Florence District's Fun Day/Meeting was a blast and if you missed it, you missed a treat. We encourage you to please continue supporting us, because we will do our best to support you. We thank you for all that you do for our great organization. God bless you all.

Here are some glances of Fun Day moments at Circle G Ranch











\*Veronica Cooper
\*Melissa Epps
\*Trinette McKnight





# Florence District Annual Fun Day/ Meeting

Continued moments at Circle G Ranch

### Soul Care & Fitness

With Fitness Instructor: Byron Meyers













### Time to Eat!











Thanks to Mr. Graham (St. Michael UMC United Methodist Men) for all of your help.

### (Reprint from March issue of The Flame):

In an effort to defray printing costs, beginning with the 3rd Quarter *(September)*, "The Flame" will no longer be printed and mailed to Units. However, we acknowledge that some Presidents may prefer to receive a physical copy through postal mail. If you would like to continue receiving a mailed copy, we kindly request that you submit a payment of \$6 for third and fourth quarter to:

Dorothy Murray, District Treasurer P.O. Box 602

Kingstree, SC 29556

Upon receipt of payment, "**The Flame**" will be mailed to your Unit's President. Please ensure that payment is submitted promptly to facilitate uninterrupted delivery.

Additionally, we would like to reassure you that "The Flame" will still be accessible to all Units by email and the conference website (<u>www.umcsc.org/women</u>).

### The Flame's publication schedule: March, June, September and December.

If you are receiving an emailed copy of the newsletter, you will continue to receive a copy through your email. If you are not on the email list and would like to be added, please submit via email, your name, position, unit name, and email address to:

### Trinette McKnight Florence District Communication Email: Tmcknightfd@yahoo.com

Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Florence District Executive Team



# **The Flame Newsletter Mailing Request Form**

President's Name:
Unit:
Church:
Mailing address:
Email address:
Phone Number:
Amount enclosed:
Check Number:
Make check payable to: <u>Florence District UWF</u>
Mail to:
Dorothy Murray; FD Treasurer
P.O. Box 602
Kingstree, SC 29556

"How cool is it that the same God who created mountains and oceans and galaxies, looked at you and thought the world needed one of you too!" - Author Unknown



# From: The Florence District Executive Team

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