The Network News Anderson District UWF South Carolina Conference March. 2023

The organized unit of United Women of Faith shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.



Caption



In Memoriam...

Mary Beth Ellison, our Anderson District Treasurer for the last 5 years, passed away suddenly on February 16, 2023. Mary Beth was a dedicated Christian and a true servant. Mary Beth

worked as a teacher in Pickens County Schools for 34 years, with dedicated service to several schools. Following her retirement, she taught in Greenville County for several years. She was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Easley where she served on the board of trustees and several other committees. She was also a certified Lay Speaker.

She leaves a big hole in our team and we will miss her vibrant personality, winning smile and infectious laugh.

Until we fill her vacancy, any treasury monies, reports and remittances should be sent to Anderson District Pre3sident, Lynn Friedman at 628 Pointe Wildwood Drive, Seneca, SC 29678. I can be reached at 864-723-7090 or lynnf113@msn.com.

Please keep the family in your prayers.

Education and Interpretation Donna Hopkins

Please remember to continue to the 4 Missions: Bethlehem Center, Spartanburg, Bethlehem Center



support

Columbia, Killingsworth and Wallace Family Life Center. Collecting pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House continues. If you are close to a Ronald McDonald House, you may drop them off yourself. If not, you may hold onto them until there is an in-person Anderson District meeting. This year there will be two such occasions, Day Apart (April 1st and Anderson District Annual Meeting. I discourage anyone from mailing them as they are heavier than imagined and are costly to mail.

For anyone who collects cancelled stamps, **please** remember to trim them with a ¼" border. Until October 1, 2023, you may mail them to: Beth Addis, SC Conference E&I 703 Autumn Oaks Anderson, SC 29621-2686 Or, you may bring them to Day Apart or Anderson District Annual Meeting.

After October 1, 2023, the SC United Women in Faith will not be collecting cancelled stamps.

If your unit would like to continue collecting them, they may be mailed to:

Marion Mission Storehouse PO Box 38, 402 E. Highland Avenue Marion, IN 46952

Thank you for continuing to support these missions. Donna



Congratulations to Brenda Davis as the new Cluster Leader Zone I and, Mary Rose Gathman as our Secretary!!! THANK YOU LADIES!

Jane Hallums of Nominating is still looking to fill vacancies. She needs a current list of unit presidents in the Anderson District. Her email is: janehallums@charter.net and hallumsevelyn@gmail.com.



United Women in Faith Reading Program

As a former district Secretary of Program Resources, I thought I'd write about the Reading Program since the topic was brought up at Officers' Training in January. To find any information about the Reading Program, go to the United Women in Faith website at www.uwfaith.org/read. There you will find the Reading Program lists for 2015-2023. You can read from the lists from 2018-2023 this year if you haven't counted a book previously. The Reading Program reporting form and certificate can also be downloaded at the website.

There is also a form that lets you suggest a book to be considered for the Reading Program.

Have you enjoyed the United Women in Faith <u>Reading Program</u> over the years? Consider joining their team of volunteer evaluators. At the heart of the Reading Program is the work of numerous volunteer evaluators who read and review assigned books, offering careful and candid feedback regarding the books' overall quality and alignment with our mission.

United Women in Faith is currently preparing for the 2023 Reading Program book evaluation cycles for the 2025 book list. If you are interested in serving as a Reading Program volunteer evaluator in 2023, **please take 10-15 minutes to complete the interest form** here: <u>forms.gle/</u>KaXWomUXc13dthYG6.

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis, but completion by **February 15** is preferred. Sorry about the late date; I didn't know the date had passed, but they would probably take it anytime.

If you have compliments or complaints about a book on the Reading Program, send them to **Emily Jones**, ejones@uwfaith.org.

Beth Addis, SCCUWF E&I Coordinator



Elaine Jones Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator

Three reasons to join United Women in Faith Faith, Action, Sisterhood

Membership recruitment

Invite women in your church and community to join United Women in Faith.

Use newsletters, social media, mission projects and service projects and any other ideas that your unit may decide To use for recruitment.

Attend district meetings to network with other United Women in Faith.

If your unit would like me to attend one of your meetings my contact information is

Elaine Jones e-mail <u>georgiajones19678@gmail.com</u> phone <u>864-979-6821</u>



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Communicator Resources

United Women in Faith website

uwfaith.org

United Women in Faith Communicators Facebook group

facebook.com/groups/uwomenfaithcommunicators

response magazine

uwfaith.org/resources/response-magazine

Mission Resources

umwmissionresources.org

Brand guidelines and logo files

umwmissionresources.org/content.asp?tid=1387

Facebook

facebook.com/uwomenfaith

Twitter

twitter.com/uwomenfaith

Instagram

instagram.com/uwomenfaith

YouTube

youtube.com/uwomenfaith



DAYS TO REMEMBER:

MARCH 12TH TIME CHANGE-"SPRING FORWARD"

APRIL IST DAY APART 9:30-11:30 MT.ZION UMC CENTRAL

HEALTH&WELLNESS

APRIL 9TH EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 22 CONFERENCE SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT

HOST WALTERBORO DISTRICT 200M

MAY 9TH ANDERSON DISTRICT LEADERSHIP MEET

5:30 at TRINITY UMC, ANDERSON

MAY 14TH MOTHERS DAY

MAY 20TH COME TOGETHER, BE TOGETHER

10am COLUMBIA DIST. UWF HOST 200M

MAY 29TH MEMORIAL DAY

JUNE 4-7 SCUMC ANNUAL CONFERENCE, FLORENCE, SC

JUNE 18TH FATHERS DAY

JULY 20-22 MISSION u 2023 Spartanburg Methodist College

JUNE 24TH SCUWF CHARTER FOR RACIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL

JUSTICE EVENT IOAM 200M



Hello beautiful ladies of Anderson District:

Thank you to all who took time from your Saturday to attend the January Officer's Training.

We had much fun and fellowship whiling learning, sharing, and growing together. Thank you, Trinity Anderson, for hosting us. Remember to reach one of the committee members if you have additional questions or concerns.

Can't wait to see everyone at Day Apart April 1st in Central at Zion.

Looking at the calendar, <my how time FLYS!> April 9th is Easter – May you have peace and blessings as our churches gather this day in prayer and praise for the Risen Lord.

Look for the Mission Echo <umcsc.org> and register for the Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat being held April 22 Virtual hosted by Walterboro District, along with Come Together Be Together May 20th hosted by Columbia District also via Virtual.

With Ash Wednedsy just passing and taking us into the season of Lent remain hopeful and be in continued prayer on your journey as we UWF journey to care for women, children and youth while making desiples for Jesus Christ in our communities.



Your Sister in Christ. Eileen Tulk Blowers Anderson District VP Remember the time change March 12th March 2023 Network News Spiritual Growth Coordinator Elizabeth Finley Proverbs 17:22 "A joyful heart is the health of the body..."

DAY APART

Anderson District United Women in Faith Day Apart Meeting April 1, 2023, on Saturday, 9:30am till 11:30am Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, 310 Church St, Central, SC The theme is Health and Wellness

Proverbs 16:24 "Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body."

During the meeting, Holy Communion will be offered by Pastor Jonathan Harris.

This will be a casual service so wear your comfortable clothes and shoes. When you arrive at the church you will park in the church parking lot. Enter the church on the bottom level at the BACK DOOR. You will see a covered entry. This entrance has easy accessibility. Our meeting will take place right off this entrance in the large meeting room on the first level, not in the church sanctuary.

In cooperation with the Social Action Coordinator, Carol Weatherford, we will be taking money donations for a church in our district, Dickson Memorial United Methodist Church in Townsville. This donation will be used for their food bank that donates food one Tuesday and one Thursday per month. It would be great for your units to send in a donation with a person attending the meeting.



Mark your calendars! Day of Giving is a few days away!

Giving at a glance:

- The theme is: The Future is Now
- Day of Giving gifts will be matched with a \$100,000 gift from Scranton Women's Leadership Center in Seoul, Korea.
- For more information: <u>uwfaith.org/dayofgiving/</u>
- Tune in on March 23rd for the Day of Giving Facebook Event

Ways to Give:

- Online at: www.uwfaith.org/dayofgiving
- By phone: 800-278-7771 (8 am-6 pm EST, Mon.-Fri.)
- Text: "GIVE" to 20503
- By check to:

United Women in Faith, Attn: Legacy 475 Riverside Drive, Ste 1500 New York, NY 10115

Write "Day of Giving" in the memo section.

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

United Women in Faith...a new name and a new vision. What is your vision for the future of United Women of Faith? Across the board, our numbers are down but our vision and our mission remain the same- we seek to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formations, leadership development, creative fellowship and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.

The name change is part of a refreshing of the organization that includes a new logo and an array of new and improved programs to nurture current members and welcome new women to put their love in action on behalf of women, children and youth.

There are many ways we can make our voices heard, from contacting our senators to approve setting a 36% cap on predatory lending. We can attend via Zoom offerings such as Legislative Days that acquaint us with some of the issues United Women in Faith feel are important to our mission. There are many worthwhile offerings and you will be amazed at what you can learn by attending these gatherings. Check them out!

I urge each of you to make reading The Network News a priority to learn all you can about how we are doing our part to make this world a better place. Newsletters are published quarterly in March, June, September and December. These newsletters come to you via email. If you would like to have a paper copy mailed to you, you can do that for a small fee by contacting Deborah Williams, our Communications Coordinator at cecgrandmama2000@yahoo.com.



MISSION TODAY ACTION FORM

Please send completed form to:	
Send by this date://	
Unit President: Date:	
Unit Name Number of members Units, which include all circles, must complete at least 10 of the following items. All complete #1.	
 *Made and Mets its Pledge to Mission. Used the Daily Prayer Guide at most meetings to pray for people in missio mission work with women, children and youth. Added at least one or more members to its roll. Had at least one member who subscribes to Response: The Magazine of Volume of the district or local Mission study. Had at least one member(other than a conference or district officer) attend the district officer attend to the district officer attend to the district officer. 	<i>Women in Mission.</i> Mission u and/or a
Meeting. 7. Had at least one member (other than a conference or district officer)attend to Meeting. 8. He at least two members who wrote to at least five people listed in <i>The Dail Once</i> during the year. 9. Participated in education programs for children through prayers and donation or volunteer hours at schools, homes and churches. This includes Vacation Participation.	ly Prayer Guide at least
 10.* Is a Five Star Unit, contributing to all five channels of Mission Giving which Mission, Gift in Memory, Gift to Mission, Special Mission Recognition and W Offering. 11. Had at least one person complete one of the plans in the Reading Program 12. Invited a district or conference officer, other than a member of the unit, to c During the year. 	Vorld Thank n.
CHECK IF YOUR UNIT, CIRCLE OR SUBGROUP:	
13. INCLUDED A RESPONSE MOMENT WHERE AN ARTICLE FROM RESPOND OF WOMEN IN MISSION was lifted up as a way to tell the mission story in Meetings14.Had at least two programs from The Program Book.	
15.Implemented the Charter for Racial Justice Policies in at least two ways.	

Those items noted with an asterisk will be verified by the District Treasurer.

Local Unit President's Report for 2022-2023(Annual Report)

For Period September 1, 2022-August 15,2023	Due August 15, 2023
Unit/Church:	President:
Unit Address:	
Membership:	
Number of Members in Unit: Number of Deceased Members: Number of Members pledging \$5.00 for Wallace F	
Contributions: (Actual amount sent to District T	reasurer for Five Star Requirements):
Pledge to Missions: World Thank C Special Mission Recognition: Call 1	
Actual Amount sent for the Gold Seal Requirem Killingsworth Wallace Family Life Center	
Other Mission Support: (List specific missions &	amount):
Participation:	
District Events: (number of persons from unit atternual Meeting(Sept 2022) Officers' Training(
Conference Events: (number of persons from unit Annual Meeting(Oct 2022) Officers' District	attending each meeting in person or on Zoom) Training(Nov 2022)
Killingsworth Gala(Nov 2022) Legislative Day	v-1 or more sessions (Feb 2023)
Spiritual Growth Retreat(May 2023) Come To	ogether, Be Together(May 2023)
Mission Education:	
Reading Program(# of participants for 2022-2023)	:(Send list to Sec of Program Resources)
Subscriptions to Response Magazine, either in prin	nt or online (# of subscribers):
Yes or No: Program Book Used: Prayer	Calendar Used:
Diamond Unit: Mission	n Today Unit:
	ttach list of activities). This can be any activities utrition, or family life of children in your

Send this Report & List of Activities for Campaign for Children & Youth to our District President, Lynn Friedman at: lynnf113@msn.com. 628 Pointe Wildwood Dr., Seneca, SC 29678

ANDERSON DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM:

President - Lynn Friedman lynnf113@msn.com

Vice President - Eileen Blowers etblowers@gmail.com

Secretary - Mary Rose Gathman, 1 year scifigal@bellsouth.net

Treasurer - vacant

Secretary of Program Resourses - vacant

Communications Coordinator - Deborah Williams 115 Glenn Cove Rd., Starr, SC 29684 <u>cecgrandmama2000@yahoo.com</u>

Education and Interpretation-Donna Hopkins marcell405@bellsouth.net

Membership Nurture & Outreach - Elaine Jones georgiajones19678@gmail.com

Spiritual Growth Coordinator - Elizabeth Finley nunifinley@gmail.com

Chair Committee on Nominations - Jane Hallums janehallums@charter.net

Nominating Committee Members: Dolores Watkins, temporary deewat727@yahoo.com

Historian - vacant

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Social Action Coordinator - Carol Weatherford dweather104@aol.com

Cluster Leaders - Zone 1 - Brenda Davis foxclavd@yahoo.com

Zone 2 - Judith Polson jpolson29621@yahoo.com

Zones 3, 4 and 5. Vacant

I Have Talent Tell me how to share it with United Women in Faith

Name	
Phone	
E-Mail/Phone	
Officers Available:	
Secretary, Secretary of Program Resources, Historian	, Committee on
Nominations Members (3), Cluster Leaders for	

Zones 3, 4 and 5
Please return form to Jane Hallums, Chair of Committee on Nominations- 321 Mary Ann Street or E-Mail – janehallums@charter.net or hallumsevelyn@gmail.com



THE LEGEND OF THE DOGWOOD

There is a legend that at the time of the Crucifixion the dogwood had been the size of the oak and other forest trees. So firm and strong was the tree that it was chosen as the timber of the cross. To be used thus for such a cruel purpose greatly distressed the tree, and Jesus, nailed upon it, sensed this, and in His gentle pity for all sorrow and suffering said to it, "Because of your regret and pity for My suffering, never again shall the dogwood tree grow large enough to be used as a cross. Henceforth it shall be slender and bent and twisted, and its blossoms shall be in the form of a cross...two long and short petals. And in the center of the outer edge of each petal there shall be nail prints, brown with rust and stained with red and in the center of the flower will be a crown of thorns, and all who see it will remember."

Social Action

Carol Weatherford

Guide us in thoughts and actions to build your kin-dom.

In February, we gave a love offering to provide clean water to children in Jackson, Mississippi. On June 24, 2023, at 10:00 a. m. by Zoom, there will be a Charter for Justice Event to learn about the status of clean water in South Carolina. Please put it on your calendar and plan to attend.

Members are still planting trees. We need to plant more. It takes 30 trees to equal the carbon footprint of a person. The National Arbor Foundation and www.onetreeplanted.com will plant trees for you for \$1.00 per tree.

Another way we can lessen our negative impact on climate is to lessen our use of plastics. One step we can take is to use laundry sheets instead of laundry detergent in big plastic jugs. The sheets take up far less room in the laundry area. You can buy the sheets at www.sheetslaundryclub.com

In February, we had four Legislative Advocacy Day presentations on Zoom. The first was on Health, the second on Predatory Lending, the third on Climate Justice, and the fourth on Food Insecurity, Food Deserts and Food Insufficiency. All four presentations were excellent. The last 3 presentations were recorded and will be available for viewing, either on UWF website or youtube or both.

Representative Jerry Carter has updated us on the status of the Predatory Lending bill in South Carolina. "Bill S518 has been introduced in the State Senate that limits interest rates for lenders to 36% which is what is cited in Federal Law." At this time, please reach out to your state senator. There are four senators that serve our District. When the bill reaches the State House of Representatives will be the time to talk to your

Letter from Carol Weatherford continued...

Representatives. The first recommendation we had was to contact by phone. Representative Carter said he prefers email. My recommendation is contact by both phone and email and even better also send a written letter by postal service.

Two books in our UWF Reading Program I've recently read and found very thought provoking are:

- 1. Nevertheless
- 2. Born on Third Base

Recently, I learned about another food pantry in Anderson District. Dickson Memorial United Church in Townville serves mostly referred families from the school. They welcome contributions and prayers.

I hope you are thinking about the actions your unit needs to take to complete and earn the Diamond Unit Certificate. Two things my unit recently did was to worship with a church different from our own. We worshiped with Piney Grove Baptist Church led by Reverend Dr. Cory Williams. As part of the service, their youth wrote and presented an excellent Black History Program.

We have reconciling circles in our conference. Please give consideration to this possibility for your circle.

Let us love as you have both taught us and commanded us. From our love create justice and grant us peace.



From Carol Weatherford:

2023 Listing of our Anderson Area State House Senators and Representatives Addresses and Phone Numbers

State House Senators

Thomas Alexander Columbia Address 213 Gressette Bldg. Columbia 29201 Business Phone (803) 212-6220 Home Address 150 Cleveland Dr. Walhalla 29691 Home Phone (864) 638-2153 Business Phone (864) 638-2988 Email Thomas <u>Alexander@scsenate.gov</u>

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Richard Cash Columbia Address 506 Gressette Bldg. Columbia 29201 Business Phone (803) 212-6124 Cell Phone (864) 505-2130 Home Address P.O. Box 51034 Piedmont 29673 Email Richardcash@scsenate.gov

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State House Representatives

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- # Bill Sandifer District 2 Oconee & Pickens Columbia Address 407 Blatt Bldg. Columbia 29201 Business Phone (803) 734-3015 Home Address 112 Cardinal Dr. Seneca 29672 Home Phone (864) 882-1225 Business Phone (864) 885-2240 Email

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- # David Hiott District 4 Pickens County Columbia Address 411 Blatt Bldg. Columbia 29201 Business Phone (803) 734-3022 Home Address P.O. Box 997 Pickens 29671 Business Phone (864) 878-9832 Email Davidhiott@scsenate.gov
- # Neal Collins District 5 Pickens County Columbia Address 418C Blatt Bldg. Columbia 29201 Business Phone (803) 212-6913 Home Address P.O. Box 906 Easley 29641 Business Phone (864) 350-4175 Email nealcollins@scsenate.gov
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- # Jay West District 7 Abbeville & Anderson Columbia
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Please call your State House of Representatives member and State Senator and tell them these predatory lending practices need to STOP.