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The Tie

Marion District United Women in Faith Newsletter
March 2023

Day Apart

April 1, 2023

Please join us at 10:00 am on April 1 for a time of spiritual renewal. The meeting will be via zoom so please register to receive the meeting link.

[Click to register](#)

From the President:

Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.^[a] This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’^[b] All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

—Matthew 22:37-40

LOVE. This is a very clear straightforward commandment from Jesus. It does not give a pass to do it sometimes or on certain conditions or occasions, it simply commands to love. It is not an option. Love

God first, ourselves, and each other. I am reflecting on this scripture and all things love as I write this message to the Marion District United Women of Faith on this eve of Valentine's Day, which is a day solely dedicated to Love. I am challenging myself to write through the eyes of love and not just write but to see everything through clear lenses of love. This is important because we are in the midst of change and many challenges in the United Methodist Church, in our national organization United Women of Faith, and in our local units. If we view everything through the eyes of love, we will have more compassion, understanding, and respect for various opinions, which will open the way for dialogue and agreements.

We are facing a major challenge in the United Methodist Church as decisions are made regarding the future of the church. Already, many churches are pulling out from the church as we know it. Whatever happens, it will not look like it has in the past. How shall we approach this? Through the eyes of love. Let us go in prayer together for everyone to make decisions and have dialogue with God's greatest commandment in the center of each of our hearts. Let love guide us in how we approach this and in how we agree or disagree. Yes, there will be changes, many churches will break away, others will stay, some will be reluctant, while I am sad to say that we have lost two of our outstanding units. I have to admit that my initial feelings were hurt and disappointment; however, as I looked at this through the lenses of love, I had a better understanding. I can respect their decision to disaffiliate at this time with the option to come back in later. I am grateful for their work and continue to love and respect them and the leadership as they made this hard decision out of love.

What is our work going forward? How shall we work to bring and maintain unity in these times of transition? Let us focus on our mission. Perhaps this could be a great time for us to conduct Circles of Love to engage in discussions around these hard topics. What are your thoughts? Please share any suggestions on how we might live more fully into God's greatest commandment, which is to love the Lord, our God with all our hearts and our neighbors as ourselves.

**Sarah D. Woods,
Marion District President**

From the Vice President:

Greetings United Women in Faith. Happy New Year 2023. We are now in the second quarter of 2023 and there are only two more cluster meetings. Bennettsville and Dillon Cluster meeting is March 11th. If you'll never visit Wallace Family Life Center, this is a good time to visit. The meeting is in person beginning at 9:30am. The Marion Cluster is March 18 in person. The Legacy Fund Day of Giving is March 23rd. We hope there is a line item for giving to the legacy fund in your local unit budget. March 27-30 is the mission trip to North Carolina and Tennessee. April 1st is Day Apart, host by Georgetown 10:00am virtual. April 22nd is Spiritual Growth Retreat hosted by the Walterboro District at 10:00am. Come Together Be Together is May 20th host by Columbia District virtual at 10:00am. As we continue through our 2023 Marion District Calendar, let's continue to brighten the lives of women, children and youth and give to mission with a loving cheerful heart.

Diane P. Quick

Marion District Vice president

From the Treasurer:

- *Please share the following information with your Unit Treasurer. The Unit Treasurer's name and email address are needed so new financial information can be communicated as quickly as possible.*

** Please mail all remittances at least 3-5 days before the due date. The Remittance Schedule is listed below. The quarterly due dates have been updated due to changes in the USPS mail schedules.*

1st quarter 12/1 thru 2/28 2nd quarter 3/1 thru 5/31 3rd quarter 6/1 thru 8/31 4th quarter 9/1 thru 11/30

Due by 3/5 Due by 6/5 Due by 9/5 Due by 12/5

- *District Treasurer's contact info:
Kay Summerlin, 1200 McLean Dr., SC 29536; cell# 843-632-1106;
Email address: mikeandkay0233@gmail.com.*
- *Donations to Epworth need to be sent directly to the following Epworth address:
Epworth, PO Box 50466, Columbia SC 29250*
- *A copy of the [2023 Intent to Pledge form](#) is included in this issue of The Tie. Click on the PDF form button below to access and print the form. COMPLETED FORM DUE BY MARCH 1.*
- *The form can be mailed or emailed to the District Treasurer.*

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Kay Summerlin

Marion District UMW Treasurer

2023 Approved Budget:

<i>Office Supplies, Postage.</i>	<i>\$ 239.27</i>
<i>Travel, Meals, Misc</i>	<i>900.00</i>
<i>Conference Annual Meeting- In Person</i>	<i>200.00</i>
<i>District Annual Meeting-In Person</i>	<i>400.00</i>
<i>Day Apart-Virtual</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Mission u</i>	<i>544.24</i>
<i>Executive Committee Meetings (4 per year) Virtual</i>	<i>.00</i>
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<i>\$ 2,383.51</i>
<i>Marion District 2023 Pledge to Mission</i>	<i>\$16,000.00</i>

Treasurer Remittance Form

Keep clean original on file and make a copy to fill out for each remittance sent. Mail to Kay Summerlin, District Treasurer

[Click here to download form](#)

From Nominations:

PLEASE HELP!!

The Committee on Nominations is trying very hard to find to find replacements for

- * Committee on Nominations person for Horry County**
- * Social Action Person**
- * Horry County Cluster Leader**

Do you know someone or maybe you would like to fill one of these positions? Please ask among your ladies. Please contact someone on the committee-

**Karen Mott
Chairman on Nominations
Marion District
843-257-4911**

Committee Members:

**Earline Little
843-921-8825 Bennettsville Cluster**

**Jane Hodges
843-213-0451 Grand Strand Cluster**

Ja-Novice Richardson- Greene

843-260-4744
Helen Smith
843-546-7278
Diane Hopper
843-536-7408

Dillon Cluster
Georgetown Cluster
Marion Cluster

Devotional:

Spring, Everyday!

Devotion shared by Pamela Ashwood

“Oh, sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! ...tell of his salvation from day to day.” Psalm 96:1-2 (ESV)

It does not matter how pretty Christmas lights, or stary skies or even the white fallen snow may look during winter. Whether the temperatures have just dipped below freezing or if we've have endured a deep freeze for several weeks, I always eagerly anticipate spring! I try very hard to be upbeat all winter, keeping my grumbling to myself. Staying positive during dreary days is sometimes difficult for me. Gray skies, cold air, wind, and short days can sometimes leave me a little depressed. We're not even going to mention how achy joints can feel during the hard cold weather.

On the other hand, when sunshine peaks through the clouds and warm breezes penetrate my skin, my mood changes immediately. The truth is that I have a bumpy time persevering through winter months. I wish it were spring all year long.

Why do I like spring? I like new life. I can't help but open my eyes with a smile when birds' songs announce a new day. The smell of fresh wet dirt just after a good rain causes me to breathe life back into my wilting soul. Maybe it is the call of the wild or a basic instinct to start tilling or digging my fingers in the dirt of my flower beds. I am not sure. I just know that I thrive on all things in the spring.

When I first notice the flowers pushing through the dark dirt, I cannot contain myself. I become a fan cheering for the team of flowers that has fought the miraculous fight – popping out of a hard seed in a deep and dark place, forcing their way up through the cold soil, eventually tasting the bright rays of sunshine, and finally blooming in all their glorious color. Clapping and jumping, I announce to my neighbor and friends, “Another spring is here. The flowers are blooming again. Look at them. They are more glorious than ever!”

Guess what? I have great news! In God's economy every day is spring! Listen to what He says:

2 Corinthians 5:17, “Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things

have passed away; behold, new things have come.” (NASB)

Colossians 3:10, “... put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge, according to the image of the One who created him.” (NASB)

2 Corinthians 5:18-20: “The old life is gone; a new life burgeons! Look at it! All this comes from the God who settled the relationship between us and him ... God has given us the task of telling everyone what he is doing. We're Christ's representatives.” (MSG)

How can I make everyday like spring? Celebrate my salvation. Praise God everyday with new songs that tell of His love and new life.

Be intentional every day to be renewed. Make it a priority to become deeply acquainted with God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Learn something new about Him every day!

Be an ambassador. Share the good news daily, either through good deeds or saving words. Ask for God's guidance.

Winter's time is drawing to a close for now. It will return all too soon. Yet it doesn't matter if you are prepared to celebrate new life every day of the year. Maybe you don't feel like spring, but instead you are stuck in winter. Even though winter's soil is hard and frozen, allow your heart to be tilled by God's Word. Then go forth and cast the seeds that are able to come to life even in the darkest of times.

Prayer:

Dear Lord,

thank you that every day You shower your new mercies down on those You love. Help me to always see the new thing You are doing in my life. Give me wisdom and strength to respond in a way that would please and glorify You.

In Jesus' Name, I pray. Amen.

Program Resources

The United Women in Faith organization provides most of its materials through its website: www.uwfaith.org including the Prayer Guides, Call to Prayer Offering Envelopes, Program Materials, Mission U materials, and United Women in Faith brand brochures. You can also order Response Magazine and other program resource materials.

The website also has a listing of the books, podcasts, and movies approved for the UWF Reading Program. The Program recognizes reading in five categories from the five-year period from 1918 – 2023. Many of those titles have double credits and are available from Amazon Kindle, bookstores, or local libraries. Also note that the Reading Program Reporting Forms will be due to me by September 1, 2023 for inclusion in the Marion District Annual Meeting and Report.

Resources:

United Women in Faith www.uwfaith.org All Social Issues and Resources, Reading Program, UWF Action Alerts, UWF Child and Family Advocacy, Program Resources, Faith Talks, Podcasts – Many of these materials are available digitally

UWF Charter for Racial Justice www.uwfmissionresources.org

UWF Online Community www.uwfonline.org

UWF Resources Catalog www.missionresources.org

SC United Methodist Church www.umcsc.org

SC UWF Mission Echo – www.umcsc.org

SC UWF District website via www.umcsc.org Under Ministries Conference and District Newsletters

United Methodist Church www.umc.org Book of Discipline, Book of Resolutions, Social Principles

UMC General Board of Church and Society www.umc-gbcs.org Faith in Action Newsletter

UMC General Board of Global Ministries www.gb-gm-umc.org

UMC Commission on the Status & Role of Women – www.gcsrw.org

UMC General Commission on Religion & Race – www.gcorr.org

Please contact me for any assistance.

Linda Eichenbaum, Marion District Program Resources

LVE2551@sccoast.net 843-902-2750

Reading Program Books 2018-2023:

Download the list of all books on the reading program 2018-2023 by clicking on the link below.

[List of Books A](#)
[List of Books B](#)

**United Methodist Women is now
United Women in Faith**



[Click here for website: uwfaith.org](http://uwfaith.org)

Marion District United Women in Faith 2023 Calendar

Jan 10	Executive meeting at 6:00-7:30 pm (zoom)
Jan 14	Local Unit Officers Training at 10:00 am. (Virtual)
Feb 1	Social Action Workshop #1 at 10:00 (Wed-Virtual)*
Feb 7	Social Action Workshop #2 at 7:00 (Tues-Virtual)*
Feb 16	Social Action Workshop #3 at 2:00 (Thurs-Virtual)*
Feb 18	Grand Strand Cluster Meeting at 9:30
Feb 25	Social Action Workshop #4 at 10:00 am (Sat-Virtual)*
Feb 25	Georgetown Cluster Meeting at 9:30 (In person)
Mar 11	Bennettsville & Dillon Cluster at 9:30 WFLC (In person)
Mar 18	Marion Cluster 9:30 (in person) Unit Census is due (TBA)
Mar 23	The Legacy Fund Day of Giving, 154th year
Mar 27-30	Conference Mission Trip to NC and Tennessee (see Mission ECHO)
Apr 1	District Day Apart (Host: Georgetown) 10:00 (Virtual) Executive Meeting Following (Virtual)
Apr 22	Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat (Host: Walterboro Dist) 10:00
May 20	Come Together Be Together (Host: Columbia Dist) 10:00
July 19-22	Mission u – (Spartanburg Methodist College/In-Person)
Aug 8	District Executive Meeting 6:30-8:00 pm (Virtual)
Oct. 7	District Annual Meeting 9:45/District Executive Meeting
Oct 20-21	SCCUMW Annual Meeting (Host: Orangeburg District-In-person)
Nov 11	District Officers Training (Host: Columbia District) 8:30

Share this newsletter. Please forward it to all members of your unit. If you wish to be added to the email list, please send your name, church and email to jlentz@hotmail.com

**Janice Lentz, Communications Coordinator
jlentz@hotmail.com**

2023 Marion District UMW Officers

President: Sarah Woods, sadsawlife@yahoo.com
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Secretary: Dianne Hopper, deegravesHopper56@yahoo.com
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District Superintendent: Rev. Tim Rogers, madist@umcsc.org

Forms You May Need

Marion District Standing Rules, 2022 Revision

(Click to download)

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH MARION DISTRICT

INTENT TO PLEDGE

[\(click to download form\)](#)

You must complete and email this form to District Treasurer by March 1, 2023, as the first requirement to qualify as a MISSION TODAY UNIT. If mailing form, please allow extra time.

(Please Print Except for Signatures)

Date: _____
Name of Church and City Location: _____
Unit Name: _____
Cluster Name & Cluster Leader: _____

Unit President _____
Address: _____

Cell phone: _____
E-mail Address _____

Unit Treasurer: _____
Address: _____

Cell phone: _____
E-mail Address: _____

Pledge to Mission Giving: \$ _____

President/Treasurer Signatures

Send to:

Kay Summerlin
Marion District Treasurer 1200 McLean Drive
Dillon, SC 29536 843-632-1106 (cell) mikeandkay0233@gmail.com

Mission Today Action Form

[\(Click here to download form\)](#)

Please Send Completed Form To: Ruthann Wooten
 116 N. Dew St. Latta, SC 29565

Send by this date: 9 / 5 / 2022

Unit President: _____ Date: _____

Unit Name: _____ Number of Members in
Unit: _____ Units, which include all circles, must complete at least 10 of the following
items. All units must complete #1.

Check if your unit:

- _____ 1. *Made and met its Pledge to Mission.
- _____ 2. Used the **Daily Prayer Guide at most meetings** to pray for people in mission and for our mission work with women, children and youth.
- _____ 3. Added at least one or more members to its roll.
- _____ 4. Had at least one member who subscribes to **response: the magazine of women in mission**.
- _____ 5. Had at least one member (other than a conference or district officer) attend Mission u and/or a district or local mission study.
- _____ 6. Had at least one member (other than a conference or district officer) attend the District Annual Meeting.
- _____ 7. Had at least one member (other than a conference or district officer) attend the Conference Annual Meeting.
- _____ 8. Had at least two members who wrote to at least five people listed in the **Daily Prayer Guide** – at least once during the year.
- _____ 9. Participated in **education programs for children through prayers and donations of funds, supplies or volunteer hours at schools, homes and churches. This includes Vacation Bible School participation.**
- _____ 10.* Is a Five Star Unit, contributing to all five channels of Mission Giving which are Pledge to Mission, Gift in Memory, Gift to Mission, Special Mission Recognition and World Thank 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 one unit meeting during the year.

Check if your unit, circle, or subgroup:

- _____ 13. Included a **response** moment where an article from **response: the magazine of women in mission** was lifted up as a way to tell the mission story in at least three meetings.
- _____ 14. 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. [Rev.2/2022](#)

Charter for Racial Justice Diamond Units

[\(Click here to download form\)](#)

The Diamond Unit certificate is awarded at each District Annual Meeting to each unit that completes three or more activities from the list below that demonstrates the unit's commitment to

the ideals in the Charter for Racial Justice. At least one of the diamond-marked activities must be included. You are to send a copy of this completed form to your District Social Action Coordinator by September 1, 2022 in order to be recognized at the Marion District Annual Meeting and receive the Diamond Unit certificate.

Please mail form to: District Social Action Coordinator Wendy Fleming, 760 Rambler Court, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

Name of Church and address: _____

Contact Person & Phone: _____

DATE COMPLETED

ACTION CHOICES

- _____ 1. Watch a video related to the Charter for Racial Justice
- _____ 2. Give a book report on a Reading Program Book selected from the Social Action area
- _____ 3. Share articles from *Response* and *New World Outlook* or *UMW Action Alerts* relating to racism
- _____ 4. Supply each member with a copy of the *Charter for Racial Justice*
- _____ 5. Present a program using the Charter for Racial Justice
- _____ 6. Use a program on racial justice/human rights from the UMW Program Book
- _____ 7. Participate in a UMW Social Action/Human Rights Mission Study, Mission U or Mini Mission U
- _____ 8. Give a report to the unit about an experience of attending a musical or theatrical performance by person(s) of a different race, culture, or ethnic background
- _____ 9. Have at least one member participate in the virtual UMW Legislative Day
- _____ 10. Participate in postcard-writing or e-mailing your legislator that encourages legislation favorable to the economically deprived or challenged
- _____ 11. Experience worship, Bible study, or UMW unit program/activity with an ethnic group different from your own

_____ 12. Attend or host an international tasting party, culture fair, or other international event

_____ 13. Participate in a Bible Study on Racism

_____ 14. Celebrate Black History Month in February

_____ 15. Suggest and plan with your pastor a pulpit exchange with a pastor of another race

_____ 16. Plan an event with a unit of a different race or ethnic background (a celebration, worship, Vacation Bible School, etc.)

_____ 17. Other _____

SCCUMW Marion District Social Action Coordinator **Wendy Fleming (Wflemingsbu@gmail.com)**

MARION DISTRICT UMW

Potential Leader Form

[\(click here to download form\)](#)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

District: _____ Ethnicity: _____

Age: 20's __ 30's __ 40's __ 50's __ 60's __ 70's __ 80's __. Employed? _____

Professional skills/Job experience: _____

Offices held in United Methodist Women:

Local Unit _____

District Unit _____

Additional experience within the church or community other than UMW:

Which offices are of most interest to you?

President __ Vice President __ Secretary __ Treasurer __ Nominations __

Communications__ Spiritual Growth__ Social Action__ Program Resources__

Education & Interpretation(Missions)____ Membership,Nurture & Outreach ____

Are you able to participate in online meetings? _____

Are you able to travel for meetings and events? _____

When would you be available to serve? _____

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

Please return form to a committee on Nominations member or send to:

Jane Hodges
Chairman on Nominations
1420 St. Thomas Circle
Myrtle Beach, SC. 29577
janehodges72@yahoo.com

Click to download the Charter for Racial Justice handout:

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/download-resources/charter-for-racial-justice-english>



Charter for Racial Justice

in an Interdependent Global Community

Adopted by the 1980 General Conference of
The United Methodist Church

Because we believe

1. That God is the Creator of all people, and all are God's children in one family;
2. That racism is a rejection of the teachings of Jesus Christ;
3. That racism denies the redemption and reconciliation of Jesus Christ;
4. That racism robs all human beings of their wholeness and is used as a justification for social, economic, environmental and political exploitation;
5. That we must declare before God and before one another that we have sinned against our sister and brothers of other races in thought, in word and in deed;
6. That in our common humanity in creation, all women and men are made in God's image, and all persons are equally valuable in the sight of God;
7. That our strength lies in our racial and cultural diversity and that we must work toward a world in which each person's value is respected and nurtured;
8. That our struggle for justice must be based on new attitudes, new understandings and new relationships, and must be reflected in the laws, policies, structures and practices of both church and state;

We commit ourselves as individuals and as a community to follow Jesus Christ in word and in deed, and to struggle for the rights and the self-determination of every person and group of persons.

Therefore,

as United Methodists in every place across the land, we will unite our efforts
within the church to take the following actions:

1. Eliminate all forms of institutional racism in the total ministry of the church, giving special attention to those institutions that we support, beginning with their employment policies, purchasing practices, environmental policies and availability of services and facilities.
2. Create opportunities in local churches to deal honestly with the existing racist attitudes and social distance between members, deepening the Christian commitment to be the church where all racial groups and economic classes come together.
3. Increase efforts to recruit people of all races into the membership of The United Methodist Church and provide leadership development opportunities without discrimination.
4. Establish workshops and seminars in local churches to study, understand and appreciate the historical and cultural contributions of each race to the church and community.
5. Raise local churches' awareness of the continuing needs for equal education, housing, employment, medical care and environmental justice for all members of the community, and to create opportunities to work for these things across racial lines.
6. Work for the development and implementation of national and international policies to protect the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of all people such as through support of the ratification of United Nations covenants on human rights.

7. Support and participate in the worldwide struggle for liberation in church and community.
8. Facilitate nomination and election processes that include all racial groups by employing a system that prioritizes leadership opportunities of people from communities that are disproportionately impacted by the ongoing legacy of racial injustice, and use measures to align our vision for racial justice with actions that accelerate racial equality.

Join the Prayer Calendar Online

Did you know the beloved United Methodist Women Prayer Calendar has its own Facebook page? [Follow the page today](#) for daily mission focuses, birthdays of mission personnel and holidays to include in your prayers. The Prayer Calendar lets you know what is happening in mission and moves you to put your faith, hope and love into action.

The organized unit of United Methodist Women 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.

Look for the Mission Echo and other information on the Conference website www.umcsc.org/umw

To Subscribe to Mission ECHO, the o

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