

THE ANDERSON
DISTRICT
UNITED WOMEN
IN FAITH



S E P T E M B E R 2024

S A V E T H E D A T E S

S ept. 14, 2024 52nd Annual Meeting
Easley First U M C , 115
W First St., Easley S C
29640.

S ept. 25 9:30-12 Dementia
Care Workshop Mt.
Hebron U M C
West Columbia, S C

O ct. 25-26, 24 2024 S C C Annual
Meeting, Woodland U M C
Rock Hill, S C

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M E R R Y C H R I S T M A S !!





A Note from Your President...

I hope that all of you have had a relaxing and rejuvenating summer. I know it hasn't been easy with the high temperatures we've had to endure. As things settle back into more of a routine in September, I look forward to cooler temps and some gorgeous fall color. I know you do, too.

Our United Women in Faith will be celebrating our 52nd Annual Meeting on September 14, 2024, and we hope that many of you will be able to join us as we celebrate together as sisters in Christ. It means so much to be able to have this fellowship in person once again. The meeting will take place at Easley First UMC, 115 West 1st Avenue, Easley, SC 29640. Food and fellowship will begin at 9:30 and the meeting will start at 10:00. Hope to see lots of you there!

Our 2024 South Carolina Conference Annual Meeting will take place October 25-26 at Woodland United Methodist Church in Rock Hill, SC. Early registration fee is \$45 and must be postmarked by September 30. Regular registration is \$55 if postmarked by October 15. Late and onsite registration is \$65. ***This year the conference is also offering a virtual option and the cost is only \$20. This should be mailed to the address below before October 16. This is an excellent option for those who don't want to travel but would like to be a part of the meeting!*** Checks should be made payable to SCCUWF and mailed to Frances Bratton, PO Box 74, Clover, SC 29710. You will find a registration form in this newsletter. Let's make this the most well attended annual meeting in recent history!

Please feel free to call me at any time with any questions or concerns you might have. I love getting to know all of you in any way I can. My email address is lynnf113@msn.com and my phone number is 864-723-7090.

Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.
Psalm 90:12



Vice President Bonnie Surface

We are looking forward to seeing you at the 52nd Anderson District Annual Meeting. Our Theme is “Women of God, Serving with Purpose.” The scripture is Roman 8:28 “We know that in everything God works for good with those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose”

Details are as follows:

Saturday, September 14, 2024
Host church: Easley First UMC
115 W 1st Ave, Easley, SC 29640
Pastor: Rev. Michael Hood
Unit President, Mary Rose Gathman



Gathering and registration beginning at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall with light refreshments provided by the Easley First United Women in Faith

Session 1:

Gathering in the Sanctuary at 9:45 for praise, worship, recognitions, and a memorial service. The message will be presented by Rev. Meg Wilkes, Associate pastor at Clemson UMC.

A Love Offering will be accepted to benefit the Four Mission Projects.

Session 2:

After a short break, the business session will begin. We will approve the budget and present individual and unit awards. Officers will be recognized and installed. The meeting should conclude around noon.

ALL women are welcome to attend. This would be a great time to invite a friend who isn't familiar with United Women in Faith and is looking for a way to serve women and children all over the world while enjoying the fellowship of sisters in Christ.





Treasurer Report

Hello United Women in Faith – Hope this Network News Finds you Well ! ! ! !

We're fast approaching fall 2024- my how time flies by. Thank you for your faithfulness throughout this year. Your local churches have really been active, and the awesome power of God's love and guidance have been on display in your communities. When we touch the hearts of women, children and youth, the light of the Lord shines in and through us while giving all praise and glory to HIM.

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In preparation for the 52nd Annual Meeting, I am looking forward to seeing everyone and hearing from you regarding any exciting mission projects or new ideas you've found to help in completing your pledge giving. You can always reach me:

Eileen Blowers,
289 Roy F Jones Hwy
Sunset, SC 29685
Etblowers@gmail.com

1st Qtr. 12/01 to 02/28 due 03/05
2nd Qtr. 03/01 to 05/31 due 06/05
3rd Qtr. 06/01 to 08/31 due 09/05
4th. Qtr. 09/01 to 12/30 due 12/05

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:32

Article for our new section of our newsletter, *The Network News*, issue September 2024

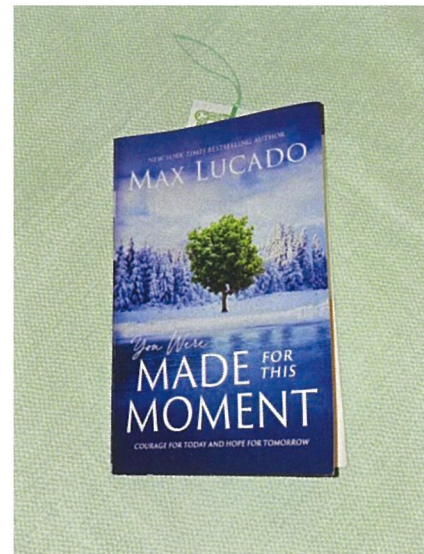
By Mary Rose Gathman, Anderson District

My favorite Bible study book is *You Were Made for this Moment, Courage for today and Hope for Tomorrow*, by Max Lucado.

While I have always loved Max Lucado's books, he has hit this one out of the park! It is the story of Esther. Max has couched it as a true story of drama. There is a beautiful heroine, a wise uncle, a fickle king and a terrible villain. He has gone beneath the surface of this familiar tale and explored the characters in depth, making them relevant to ourselves.

We live in a crazy time in a crazy world. Max reminds us of our foundation and who we are as God's people. And in this time, and this place, and this moment, God is calling us to be what He made us for. This book may be for you too!

Mary Rose Gathman



The United Women in Faith Reading Program

Carol G. Weatherford, Secretary, Program Resources

Since many of you are reading and participating in our Reading Program this year, you must recognize what incredible books we can choose to read. I am going to share a little about four of the last ones I have read.

The first one is Minority Leader by Stacey Abrams. Any time Stacey is speaking, I enjoy listening so I thought I would enjoy reading her book. I did. It is filled with tips on leadership and plenty of examples. Plus, I learned what an accomplished woman Stacey Abrams is. Stacey revealed one of her insights to success, “I get a lot of things done because I do what I’m good at and let others shine in their roles.” Her wisdom is inspiring.

Often, the Holy Spirit speaks through the book I am reading and that was very true for Church of the Wild: How Nature Invites Us into the Sacred. Chapter six connected with a relatively new part of my life and transformed how I understand what God wants of me and how I relate to His request. The entire book offered fresh ideas about God’s creation and how we relate to it and what our responsibility to care for it is. In Church of the Wild author Victoria Loorz mentioned Braiding Sweetgrass written by Robin Wall Kimmerer, so that is the one I decided to read next.

Braiding Sweetgrass is a bonus book, so it counts as two books. It is listed in the spiritual growth category, and you choose which other category to list it. In this book, Robin Wall Kimmerer shares her journey of learning about the world of plants, first as an indigenous child learning from her elders, then as a college student learning through the scientific method. She also shares how she bridged the two. and how she works with her students to give them the wisdom of both.

The final book I am still reading. Notable Native People: 50 Indigenous Leaders, Dreamers and Change makers from Past and Present. When I read through the 50 names before starting to read the book, I knew something about only four of them and the fourth one I did not realize was an indigenous person. It is ironic that I know the least about the people who have been here longest and on whose land we all live.

Finally, remember that many books from our reading program are available from the South Carolina Library System and from Kindle Unlimited free of charge. You may also choose 2 Faith Talks and they count as a book. The same thing is true for Voices from the Field. Both are available on The United Women in Faith website. In addition, there are at least 3 movies on the program list: *Hidden Figures*, *Push Out*, and *The Hate U Give*.

I hope you get wisdom and joy from your reading. May it draw you closer to God.



United Women in Faith

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

Name _____

Phone _____

E-Mail/Phone _____

**Officers Available: Secretary, Social Action Mission Coordinator,
Education and Interpretation, Chairperson of Nominating Committee,
and Historian**

Fall and Winter Months are Virtual/Zoom

**Please return form to Jane Hallums, 321 Mary Ann Street Easley, SC
29640 E-Mail –janehallums@charter.net.**



United Women in Faith

Unit Leadership Roster - To be completed by the unit president or secretary. Please return this list of your 2024-2025 unite leaders to Lynn Friedman at 628 Pointe Wildwood Drive, Seneca, SC 29678. Don't forget to write your church name below.

Church Name: _____

President

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
Zip Code _____ Phone _____
E-mail _____

Social Action Mission Coordinator

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
Zip Code _____ Phone _____
E-mail _____

Vice President

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
Zip Code _____ Phone _____
E-mail _____

Membership Nurture & Outreach Mission Coordinator

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
Zip Code _____ Phone _____
E-mail _____

Secretary

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
Zip Code _____ Phone _____
E-mail _____

Education and Interpretation Mission Coordinator

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
Zip Code _____ Phone _____
E-mail _____

Treasurer

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
Zip Code _____ Phone _____
E-mail _____

Spiritual Growth Mission Coordinator

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
Zip Code _____ Phone _____
E-mail _____

Communications Coordinator

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
Zip Code _____ Phone _____
E-mail _____

Chairperson of Nominations

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
Zip Code _____ Phone _____
E-mail _____

Secretary of Program Resources

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
Zip Code _____ Phone _____

On a separate sheet of paper write the names of circles and their leaders and include their mailing address and email address so they may also receive district communications.



**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**

Theme: **"Praise the Lord! Justice for All!"**

(Please print legibly.)

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

Phone _____ District _____ Church _____

Check all that apply:

- | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Timer | <input type="checkbox"/> Conference Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> District Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Past Conference President |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 40 | <input type="checkbox"/> Unit President | <input type="checkbox"/> Mission Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Clergy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Age 14-30 | <input type="checkbox"/> Voting Delegate | <input type="checkbox"/> Missionary / Deaconess | |

Emergency Contact: _____ **Phone** _____

Attending Friday dinner _____ Attending Saturday lunch _____ Vegetarian _____ Gluten Free _____

Attending in person _____ Attending virtually _____ Trip to Catawba Cultural Center _____

****By registering for this event, you understand that your photo may appear in any SCCUWF publication/ media avenues. ****

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Friday, October 25 Registration check-in: 3:00pm- 5:30pm

Displays, Limitless donations drop-off, Soul Care Prayer Room, *Move 4 Mission*, Inform & Discuss sessions, Mission Project Directors, Trip to Catawba Cultural Center at 3:15pm - limited to first 20 registrants signing up.

Dinner: 5:00pm-6:15pm – Gym **MEAL TICKET REQUIRED** (in name badge holder)

Session 1

6:30pm Opening/Worship & Communion - Rev. Anthony Hodge, Rock Hill District Superintendent - **Sanctuary**

Saturday, October 21 Registration check-in: 8:00am-9:15am

Session 2

9:15am General Business, Informational Moments, Memorial Service, Mission Offering, Reports, Pledge Service
Keynote Speaker: Patricia Leach, Assistant Chief of the Catawba Nation

Lunch – **MEAL TICKET REQUIRED**

Session 3

1:30pm Retirement of Officers, Nomination & Election of Officers, Installation of Officers, Announcements

In person attendance: mail **early** registration fee of **\$45** payable to **SCCUWF** to Registrar Frances Bratton, PO Box 74, Clover, SC 29710 postmarked by **September 30**. **Regular** registration fee is **\$55** if postmarked by **October 15**. **Late** fee and **onsite** fee are **\$65**.


Virtual attendance is **\$20**. Send registration and payment to Frances Bratton by **October 16**.

From Deborah Williams

Communications Coordinator for Anderson District UWF

I highly recommend both personally and professionally, anyone who knows someone with dementia or, someone who takes care of someone with dementia should attend this workshop! I attended the first Dementia Care Workshop this past May in Charleston, SC ... it was well worth the four-hour drive. This workshop was so very informative not only for physical / mental aspects of dementia but even more important the spiritual aspect.

Tori Anderson is the Dementia Care Specialist with South Carolina Dept. on Aging Her number is: 803-545-4277



Save the Date
Dementia Care Workshop
presented by
south carolina
COGNITIVE

Join us for a morning of conversation and learning around a topic that affects all our congregations; dementia. Bishop Ken Carder and SC Department on Aging representative, Tori Anderson, will share with us essential information about how to be in ministry with those living with dementia.

When: September 25

Dementia Care Workshop- Mt. Hebron UMC

🕒 Wed Sep 25 2024 at 09:30 am to 12:00 pm (GMT-04:00)

[Add to calendar](#) ⓘ

📍 Mt. Hebron United Methodist Church, 3050 Leaphart Rd, West Columbia, SC 29169-3000, United States, Oak Grove, South Carolina

I HAVE TALENT!

Tell me how to share it with United Women in Faith

Name: _____

District: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Circle preferred contact: phone or email



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of the Committee on Nominations*

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United
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United Women in Faith at General Conference

Reprint form: Leadership Touchpoints (A newsletter for United Women in Faith Leaders.)

Eighteen out of 19 of United Women in Faith's **petitions** passed the General Conference. These include calls to action on racial and climate justice, gender equity, protecting the girl child, and supporting deaconesses and home missionaries. Our petition to amend the church's constitution to allow retired deaconesses and home missionaries to vote as such at annual conferences failed to meet the two-thirds majority threshold by a margin of less than 4 percent.

26 Deaconesses, Home Missioners Consecrated at General Conference

- Stacey Atkins (Mountain Sky)
- Heidi Careaga (Wisconsin)
- Kaitlyn Frantz (North Texas)
- Andy Hill (West Ohio)
- Leanna Lake (Western Pennsylvania)
- Esther Lloyd-Stevenson (North Georgia)
- Anna Migera Chacha (North Katanga)
- Alicia Mitchell (Indiana)
- Colleen Moskov (Peninsula-Delaware)
- Marie Severing (Wisconsin)
- Lori Sluder (Holston)
- Barbara Sutton (Northern Illinois)
- Amy Balfour (North Carolina)
- Shirley Durr (Minnesota)
- Connie Glover (Upper New York)
- Dono James II (Baltimore-Washington)
- Lucinda Higgs Lautz (Florida)
- Kathryn Loomis (Mountain Sky)
- Elizabeth Miller (Indiana)
- Wanda Molock (Peninsula-Delaware)
- Amy Purdom (Virginia)
- Esina Sibanda (Zimbabwe West)
- Karen VanMatre Smith (Rio Texas)
- Mirasol Tangunan (New York)
- Laurie Jo Upchurch (South Georgia)
- Christopher Hamera (Zimbabwe East/Malawi Provisional)

South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith 2025 Tentative Dates



United
Women
in Faith

January 4 - 9:30 am-President's Consultation-Virtual and Committee on Nominations-Virtual

January 11 - 1:00 pm-Social Action- Limitless Team-Virtual and In-person

January 18 — Local District Officer's Training-Virtual and In-Person

January 25 - 9:30 am - Spiritual Growth Virtual

February 1 - 9:30 am - Education and Interpretation - Virtual — Communications- 1:00 pm-Virtual

February 8 - 9:30 am - Executive Committee Meeting -Virtual - Legacy Committee - 1:30 pm - Virtual

February 15 - Connectional Ministries-TBA-CRJ Field Trip

February 22 - CRJ - 10:00 am - Virtual -Membership, Nurture, and Outreach - 1:00 pm - Virtual

March

March 1- 9:30 am - Mission Committee — Virtual — Finance Committee — 1:00 pm

March 8— 9:30 am- Program Committee — Virtual

March 15- 10:00 am - Committee on Nominations — Virtual

March 22 - Legacy Fund Day of Giving, 15th year

April – Columbia Bethlehem Community Center, Special Emphasis month

April 5 — 9:30 am Scholarship Committee - Virtual

April 12—10:00 am - Spiritual Growth Event - Virtual

May 17 — 10:00 am - Come Together Be Together - Virtual

Programs and More

From Your Conference Vice President - Kathy Roys

Members from the South Carolina Conference had a great "Get Together" with our "sisters" from the rest of the Southeastern Jurisdiction conferences at Chattanooga in April. It was an honor for me to serve as one of our Conference's voting delegates to elect the next class of National United Women in Faith Board of Directors representing the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

We have a diverse, dedicated group of ladies ready to make the big decisions for our organization for the next four years.

Our Conference Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 25-26 at Woodland United Methodist Church in Rock Hill. The theme is **"Praise the Lord! Justice for All!"** with a focus on Psalm 146. Our keynote speaker will be Assistant Chief Patricia Leach from the Catawba Nation located in Rock Hill. She is the first woman to become a leader for the Catawba Nation. She will be sharing information about her tribe and the programs they have available for their children and youth. Our Limitless collec-

tion drive will be items these children can use. The list is in this issue. We will be offering a field trip to the first 20 registrants interested in going for a visit to the Catawba Cultural Center at 3:15pm on Friday, October 25.

The schedule is a little different this year. Registration on Friday, October 25 will be from 3:00pm-5:30pm, and various

or Facebook for those who cannot attend in person. There is a registration fee of \$20 to participate this way. The program book will be emailed to those participating virtually. The registration form is in this issue of Mission Echo. We are working on the hotel list. That will be in the September newsletter.

For those coming to Rock Hill, the early registration fee is **\$45** if postmarked by **September 30**. Regular registration is **\$55** and must be postmarked by **October 15**. Registration after that time and on-

South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith
2024 Annual Meeting Highlights

Theme: "Praise the Lord! Justice for All!"
Psalm 146

Keynote Speaker: Assistant Chief Patricia Leach
Catawba Nation

Location: Woodland United Methodist Church
Rock Hill

activities will be offered during that timeframe.

The first session will take place after dinner and will be followed by the worship service and Communion. Rock Hill District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Anthony Hodge will be preaching on Friday evening. Saturday's schedule will be the same as last year's schedule. Registration fees will remain the same.

We are planning to offer the main sessions virtually via Zoom

site at Annual Meeting is **\$65**. Please try to register early. It makes planning for meals and ordering program books so much easier if we have advanced notice. With late and on-site registration, we cannot guarantee meals or a program book. Thank you for helping us out!

With love for
women, children,
and youth,

Kathy



Have you seen our digital resources?

While the internet is nothing new, we have all been thrown into new depths over the past few years, discovering ways we can connect with one another and engage resources to nurture our faith and support the ways we put faith, hope, and love in action.

United Women in Faith Digital is a safe and secure online space to do exactly that—access online versions of your favorite United Women in Faith resources, and connect with over 4,000 other members on the platform!

Visit **uwfaith.org/digital** and create your free account or log in.

Participate in the Reading Program
You can connect with readers from around the world to talk about the books you love.
For more information visit the site listed above.



This information is a reprint from the UWFaith E-blast

MISSION TODAY ACTION FORM

Please Send Completed Form To: _____

Send by this date: ____/____/____

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

2024-2025 ANDERSON DISTRICT UMW PLEDGE TO MISSION

CHURCH NAME _____

CITY _____

UNIT PRESIDENT _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

TREASURER _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN UNIT _____

PLEDGE TO MISSION

for September 2024 through August 2025

\$ _____

Bring to the Annual meeting

September 14 being held at Easley First UMC, 115 W First St Easley SC 29640

Or mail to Treasurer by August 31, 2024

Eileen Blowers

289 Roy F Jones Hwy

Sunset SC 29685

etblowers@gmail.com

Realigned Anderson District UWFaith Clusters

Zone 1 – Clemson, Central, Pendleton & Oconee County [5]

Bethel, Pendleton/Central [meet as one unit; on charge together]

Clemson

- **Mt. Zion, Central**

- **New Harmony**

St. Luke, Walhalla

- **St. Mark**

Zone 2 – City of Anderson, Abbeville County, Starr & Iva [9]

Bethel, Iva

Dickson Memorial, Townville

Emmanuel, Anderson

Marshall Memorial

Ruhamah

St. John's

Thompson Centennial, Anderson [former Anderson District Nominating Committee member, Dolores, is member here; have they stopped giving?]

Trinity, Anderson

Zion, Anderson

Zone 3 – Pickens County, Other Churches in Anderson County [9]

Bethesda

Easley Chapel

First, Easley

Grace, Pickens

John Wesley, Easley

Latimer Memorial, Belton

Mt. Bethel, Pickens

Porter's Chapel [Eileen's church]

St. Paul, Easley [Donna's church]