

March 1, 2018



The Purpose of United Methodist Women

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.



The Beacon

Charleston District UMW Newsletter

From Your President...

“Jesus Time” for Lent...

Are you one who makes an effort to “give something up” for Lent? What will it be this year – chocolate, coffee, meat, eating out? Instead of eliminating a food item this year, maybe consider giving up some of your time you would spend on whatever you normally do and devote it to Jesus instead. This can be done in several ways from praying more often to Jesus, setting aside more time to study and reflect on the gospel stories in the Bible, doing more for “the least of these” in various ways as Jesus has taught us to do. Can you spend more time forgiving others and asking others to forgive you? If you decide to give up something that costs money, do you give what money you would have spent on those items to mission work or to your church? Are you thinking about Jesus when you make your sacrifice? I’m sure Jesus was thinking about us when he made his sacrifice.

Do you think you already know all you need to know about Jesus? Are you “hungering” to learn more? If you answered “yes” to the second question, I invite you to set aside some time to attend the Charleston District Day Apart spiritual growth program on March 10 at St. James United Methodist Church in Goose Creek. Registration/ check-in starts at 9:30am with the program beginning at 10:00am. We will be breaking bread together and sharing thoughts about what we have learned during lunch around noontime. If you want be involved in mission efforts, please consider bringing personal hygiene items or baby diapers for the island residents served by Rural Mission. Registration is \$15 for adults and \$ 5 for youth. If we end up with extra money from registration after district expenses are paid for this event, it will be given to Rural Mission.

Unit Presidents, I hope you have been successful at reporting your unit’s 2017 membership count online to National UMW. If you need help with it, we will be collecting information for units at the Day Apart. Please have it written down with the name of your church. Our district needs to report all membership by March 30. Just as Mary and Joseph had to go to Bethlehem to be counted, we have to go online to do the same. It is important that our Conference have an accurate accounting of our total membership.

Please look inside this issue for information on our fun International Luncheon in April. Be sure to share the Beacon with all your ladies.

Your sister in Christ,

Kathy

Limitless: Young United Methodist Women's Group

Greetings,

My name is Selena Ruth Smith and I'm a Deaconess with the United Methodist Church, a National Director with United Methodist Women and Limitless South Carolina Coordinator. Limitless is a National program for young girls and ladies, ages 14-30. We have a sect here in South Carolina. Young women can connect with Limitless on Facebook at [Limitless SC](#). To learn more about Limitless, contact Selena Ruth Smith at selenaruth1@yahoo.com or Elizabeth Waters at elizabethwaters92@gmail.com.

Day Apart Service

Come experience the actual places where Jesus spent his final day of life before his Resurrection. In the video, **24 Hours That Changed the World**, Rev. Adam Hamilton will take us on a spiritual journey through the Holy Land while sharing scripture and insights leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

St. James United Methodist Church, 512 St. James Ave., Goose Creek

Saturday, March 10, 2018

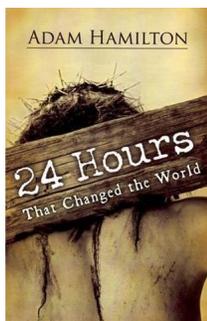
9:30am-1:00pm

Registration Fee is \$15

(Lunch is included)

Make checks/money orders payable to:

Charleston District UMW



Send form and fee to: Ruby Hannah, 3015 Audubon Drive, Hanahan, SC 29410-8538. Personal Hygiene Kits will be collected for Rural Mission.

Suggested items for the kits include: Bar soap and container, Toothbrush and holder, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Comb/brush, Deodorant, Washcloth, and hand towel. (Please place items in a gallon ziplock bag and label adult or child.)

International Luncheon

Come join us for an afternoon of food and fun!

Saturday, April 7, 2018

12:00 noon

Grace United Methodist Church

1601 Sam Rittenberg Blvd



Wear your International Attire and bring an International Cuisine to share!

Annual Day of Giving

As a way to prepare for the 150th Birthday celebration of United Methodist Women on March 23, 2019, National UMW set up the UMW Legacy Fund. This will be an endowment fund for future generations of United Methodist Women. For the past few years, **March 23** has been observed as a special day to make an online donation to support this fund. If you would like to share in this legacy, you can make your donation at unitedmethodistwomen.org. Consider making a donation in memory or honor of UMW members who have been inspirational to you. Let's do our part to keep UMW going for another 150 years!

It's Easy to Give!

- Online at: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund
- By phone: 800-278-7771 (8am-6pm EST, Monday-Friday).
- Text 41444 and enter Legacy 150 in message area.
- By check to: Office of the Treasurer, United Methodist Women, 475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor-Finance, New York, NY 10115. Write "The Legacy Fund" in the memo section.

Important Dates To Remember

March

- March 10:** Day Apart Program 9:30am St. James UMC, 512 St. James Ave., Goose Creek
- March 23:** UMW Legacy Day, online day of giving...unitedmethodistwomen.org
- March 30:** Online 2017 Census Deadline

March is Rural Mission
Emphasis Month.

April/May

- April 7:** International Luncheon noon Grace UMC, 1601 Sam Rittenberg Blvd.
- April 14:** District Executive Officers meeting 10:00am Trinity UMC, 273 Meeting St.
- April 27-28:** SCCUMW Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska, NC (registration required)
- May 18-20:** UMW National Assembly in Columbus, Ohio



Charleston District United Methodist Women

Day Apart Program Registration Form

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Rev. Hamilton is senior pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, one of the fastest growing and most highly visible churches in the country. Rev. Hamilton wrote an accompanying study book and a 40 Days of Reflection book. If you would like to prepare in advance for this study, you can go to abingdonpress.com and pull up Adam Hamilton to find his publications.

9:30am: Registration in church narthex.

10:00am: Program - *24 Hours That Changed the World* in Church Sanctuary

12:00 noon: Lunch, Resource Room, Rural Mission supplies drop-off in Fellowship Hall

Personal hygiene health care kits/baby diapers will be collected for Rural Mission

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Registration Fee \$10 in advance (includes lunch) Late Registration \$15

*****Registration Deadline: February 24, 2018*****

Make checks/money orders payable to: Charleston District UMW

Send form and fee to: Ruby Hannah
3015 Audubon Drive
Hannah, SC, 29410-8538

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Church Name: _____

Amount included: _____

Assembly 2018 The Power of Bold

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Hotel rooms are still available in our block of rooms at the following hotel: Crowne Plaza 33 E. Nationwide Blvd Columbus, Ohio 43215

Cost: \$158.00 per night + 17% tax 2 beds Queen size Reserved for Thurs 5/17, Fri 5/18, Sat 5/19 The number to call: 800-338-4462

Confirmation: SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN; visit <https://umwassembly.org/>



Do you have something that you want announced or published in the newsletter?

Please send your information to

cdumwcommunications@yahoo.com

Next Publication: June 1st

Deadline for Submitting Articles: May 15th

From The Treasurer

A new year is upon us. It was wonderful to see some of you at Officers Training! It's always good to put a face to a name. If you do not have a Treasurer Packet from the training, please call me and I will mail one to you. Please have your first quarter remittances to me no later than 3/5/18. **IF YOU HAVE NOT SENT ME A PLEDGE CARD FOR 2018, PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!! PLEASE, PLEASE,** ask your unit to consider raising your pledge for 2018. If I already have your pledge card, you can still increase it. Thank you for all the work you do for your churches and for UMW. My new and permanent contact information follows:

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843-860-3302
Rubyeliz44@gmail.com



2018 Spiritual Growth Retreat Registration Form
South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women
April 27-28, 2018

SPEAKER: Rev. Fran Elrod
 THEME: "It's ALL About Grace"

NAME (print name as you wish it to appear on name tag) _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE# _____ DISTRICT _____ CHURCH _____

Check all of the following that apply:

- First time
- Under 40
- NOT staying at the Lake Junaluska Conference Center

Registration deadline is **April 15, 2018**. Registration **FEE is \$10**

Registration FEE is \$20 if commuting (not staying at Lake Junaluska Conference Center)

Registrations postmarked **April 16 or later - FEE is \$15**

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 Send Registration along with fee (**payable to SCCUMW**) to: *Susan Smith 110 Shady Creek Court, Greer, SC 29650*. For questions, contact Susan at 864-270-0598.

******* YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATION*******

Call 800-222-4930 for hotel reservations

RATES	Single	Double	Triple	Quad
The Terrace	\$121	\$60.50	\$50.33	\$40.25
Lambuth Inn	\$97	\$48.50	\$36	\$29.25
Lakeside Lodge	\$75	\$43	\$33	\$27
Junaluska Apartments	\$75	\$44	\$34	\$27.50

**The Room Rate covers all guests sleeping room costs per night, including service fees but is exclusive of applicable sales/room tax, currently eleven percent (11%). Housekeeping gratuities will be at guest discretion.

<p>FRIDAY APRIL 27</p> <p>Registration in Bethea Welcome Center from 1pm-4pm</p> <p>After 4pm, Registration in Stuart Auditorium</p>	<p>DIRECTIONS</p> <p><i>Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center</i> <i>91 Lakeshore Drive, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From I-40, take exit 27 onto US 19-23. • Drive 3-4 miles. DO NOT take exit 104 -- it is easy to get lost. • Take exit 103 and drive about 1 mile until you see Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center front entrance gates on the right. • Bear right and follow the main road to the Bethea Welcome Center. <p><i>Visit www.lakejunaluska.com/directions/ for more info.</i></p>
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