

# The Mission Echo



**DECEMBER 2017**



## 2018 Dates Remember

Legislative Advocacy  
Epworth, Columbia  
February 20, 2018

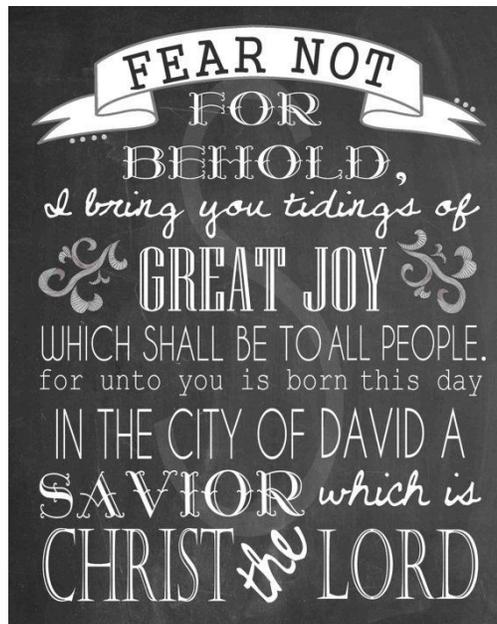
Spiritual Growth Re-  
Lake Junaluska, NC  
April 27-28, 2018

UMW National Assem-  
Columbus, Ohio  
May 18-20, 2018

Come Together, Be Together  
Woodland UMC, Rock Hill  
June 23, 2018

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Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg  
July 26-28, 2018

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# President

Marlene Spencer

Greetings to each of you! Our Annual Meeting at Union United Methodist Church in Irmo on October 27-28, 2017 was a weekend of fellowship and celebration of our many accomplishments throughout the year. A big thank you is extended to the United Methodist Women of Union UMC and the Columbia District for their gracious hospitality. Thanks and gratitude are also expressed to the Program Committee and to those of you who attended and participated in the celebration. If you were unable to attend Annual Meeting in 2017, I encourage you to make it a priority to do so in 2018.

2017 has been a full and active year for South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women as we celebrated forty five years of mission work in South Carolina. We kept the Lord's promise to harvest our blessings through faith, hope and love in action as we studied, sung, celebrated, rolled up our sleeves and worked for the furthering of God's Kingdom here on earth. As United Methodist Women we pledge ourselves to be a supportive group of women...a community of women who nurture and encourage one another in our spiritual growth, personal leadership and transformation.

As I am writing this article, I am confident that you are (or have been) involved with all the many activities going on with your local United Methodist Women, your churches, and your communities. We know that once we hit this time of year, there is very little let-up as we are whisked right through the entire holiday season. With all the crazy schedules we place on ourselves, please take a moment to pause and reflect on all our blessings and how we can be a blessing to others. *So the people asked him (John), saying, "What shall we do then?" He answered and said to them, "He who has two tunics, let him give to him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise."* Luke 3:10-11 (NKJV). This scripture passage pretty much sums up the work of UMW. Our main focus is women, children and youth! Keep that at the center of our giving during the holidays, whether that group lives in the house next door or in a faraway land. I ask that we continue to find ways -- not always monetarily, but ideas that work and have an impact. Try something new, be creative in your thinking. And continue to live out our Purpose!

There is much to anticipate in 2018 and we look forward to seeing you at future conference events. Please be sure the 2018 UMW National Assembly is on your calendar for May 18-20, 2018 in Columbus, Ohio. A \$300.00 scholarship is being offered by the conference for a UMW member to attend. Please see the scholarship form which lists the criteria for selection in this edition of the Mission Echo and also on the website.

As this year closes and we embark upon another new year for United Methodist Women in South Carolina, let us continue to seek God's blessings in all that we do. This is a very special time of the year in which we celebrate and appreciate this season of thankfulness, giving and remembrance of the greatest gift of all, Jesus' birth.-- and for that, we are thankful. In this season, let us do our best to reach out and be a blessing to our families, as well as others who mean a lot to us.

Have a wonderfully blessed Holiday Season and enjoy the true blessings of Christmas!

Marlene





## Vice President

Cathy Ford

Our 45th South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women 2017 Annual Meeting is now history. Together we experienced “Harvesting the Lord’s Promises” and put our faith, hope and love into action.

The members of Columbia District and Union United Methodist Church shared much hospitality at the two day celebration of our South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women on October 27-28. Many thanks and much appreciation go to the hard working teams of the Columbia District United Methodist Women, President Sandra Love and the Union United Methodist Women, Unit President Phyllis Plyler, Event Coordinator Lisa Mansfield. The Program Committee and I say thank you for a wonderful job. The Executive Committee wishes to express gratitude to the Columbia District United Methodist Women for hosting our Thursday meeting, and providing a delicious home cooked meal.

Our 325 registered attendees were inspired, encouraged and motivated. The Limitless Team collected more than two vans full of your “Stock the Pantry” donations. Fifteen ladies went to Sharing God’s Love and actually worked to stock your donations on their shelves. Five mission project displays were viewed and directors engaged in conversation. Gift cards and new stamps were shared with our five SC projects. Used stamps were trimmed. Pull tabs and Box Tops were collected. Resources were bought. Photos were taken. Donations made to UMCOR/hurricane relief and Legacy Fund. Travel to Assembly 2018 was reserved. Bible bookmarks were exchanged. Many hugs were shared and smiles offered to all.

Many new faces and familiar ones contributed to our 45<sup>th</sup> celebration. Our Bible study leader Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson and Keynote speaker Rev. Millie Nelson Smith both reminded us of the promises to be found in our lives and in Biblical times. We were pleased to have Bishop Holston as our Communion celebrant. We appreciate the faithful support of Bishop and Mrs. Holston to our organization, even during times of family concern. The Singing Men of Mount Horeb, Total Praise from Francis Burns, Leaps of Faith from Union and organists Rothfuss and Webb brought great sights and sounds. Our two Presidential Scholarship recipients Alleah Glover and Allison Hannah Simpson were a joy to meet. It was exciting to have so many past conference presidents with us. Lots of happy photos were made by our new banner. Thank you everyone for your eager participation and sharing of God given talents.

Our Officer Training Event at Trenholm Road United Methodist Church was held November 11th. Sincere thanks go to another great church for joyfully opening their facility to us. It was a blessing to have Rev. Dr. Mike Smith of Trenholm Road and Kevin Long of Wallace Family Life Center share a devotion and message with us. Our theme “Building a Better World” reminds us to take action as leaders. Over 125 district officers joined their conference counterparts for training and sharing of information. Meeting and learning together is one way we fulfill our pledge “to develop a creative supportive fellowship”. We appreciate you Helene Cargile, UMW unit president and all your UMW members for hosting this important event. The food was delicious and the table gifts precious. The very moving special music and Girl Scouts with flags created a most patriotic Veteran’s Day.

The Program Committee thanks all involved with making both great events happen . We thank those who provided a loving place to be, shared a Godly message and inspired one another to grow spiritually.

May each of you and your loved ones enjoy true blessings at Christmas. Rejoice in the birth of our Lord and Savior.

**I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Luke 2:10 NIV**



## Legacy Fund Update

It is all **good news** to report for the Legacy Fund. Thanks to the generosity of our many faithful members the Legacy Fund is on its way to meeting the \$60 million dollar goal set for 2019. The fund now has \$19.1 million dollars. Awesome news!

United Methodist Women National sends a quarterly report. Let me share more good news. As of August 31, 2017 SCCUMW had donated **\$17,882.70** to the Legacy Fund. Of this figure **\$9,263.86** was contributed in 2017. And 2017 is not yet over. Thank you all for promoting this and having our conference participate in such a big way. The time to applause is now!

A new opportunity to support the Legacy Fund and wear new jewelry is now available. Limited – Edition 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jewelry is available for purchase. A beautiful 150 pendant and necklace chain with the colorful 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo in soft enamel is available for \$50. A new 150<sup>th</sup>-anniversary Special Mission Recognition Pin, with 22 karat gold plating is aptly priced at \$150. **All proceeds go to support the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign.** Order both pieces of jewelry at the online store [www.umwmissionresources.org](http://www.umwmissionresources.org). Order by calling the Mission Resource Center at #1-800-305-9857.

Attendees of our 45th Annual Meeting supported our Legacy Fund in several ways. They donated to the fund by making spontaneous contributions at the display table. All contributors were awarded a 150 pin. A Saturday morning presentation made specifically for the South Carolina Conference highlighted the Bethlehem Center Spartanburg. The necklace and Special Mission Recognition pin were introduced and available for viewing. Donation envelopes were provided for sharing with unit members.

Your Legacy Fund Committee is busy. Plans have started for our conference fund raiser on September 9, 2018. Mark your calendars now. Together we will share a day of fellowship and celebration to raise money for the Legacy Fund. We will come together as a conference to support the future of our beloved United Methodist Women. More details will be shared closer to the date.

As you reflect upon your special mentors, please write down their history and send it in. We have had so many great ladies in SC over the years. Let us do our part to be sure they are remembered and known by all. You are invited to share them with the national office at [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/mystory](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/mystory) and on the United Methodist Women Living Timeline Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/ourstorieslivingtimeline](https://www.facebook.com/ourstorieslivingtimeline). A downloadable guide is available at [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/livingtimeline](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/livingtimeline). Help us share the story of the many great ladies whose tireless mission work inspires us all.

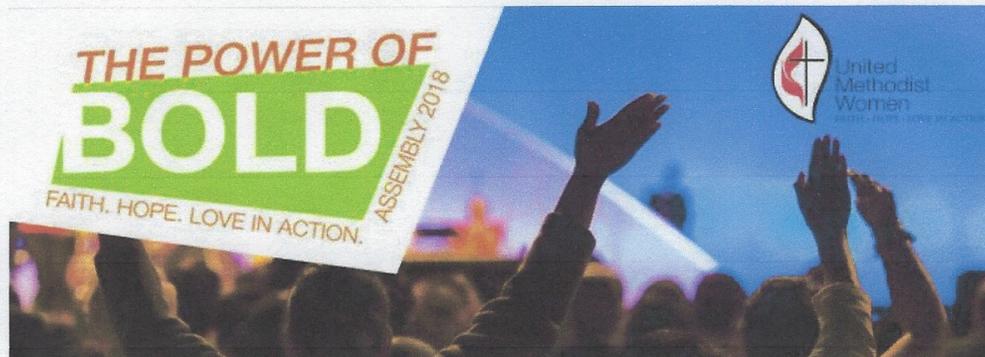
Please continue to pray for The Legacy Fund, especially on the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month, a mini version date of our 150 years in mission number.

Blessings to you and your families as you celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, the reason for the season. May peace on earth prevail and goodwill be shared with all.

Your South Carolina Conference Legacy Fund Liaison,

Cathy Ford

## Assembly Early Registration Extended



Dear BOLD sisters,

We heard you! You need a little more time to organize your group, secure hotel rooms and mobilize to make it to what promises to be the best United Methodist Women Assembly to date.

**WE HAVE EXTENDED THE EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE TO DEC. 31.**

The reduced price gives you access to:

- Community gatherings featuring Michelle Alexander and Nobel Peace Prize winner Leymah Gbowee
- Inspiring worship services
- Workshops to help you increase your impact in your local community
- A powerful network of women around the globe
- A celebration of 150 years of women united to make a change

Don't miss out! Click [here](#) to register today.

### **STILL SHOPPING FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS?**

This Christmas, give the gift of empowerment to your daughters, granddaughters, nieces and loved ones. Register them for Assembly. We offer a teen track that will inspire their growth as BOLD leaders of tomorrow.

When women unite, bold and courageous actions happen.

See you in Columbus, Ohio, May 18-20.

## **Assembly 2018 The Power of Bold**

We still have hotel **rooms 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

Rate is good until: April 18, 2018- after that date no guarantee on the rate or availability of rooms

Overnight valet parking reduced to \$20.00 per vehicle per night

**Early registration closed on 11/30/17.** On 12/1/2017 the registration rate will be \$330.00. If you do a paper registration the cost is \$330.00 no reduction in price.

For Information & FAQ on Assembly go to:

<https://umwassembly.org/>

### **2018 Assembly Scholarship**

The South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women will be providing a **\$300.00** scholarship to the 2018 UMW National Assembly in the Columbus, Ohio on May 18-20, 2018. The application and criteria for submitting the application is included in this newsletter on the next page. Deadline for submitting applications is **December 30, 2017**. Please refer questions to Marlene Spencer.

**South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women  
2018 United Methodist Women National Assembly  
"THE POWER OF BOLD!"**

***Scholarship Form***

The South Carolina United Methodist Women is offering a scholarship in the amount of **\$300.00 each** for an individual to attend the 2018 United Methodist Women National Assembly in Columbus, Ohio on May 18-20, 2018.

Criteria for the scholarship is as follows:

1. A United Methodist Woman that has never attended the Assembly.
2. A newly retired UMW
3. A UMW under 40

**Please provide the information listed regarding the applicant.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

***If you are the above named person filling out the form, attach a letter in 50 words or less as to why you might like to attend.***

***If you are submitting the form for another person named above, attach a letter in 50 words or less as to why this person is recommended to attend.***

**Please mail or email this form with attachments no later than  
DECEMBER 30, 2017 to:**

**Marlene Spencer, Conference President  
PO Box 10, Clover, SC 29710  
Email: [quintwin@bellsouth.net](mailto:quintwin@bellsouth.net)**



**BUS TRANSPORTATION  
COLUMBUS, OHIO  
MAY 17-20, 2018**

We will have a chartered bus for transportation leaving from Columbia College, Columbia and other locations on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> and returning on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. The cost per person is \$125.00. Anyone desiring to ride the bus should mail their check, made payable to SCCUMW, to Mary Agnes Jenkins. The deadline for the bus transportation is May 7, 2018. A detailed scheduled will be sent after this date.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBERR \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell)

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Return to:

Mary A. Jenkins

P.O. Box 1938

Orangeburg, SC 29116

803-536-5029 or 803-614-7630

# Nominations Chair

## Judy Roumillat

### Partners in Nominations

The Committees on Nominations at the conference and district levels need you to become our partners. We need your eyes, ears, and discernment to help us scope out potential UMW leaders at all levels. Many of our very qualified leaders are not women who will step up and say “Pick me”. If asked, they will serve willingly and to the best of their abilities. But, they don’t feel comfortable drawing attention to themselves as a nominee.

We need nominees for the following offices at the conference level in 2018. President, Vice President, Social Action, Membership Nurture and Outreach, and members of the Committee on Nomination.

Please be in prayer with us as we seek God’s guidance in finding the persons He has selected to fill each position.

You may use either of the forms included in each Mission Echo or just send us contact information and other pertinent information in an email or letter and we’ll take care of getting other information.

We do have to ensure diversity on the board so as not to have a lot of officers from one district, etc.

Thank you,

Judy Roumillat, Chair. Jacqueline Sessions, Clara Horton, Annette Pollard, Mary Cabaniss, Dannett Golden, Sharon Washington, Jan Fleming and Evelyn Pauling.



I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.

– Albert Schweitzer



**Our Chance to Learn about the Policy Issues that Affect South Carolinians  
Please Make Plans to Attend**



## Legislative Advocacy Day 2018

### “Can’t You Hear Their Cry”

*“If a man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, he too will cry out and not be answered.” Proverbs 21:13*

**Tuesday, February 20, 2018 (Weather make-up day February 27, 2018)**

**Epworth Children’s Home**

**2900 Millwood Ave., Columbia, SC 29205 803-256-7394**

9:00 – 9:30	Registration ( <b>no on-site registration</b> ) Coffee and fruit available
9:30	Welcome and Greetings
10:00	Invocation
10:10	Children’s First of SC – Ms. Sue Williams
	Epworth Update – Rev. John E. Holler, Jr, President, Epworth
11:10 – 12:05	Workshops (Public Education, Poverty, Mass Incarceration, and Domestic Violence)
12:05 – 1:05	Lunch
1:05 – 1:50	Guest Speaker ( <i>to be confirmed</i> )
2:00	Tours of Epworth

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**Registration Fee \$20 (includes material, lunch, nursery, parking)**

Postmark deadline Feb. 12, 2018 – Late registration \$30 – space limited to 400 attendees

Make checks payable to SCCUMW.

Send form and fee to: Rebecca W. Eleazer, 5116 Burke Ave., Columbia, SC 29203 803-754-0942

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check and complete all that apply to you:**

\_\_\_\_\_ UMW Member, Church and District \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Non-UMW member \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Special Dietary Needs \_\_\_\_\_

Childcare needed \_\_\_\_\_ Child’s age \_\_\_\_\_ (Please bring lunch and snack for your child.)

ONLY if you invited your state legislators to attend AND they are attending, please list their name/s below.

Senator \_\_\_\_\_ Representative \_\_\_\_\_

*Please circle ONE Workshop option*

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| Public Education Issues      | How Poverty Affects our Children        |
| Domestic Violence Prevention | Mass Incarceration and Criminal Justice |



## SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP

South Carolina United Methodist Women is offering a scholarship to future leaders of United Methodist Women. As a supportive community, our desire is to financially assist young women with their higher educational needs.

Two are better than one,  
because they have a good return for their labor:

<sup>10</sup> If either of them falls down,  
one can help the other up.

But pity anyone who falls  
and has no one to help them up.

<sup>11</sup> Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm.  
But how can one keep warm alone?

<sup>12</sup> Though one may be overpowered,  
two can defend themselves.

A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

-Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12 (New International Version)

### APPLICATION PACKET

Packets are available from District Presidents and members of the Conference UMW Scholarship Committee and on the conference website, [www.umcsc.org/umw](http://www.umcsc.org/umw).

#### *This packet includes the following forms:*

1. Requirements for Scholarship Application
2. Scholarship Standards
3. Application for Presidential Scholarship
4. Scholarship Application – High School Guidance Counselor
5. Scholarship Application – Dean or Advisor
6. Checklist for Completing Application

Each applicant should be given all six forms listed above. The applicant is required to complete the Application for Presidential Scholarship form. If the applicant is in high school, she should have her high school Guidance Counselor complete the appropriate form; if in college, her Dean or Advisor should complete the appropriate form. If employed, her employer should complete the Guidance Counselor form. Letters of recommendation are required from the applicant's local pastor and the president of her local UMW.

*In order for an application to be considered, it must be typed or legibly written. ALL required materials are due to the chairperson of the Scholarship Committee by March 1<sup>st</sup>.*

Deborah Edwards, Chairperson  
165 Fate St.  
Williston, SC 29853  
803.266.3655/ 803.533.9926  
[deborabedwards@gmail.com](mailto:deborabedwards@gmail.com)

-Revised October 7, 2017

# Membership Nurture & Outreach

Gladys Lemon

As I reflect upon the past year, I am encouraged by the tremendous amount of hard work demonstrated by the women of the SCCUMW. We have just completed a very successful UMW Annual Meeting in Irmo and another District Officer training at Trenholm Road UMC in Columbia. Our membership continues to impress with their willingness to help and improve the lives of women, children and youth. The Sharing God;s Love ministry at Union UMC felt your love as you donated so many of the items needed to support that ministry. Thank you.

For the past two years, we have been very apprehensive concerning the newly implemented on-line census process and how it would impact the reporting of our membership numbers to UMW National. This continues to concern us as the membership numbers for 2016 were quite disappointing for all of us. With the vision and foresight of our leadership, including district presidents and district MN&O's, we did train and support each other to get the job done. While South Carolina numbers's are not what they were in past years, we do commend those who reported. Our number was 6,752 compared to last year's number of 10,882. As we go forward we are determined to improve the submission of our numbers.

This past weekend at Trenholm Road UMC we began re-training our officers and members to navigate the 2017 on-line census for submitting our membership numbers. The National office wants us to go a bit further and submit demographic info on each individual member within our local units, as well as how we communicate and interact with other organizations. The deadline for that information from the individual churches will be determined later.

The awesome success of the Come Together Be Together conference events at Cumberland and Central UMC of the Florence district has served as an inspiration to plan for the 2018 gathering of our women at Woodland UMC in the Rock Hill district on June 23, 2018. The normal date, the Saturday after Mother's day, has been pushed into June because of the 2018 Assembly. The CTBT event will be held in the Spartanburg district in 2019. We are thrilled when our youth join us at various UMW events and we are encouraged to continue our work to leave a lasting legacy. Our Limitless Team mentors, Deaconess Selena Ruth Smith and Elizabeth Waters Honan, continue to need your support and prayers as they work with young women in the conference. Local units please consider funding the attendance of your youth at our events. Their experience will be priceless.

The MN&O committee will meet again January 6, 2018 to finalize plans for the theme, workshops and Limitless Ubuntu project for this years Come Together Be Together. We are excited that our speaker will be Khia Shaw, coordinator of membership development for UMW National. We are busy planning another great "fun day" for SCCUMW in the beautiful city of Rock Hill.

Finally, thanks to all of you who have made my job easier in my third year in this position, I am humbled by your confidence in me. I continue to learn a lot and be amazed at the things we can accomplish when we work together. Blessings to all of you, and have a wonderful Thanksgiving, a joyous Christmas and a prosperous New Year!!!

Gladys Lemon

MN&O Coordinator

# Education & Interpretation

Eunice White

Greetings!

Grace and peace unto you!

My name is Eunice White, and I am your newly elected Education and Interpretation Coordinator for the South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women.

I would like to encourage you to continue to collect your cancelled stamps, the pull tabs from soda cans and Box Tops for Education which can be donated to elementary schools of your choice. All five of our mission projects, which are: Columbia Bethlehem Community Center, Bethlehem Center- Spartanburg, Killingsworth, Rural Missions and Wallace Family Life Center, need our support. So, in order for us to know their needs, I have asked them to provide us with their "Wish Lists". I hope and pray that with our collective efforts, we will be able to meet and/or exceed their needs and expectations.

Before I list each mission and their requests, I would like to let you know that all of the missions can use new postage stamps and gift cards at any time. The most preferred cards are Walmart and Office Depot, so they can purchase needed items easily.

I would also like to encourage you to begin making your crafts to be sold in the Craft Room at Mission U to benefit our mission projects. Mark your calendars, Mission U will be held on July 26-28, 2018 at Spartanburg Methodist College.

I sincerely thank you in advance for all that you do in mission. Know that your continued support is needed and appreciated as we continue to make a difference in the lives of women, children and families.

Grace and Peace,

Eunice White, SCCUMW Education and Interpretation Coordinator

Our five-star missions are all on Facebook. Please visit them often. We will feature one mission in each issue of the *Mission Echo*.

Bethlehem Center, Spartanburg (Oct. special emphasis month)

Columbia Bethlehem Community Center (Apr. special emphasis month)

Killingsworth, Inc. (Sept. special emphasis month)

Rural Mission, Inc. (Mar. special emphasis month)

Wallace Family Life Center (Feb. special emphasis month)

**Needs Are On Next Three Pages**



**Columbia Bethlehem Community Center**

Toiletries for Campers- toilet paper, hand soap, paper towels

After school snacks- (No peanuts or peanut butter)

Chips, Cheez-it, Little Hugs Fruit Drinks, Crackers, Any healthy snacks

Gift Cards to Office Depot and Walmart



**Wallace Life Family Center**

Paper Products – Paper towel, Napkins, Toilet tissue

Large Trash Bags – (Leaf and Garden)

Kitchen Trash Bags – (Tall)

Pencils and Erasers

Copy Machine Paper

Walmart Gift Cards

Lowes Gift Cards

Larger Items - Bus, Heating and Air, Carpet



**Killingsworth**

Paper Towels

Toilet Tissue

Quarters

Manicure Set w/tweezers

Jumbo Cotton Balls

Neosporin, First Aid Tape, Band-Aids (standard size



and large)

Tylenol, Vitamin- Mineral Supplements

Ball point pens, Spiral Notebooks

Stamps

Laundry Detergent and Dryer sheets

Liquid Dish Detergent

Bleach

13 gallon, 30 gallon and 55 gallon Trash Bags

Pine Sol or Mr. Clean, Fabuloso

Furniture Cleaner – (Pledge, Kleen Guard, Favor)

Sugar, Coffee (with caffeine), cream



## Rural Missions

Office Microwave

Dorm Size Refrigerator

Stapler and Staples

5 Staple Removers

4 Cases – 8 ½ x11 Copier Paper

1 case – 8 1/2 x 14 Copier Paper

Trifold Brochure Paper

Post It (Large)

5 Office Chairs

12 Folding Chairs

3 Laptops

1 Case of 3 Ring Binders

Ink for Printers: HP Office Jet 4650; HP LaserJet M1217 RFW/MFP; HP Color Laser Jet Pro M252DW

Hot and Cold Drinking Cups

Institutional pots, pans, utensils, dish clothes and towels for kitchen

### **\*FAMILIES NEEDS\***

Furnishings

Microwave Ovens

Laptops Computers for the children

Beds

Air Conditions

Bed Linens

Baby Diapers

Postage Stamps

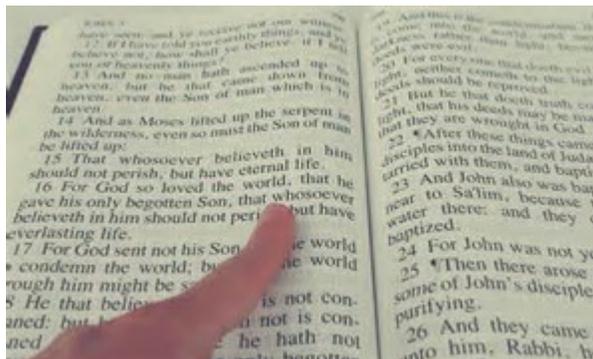
Mattresses

Office Supplies

Kitchen Utensils/ Dishes

Large Print Bibles

Gift Cards



**\*HOUSING PROJECT/WORK CAMP PROJECTS\***

2 Generators

Health Kits – Toiletries (soap, toothbrushes, deodorant, etc.)

Towels and wash clothes

Adopt a child - \$50.00 per child

**Bethlehem Center – Spartanburg**

Postage Stamps

Gift Cards – Walmart, Sam’s, BI-LO, Office Depot, Home Depot

Ink Cartridges – HP61, 950, 951, and 952

Cleaning Supplies

Disinfectant Wipes

Lysol Spray

After School Snacks



***We're looking for aspiring artists!!!***

**2020 SEJ Logo**

The South Eastern Jurisdiction (SEJ) Planning Team is in the early planning stage for the 2020 Meeting which will be held in Alabama. Each conference in the Jurisdiction is asked to submit a logo design and explanation of the design as it relates to the 2020 SEJ Quadrennial meeting theme. The theme is: ***“Calling u . . . to celebrate”*** and is based on the scripture: Romans 1:6 - ***“You are who you are through this gift and call of Jesus Christ!”*** (*The Message*).

Please submit your design along with a short bio. If your design is selected, it will grace the cover of the 2020 program book. Please submit your entry to Marlene Spencer, Conference President by January 15, 2018.



News Article submitted by Linda Sanders, Program Coordinator - October 30, 2017

Wallace Family Life Center newly formed Advisory Committee met on October 21, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m. at center. These seven (7) individuals are special because they were children and youth during the 80's and 90's when WFLC was in its beginning stage as participants of the program offered as that time. They are now young adults who want to give back to their community by volunteering as an Advisory Committee member. Mrs. Linda Sanders, Program Coordinator gave a awesome PowerPoint presentation on the programs that the center offers and took the members on a short tour of the facility and grounds. The committee discussed some ways to raise money for the center and also strategized how to raise money to replace the old and out dated play ground equipment. The main topic of discussion was how to get the community and the United Methodist Women involved with the center again. The Advisory Committee next meeting will be in January 2018 to implement new programming and move forward to make Wallace Family Life Center a community center for all the Wallace residents.

Picture from left to right - Cindy Rivers, Ashley Williams, Shawn Smith-Harrington (seated), John Bright Jr., and Rev. Dexter Williams. Not picture - Rev. Fredetra Harrington-Boyd and Travious Bright



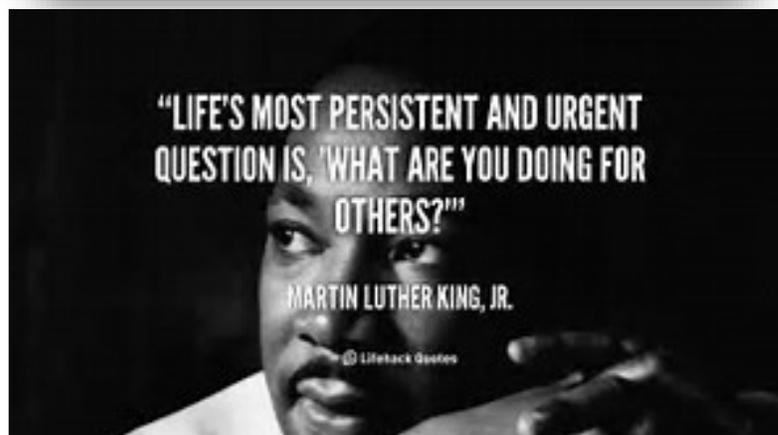
November 9, 2017

We are doing things here at Wallace Family Life Center. Mr. Gary Harrington, Director of Marlboro County Recreation Department, Mr. Russell Anderson and Mr. Ruben Kollock has been busy working to erect our new basketball goal. They have volunteered their time and equipment to make sure our new basketball goal was erected promptly for our children to enjoy. Wallace Family Life Center is thankful for all volunteers who have worked so hard to make sure things here are going smoothly.

Our Thanksgiving dinner for our Adult Education and After School participants will celebrate our many blessings and give thanks on November 17, 2017, starting at 5:30pm-7:00 pm. God has been good to all of us and we here at WFLC want to share our blessing with our program participants.

Chapin UMW gave a donation to the center that will enable us to continue with many needed projects we are undergoing. Thank you, Chapin United Methodist Women for your great donation.

Linda Sanders, Program Coordinator for WFLC





### **About Columbia Bethlehem Community Center**

Established in 1945, The Columbia Bethlehem Community Center has a rich history of enriching the lives of individuals and families in the Midlands through educational programs and initiatives designed to help them achieve their own success. Learn more at [bethlehemcenter.umsc.org](http://bethlehemcenter.umsc.org).

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## **Columbia Bethlehem Community Center Receives \$2,000 Grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to Support Youth Literacy.**

Columbia, SC – **September 25, 2017** – The Dollar General Literacy Foundation recently awarded Columbia Bethlehem Community Center (CBCC) a \$2,000 grant to support youth literacy. This grant is part of more than \$4 million the organization awarded to over 960 recipients on September 7, 2017. Awarded annually at the academic school year's inception, youth literacy grants help support teachers, schools and nonprofit organizations throughout the 44 states that Dollar General serves.

CBCC Ready, Set, Let's Read provides a hands-on approach to developing students' individual strengths and literacy enhancement in an effort to spark the joy of reading and bridge the learning gap when school is not in session. During select school holidays, students in the Broad River Terrace Community will be offered Ready, Set, Let's Read from 7:30 am-6:00 pm. The program will expose students to topics beyond the traditional school day offerings such as aerodynamics, lego engineering and financial literacy.

Ready, Set, Let's Read has served over 70 children during its inaugural year in 2016-2017. With a focus on literacy and STEM the crafted program prepares and engages students in areas that is revolutionary for their future. "Ensuring each child receives the attention and assistance needed, we are confident in seeing testing scores and reading levels increase within a school year.," says Kara Simmons, CBCC executive director. "We hope this new program expands and continues to assist parents and students, both financially and academically."

"Through our mission of **Serving Others** , we are excited to support literacy and education across the communities we call home," said Todd Vasos, Dollar General's chief executive officer. "We hope the Dollar General Literacy Foundation's youth literacy grants help strengthen literacy programs, expand library collections, inspire a love of reading in students and make a distinct impact to enhance the lives of children." Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$140 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than nine million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education as part of its commitment to helping increase the literacy skills for individuals of all ages.

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation also supports individuals in the communities that Dollar General stores serve who may be interested in learning how to read, speak English or prepare for the high school equivalency test. Referrals to a local organization that provides free literacy services are available online here or a postage-paid reply card that can be mailed in for information is available at the cash register of every Dollar General store.

## 2018 South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women Calendar

### January

Saturday - 6	9:30am	Presidents Consultation	Methodist Center	Upstairs	Columbia
Saturday - 6	9:30am	Committee on Nominations	Methodist Center	Downstairs	Columbia
Saturday - 6	11:00am	MNO Committee	Methodist Center	Upstairs	Columbia
Saturday - 6	1:00pm	Limitless Team	Methodist Center	Upstairs	Columbia
Saturday - 20	9:30am	Spiritual Growth Committee	Methodist Center	Upstairs	Columbia
Saturday - 20	12noon	Communications Committee	Methodist Center	Upstairs	Columbia
Saturday - 20	1:00pm	Educ. & Interpretation Committee	Methodist Center	Upstairs	Columbia
Saturday - 20	2:30pm	Social Action Committee	Methodist Center	Upstairs	Columbia
Saturday - 27	10:00am	Program Committee	Central UMC	Central UMC	Florence

### February

#### Wallace Family Life Center Special Emphasis Month

Saturday - 3	9:30am	Executive Committee Meeting	Methodist Center	Upstairs	Columbia
Saturday - 3	2:00pm	Charter for Racial Justice	Methodist Center	Upstairs	Columbia
Tuesday - 20	9:00am	Legislative Advocacy Day	Epworth	Gym	Columbia
Saturday - 24	9:30am	Mission u/Youth Event Committee	Methodist Center	Upstairs	Columbia
Tuesday - 27	9:00am	Legislative Advocacy Day <i>(bad weather makeup day if needed)</i>	Epworth	Gym	Columbia

### March

#### Rural Mission Special Emphasis Month

Saturday - 3	9:00am	UMC-Connectional Ministries	Trenholm Road UMC		Columbia
Saturday - 10	10:00am	UMC Standing Rules Committee	TBA		
Saturday - 17	9:30am	Finance Committee	Methodist Center	Upstairs	Columbia
Saturday - 17	9:30am	Committee on Nominations	Methodist Center	Downstairs	Columbia
Saturday - 17	12:30pm	Legacy Fund Committee	Methodist Center	Upstairs	Columbia
Friday - 23	All Day	<b>Legacy Fund Day of Giving</b>			

### April

#### Columbia Bethlehem Community Center Special Emphasis Month

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Saturday - 21	9:30am	Scholarship Committee	Methodist Center	Upstairs	Columbia
Thursday - 26	5:30pm	Retreat Committee	Lake Junaluska	Dining Hall	Terrace
Fri 27 - Sat 28	4:00pm-4:00pm	Spiritual Growth Retreat	Lake Junaluska	Auditorium	NC

### May

Fri 18 - Sun 20	TBA	UMW National Assembly	Columbus, Ohio		
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### June

Sun - Wed - 3-6	TBA	SC UMC Annual Conference	TD Convention Center	Various	Greenville
Saturday - 23	9:00am	Come Together, Be Together	Woodland UMC	Various	Rock Hill

## 2018 South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women Calendar

### July

Wednesday - 25	6:00pm	Administrative Committee	Spartanburg Methodist College	Fireside Room	Spartanburg
Wednesday - 25	6:30pm	Executive Committee	Spartanburg Methodist College	Fireside Room	Spartanburg
Thursday - 26	9:00am	Executive Committee	Spartanburg Methodist College	Fireside Room	Spartanburg
Thursday - 26	10:30am	Spiritual Growth Committee	Spartanburg Methodist College	Fireside Room	Spartanburg
Thursday - 26	noon	Charter for Racial Justice	Spartanburg Methodist College	Fireside Room	Spartanburg
Thurs - Sat 26-28	TBA	Mission u	Spartanburg Methodist College	Various	Spartanburg

### August

Saturday - 4	9:30am	Finance Committee	Methodist Center	Upstairs	Columbia
Saturday - 4	12:00noon	MNO/Limitless Team	Methodist Center	Upstairs	Columbia
Saturday - 4	2:00pm	Administrative Committee	Methodist Center	Upstairs	Columbia
Saturday - 18	9:30am	Program Committee	Methodist Center	Upstairs	Columbia
Saturday - 18	12:30pm	Mission u Committee	Methodist Center	Upstairs	Columbia
Saturday - 18	2:00pm	Social Action Committee	Methodist Center	Upstairs	Columbia

### September

#### Killingsworth Special Emphasis Month

Various	TBA	District Annual Meetings	Various	TBA	TBA
Saturday - 8	TBA	Legacy Fund Event	TBA	TBA	TBA
Saturday - 29	9:00am	UMC Connectional Ministries	Trenholm Road UMC		Columbia

### October

#### Bethlehem Center-Spartanburg Special Emphasis Month

Saturday - 6	9:30am	Scholarship Committee	Methodist Center	Upstairs	Columbia
Thursday - 25	6:00pm-9:00pm	Executive Committee Meeting	TBA	TBA	Florence
Friday - 26	9am-11:30am	Executive Committee Meeting	TBA	TBA	Florence
Fri-Sat 26-27	12:00pm - 3:00pm	SCCUMW Annual Meeting	Central UMC	Central UMC	Florence

### November

Thursday - 8	6:00pm	Killingsworth Gala	Seawells	Dining Room	Columbia
Saturday - 10	8:30am - 2:00pm	District Officers Training	Grace UMC	Various	Columbia
Saturday - 10	2:00pm	Program Committee	TBA	Various	Columbia
Saturday - 10	2:00pm	District Meetings as needed	TBA	Various	Columbia

### December

**Have a wonderfully blessed holiday with family and friends!  
Merry Christmas!!**

# Scenes From the 2017 Annual Meeting



