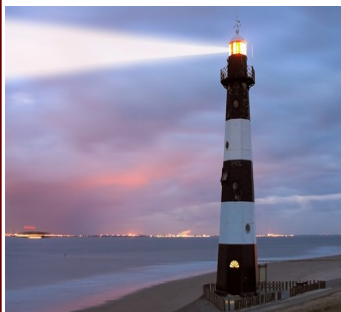


June 1, 2017



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...

Setting aside time for God and for yourself is essential to being a whole person through Jesus Christ.

As women, and especially as United Methodist Women, we are usually focusing our attention on ways to care for others. How is it going with you in caring for yourself as a child of God? One practice I always admired about Jesus is after he spent time taking care of others, he went away on his own to have quality self-time with God. He knew he couldn't handle his mission without that respite and reflective time. I see it as Jesus way of checking in with God to make sure he was staying on the right track and to keep from burning himself out. How well are we following Jesus example?

One of my favorite ways to spend quality time with God is to be involved in nature, whether it is working in my backyard garden, taking a walk through the woods, going to the beach or up to the mountains. Being with God's creation brings me closer to Him and renews my spirit. It is a vital way to commune with God.

Going on a journey as Jesus and his disciples often did can give us a new perspective on people we have never encountered before and an opportunity to appreciate them as also being God's children. It can be refreshing to observe and communicate with people who may have different ways of doing things. Maybe we can learn something by taking time away to experience God in a different situation. Allowing ourselves to break away from the regular routine can be an opportunity to experience God and God's kingdom in new ways that can be of great benefit to all.

During this vacation season I pray that you have a chance to grow more as a whole person in the way Jesus Christ wants us to grow by being kind to yourself. You are also important to God!

Take care,

Kathy

Important Dates To Remember

July-September

- July 27-29:** **Mission u at Spartanburg Methodist College:** Scholarships are available through the SCCUMW (umcsc.org/umw). Check the *Mission Echo*
- September 2:** **Annual Reports are due for Sept. 2016 - Aug. 2017 :** Please send Local President's Report, Mission Today Form, Diamond Unit Form, Reading Program Reports, Deaths of Members, and Treasurer's Payments to respective District Officers. (see list below)
- September 16:** **District Annual Meeting at Knightsville UMC, 1505 Central Ave., Summerville** -9:00-10:00am is registration/coffee hour. Meeting is 10:00am-12:30pm.
- September 23:** **Sickle Cell Walk at Park Circle, North Charleston**

Mail Annual Reports to the following district officers:

- President's Report** – Kathy Roys 107 Hickory Trace Drive, Goose Creek, SC 29445
- Mission Today form** – Susan Brooks 859 Robert E. Lee Blvd., Charleston, SC 29412
- Diamond Unit form** – Martha Sass 102 Mill Water Lane, Goose Creek, SC 29445
- Reading Program reports** – Kelli Walker 116 Deerwood Lane, Huger, SC 29450
- Deaths of Members** – Angela Pickney-Hall 223 Horizon St., Eutawville, SC 29048
- Treasurer payments** – Ruby Hannah 1101 Dickson Ave., Hanahan, SC 29410

News From Our Units

We, the members of the Old Bethel United Methodist Women Organization, are aware of the fact that U. M. Women are a supportive, inclusive, Christian membership organization where women grow spiritually, develop leaders, and serve to create a world in which all women, children and youth thrive and grow.

We are also aware of the fact that the U. M. Women nurture one another in the community and support U.S. and international projects and partners that improve the lives of women, children, and youth with their prayers, volunteers, advocacy efforts and financial gifts.

Thus, we would like to share with you some of the many services we as Old Bethel U. M. women are rendering. We are volunteers in the community by becoming members of School Boards, commissions, and YWCA Boards of Directors just to name a few .

We are chairpersons and members of church boards and committees such as the church council, nurture, outreach and witness committees. We serve as Lay Leaders, Bible Study Leaders, directors of Sunday school and Vacation Bible School and Lay members to Annual conference.

We tutor students (elementary, middle, and high school); visit the sick and shut-ins, give them flowers, pray for them, and have encouraging conversations with them to help brighten their days.

We sponsor a Stay at Home Tea which benefits the church financially. We collect tabs from soda cans to benefit the Medical University of S.C. Hospital. We sponsor a Christmas Social to help financially support church programs. We have a Prayer Breakfast yearly with local and church representatives offering prayers for global peace and humanity, again just to name a few.

We, the Old Bethel U.M. Women, strive to keep up with the purpose of the U.M. Women tradition and purpose, and maintain their commitment.

President: Claudia McKinney Communication Committee Coordinators: Willie S. James and Alma Davis

LOCAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING 2017

Reporting Period: September 1, 2016 – August 31, 2017 (Send by September 2, 2017)

Unit _____ **President** _____

MEMBERSHIP: Number of Members in Unit _____ Number of Circles _____

CONTRIBUTIONS: (Treasurers will continue to send information as directed.)

Amounts given in each of the five channels of Mission Giving: 1.Pledge to Mission _____

2. Special Mission Recognition (minimum \$40) _____ 3.Gift to Mission (minimum \$5) _____

4. Gift in Memory (minimum \$5) _____ 5.World Thank Offering _____

Amounts given to Five State Missions (to receive gold seal on Five Star certificate):

1. Bethlehem Columbia _____ 2. Spartanburg Bethlehem Center _____

3. Killingsworth _____ 4. Rural Mission - Johns Island _____

5. Wallace Family Life Center (\$5 per member) _____

PARTICIPATION: (number of members attending each event)

District Events: Annual Meeting 2016 _____, Sickle Cell Run/Walk 2016 _____,

Officers' Training 2017 _____, Mini Mission u 2017 _____,

Day Apart Spiritual Growth Retreat 2017 (St. Simons Island) _____,

International Luncheon _____

State Conference Events: Annual Meeting 2016 _____, Legislative Day 2017 _____,

Spiritual Growth Retreat 2017 _____, Conference Mission Trip (Washington, D.C.) _____,

Come Together, Be Together 2017 _____, Mission u 2017 _____

MISSION EDUCATION / MISSION TODAY:

Reading Program participants _____ (Send report to Kelli Walker, Program Resources.)

Response subscriptions _____, # of programs used from 2016 Program Book _____,

Prayer Calendar used at meetings? _____, Charter for Racial Justice utilized? _____,

Mission study used? _____, *New World Outlook* subscriptions _____

(Mission Today Reports sent to Susan Brooks, Education & Interpretation.)

(Diamond Unit Reports sent to Martha Sass, Social Action.)

DECEASED MEMBERS: _____ (Send names to Angela Pickney-Hall, Spiritual Growth.)

CAMPAIGN FOR CHILDREN: Any participation in local public schools? _____

List unit mission projects:

List Social Action activities/events:

Please send completed report to: Kathy Roys 107 Hickory Trace Dr., Goose Creek, SC 29445

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Contact your
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1. Go to: <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/legislatorssearch.php>
2. Type in your address & click "Find Legislators"
3. Click on the Legislator's name
4. Click on the line: "Send message to Representative..." or "Send message to Senator..."

**American Association of University
Women of South Carolina**

Website: <http://aauw-sc.aauw.net>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/aauw.sc>

**Conference UMW Annual Meeting
October 27-28: Union UMC, Irmo**



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

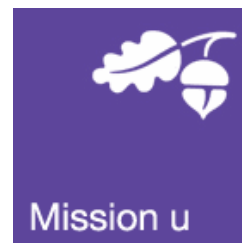
Please send your information to
cdumwcommunications@yahoo.com

Next Publication: September 1st
Deadline for Submitting Articles: August 15th

2017 Mission u: "Embracing The World With The Gospel"

For participants, Mission u is an opportunity to study current issues impacting society based on current mission study topics with particular attention to the responsibilities of women in fulfilling the mission work of the church. Participants grow in understanding the mission of the church in the current world context; conference events are open to members and non-members of United Methodist Women. Mission u events also include:

- Worship & singing
- Interest Groups around current issues
- Mission Projects
- Audiovisual presentations
- Fellowship events



<http://www.umcsc.org/home/wp-content/uploads/Mission-U.-registration.pdf>

MISSION TODAY ACTION FORM

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.

Your unit

- ___ 1. Made and met its Pledge to Mission.
- ___ 2. Used the Prayer Calendar at each General Membership Meeting of the unit 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 Magazine.
- ___ 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 Prayer Calendar at least once during the year.
- ___ 9. Participated in the Campaign for Children.
- ___ 10. Is a Five Star Unit, contributing to all five channels of Mission Giving.
- ___ 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.

Your unit, circle, or subgroup

- ___ 13. Included a Response Moment where an article from Response Magazine 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.