

The Mission Echo



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2018 Dates to Remember

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

Mission u
Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg
July 26-28, 2018

Fun Legacy Fundraiser
Grace UMC, Columbia
September 8, 2018

SCCUMW Annual Meeting
Central UMC, Florence
October 26-27, 2018

Killingsworth Gala
Seawells, Columbia
Nov. 8, 2018

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I had a major computer crash and a great deal of difficulty in finding someone who could fix it. Still a great many files were lost. I apologize for the extreme lateness of this newsletter. I believe now you will have the materials you will need for the near future.

I plan an extra newsletter in July which will include news from the five-star missions and a report on what I'm sure will be a wonderful 'Come Together, Be Together'.

God bless you all.

Jane Jowers

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President

Marlene Spencer

Greetings My Sisters,

As I sit to write this article, I am amazed at my own journey in Christ with United Methodist Women. I once heard a good friend say, "I never would have made it without you!" I share those same sentiments about the Organization of United Methodist Women, I never would have made it without you! As God placed that good friend into my life and allowed her to grow into someone she had not imagined she would become, God has placed me into the Organization of United Methodist Women and I have traveled my journey in Christ along paths I never could have imagined I would have traveled.

When our Executive Team meets quarterly and we share the mission work that is going on in our conference, I see how God through the Organization of United Methodist Women, has moved not only in my life but in the lives of our Team members. We learn from each other; we grow together and we seem to see the world and our place in this universe differently from other groups in which I participate. We, "The Team", all come from very different backgrounds, experiences, educational levels, and age levels. And yet we seem to be speaking the same language. We are close to one accord as we see our place, our PURPOSE, our responsibility, in the universe. Much of this has evolved as we travel our journeys being a part of United Methodist Women.

We have explored and wrestled with topics from poverty, human trafficking, public education, the church and persons with disabilities, immigration, and most recently climate justice and sexuality. Do these sound like topics that church women should be talking about? Well brace yourself or more important than that, if your United Methodist Women unit is NOT talking about these things, YOU start the conversation. Start that journey to get involved. You all can go on a journey, a spiritual journey you never could have imagined and probably never would have made it without United Methodist Women. And so, I encourage you United Methodist Women members who never leave your local church and community to take that journey that our Organization offers to you and all who are eager to grow in ways they can't even imagine.

The United Methodist Women National Assembly in Columbus, Ohio was awesome and a wonderful growth experience! The 6000 plus women and men in attendance, the BOLD and COURAGEOUS speakers, the music and performers, the dramatizations of young Mary's life, the workshops, Experience Hall and the exhibits, the special gathering of African American Women, the community gatherings and the fellowship of old and new friends truly exemplified "The Power of Bold". We felt welcomed, we felt valued, and we felt empowered as we traveled this journey. We were all filled with the faith, hope and love that moves women to action.

Please join us at our upcoming conference events -- Come Together, Be Together, Mission u, the Legacy Fund Event and Annual Meeting. You will meet and see women from around the state and find what they are doing, hear their stories, experience their journeys, and perhaps be moved to extend your path beyond your local church and community. We invite you to take that BOLD step!

Yours in Christ,
Marlene



Vice President

Cathy Ford

The South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women **46th Annual Meeting at Central United Methodist Church in Florence**, the **Florence District** will take place on **October 26-27**. The United Methodist Women of the Conference Program Committee, the Florence District and Central United Methodist Church are planning an exciting event. The registration form is now ready for you to complete. Please find it in this edition of the Mission Echo and on our website.

The **Annual Meeting Mission Statement** declares this event “a celebration of United Methodist Women in South Carolina and the total program of mission in which we are involved. The Annual Meeting provides an opportunity for members to learn more about missions, to participate in workshops, to worship and fellowship together and to conduct the necessary business of the organization as we seek to fulfill our PURPOSE.” We cordially invite you to attend. We encourage you to bring your friends and family. Y’all come!

The theme is “**Hands to Work, Hearts to God**”. Our keynote speaker is **Rev. Meg Bryce Jiunnies**, Minister of Faith Formation and Discipleship at Central United Methodist Church. Bible Study leader is Rev. Dr. Reginald Lee, Connectional Specialist Florence/Marion Districts. Come hear their motivational messages. It is always a joy to be with local leaders as they share their talents and gifts.

You will attend one **workshop** of your choosing on Friday afternoon. Select your first and second choice from nine great offerings.

A Way Forward Conversation = Learn about this important current topic, its history and present status and what it means for the United Methodist Church of tomorrow. Jackie Hicks, Social Action Mission Coordinator Conference

Ageing Well, Retirement Planning = Get ready for your own retirement with a plan. Learn about living will planning and all you should consider for a joyful, carefree and well earned retirement.

Climate Justice: What does God Require? = Climate justice focuses on transforming every person into a steward of the earth's resources. What priorities must we as individuals, as United Methodist Women, as the Church make for climate justice to happen in our lifetime? Evelyn Fulmore, Spiritual Growth Mission Coordinator Florence District

Domestic Abuse Conversation = Learn about this important UMW national initiative, gain awareness and become informed to help prevent the growth of domestic abuse (Me Too Movement) within our world today.

Limitless Team = Plan and share ideas and strategies to increase participation of young women and youth in UMW. Gladys Lemon, Membership Nurture and Outreach Conference Mission Coordinator

Mass Incarceration = Learn about this important UMW national initiative. Gain understanding of the prison pipeline and recognize conditions which have caused our prison populations to increase. Senator Malloy or staff member

Mental Health Issues = Gain an understanding of the many forms of mental illnesses which exist today. Learn of programs and organizations, NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) working to improve this situation and treatments.

Security and Safety in Schools and Churches = Become educated on this growing serious concern. Gain practical knowledge on how to be safe and secure in public spaces while away from home.

What about Our Money? A Faith Response/Mission u Study = Hear a mini version of our newest Mission u issue study. Explore how we relate to money within the context of faith. Ann Alexander, Mission u study leader

Lighthouse Ministries, Inc. is a faith based nonprofit providing assistance to Florence County residents in financial crisis. They offer help with bills, prescription medications, travel assistance, and a variety of programs that target unique local needs. A mini tour during the registration time is offered. Transportation will be provided. **Our Limitless Team is organizing a collection to support Lighthouse Ministries.** Bring canned good, diapers, wipes, travel sized hygiene products, blankets, books (especially for children)!

Shop the Resource Room for all the newest materials. Greet our five Mission Project Directors. Meet our new leader at Killingsworth. Get up to date on all our projects’ many activities. Saturday, wear a shirt with a UMW logo or your church logo. Take your photo in our Memory Making Station -- a fun spot to record both new friends and treasured sisters in Christ.

We look forward to this event and seeing your smiling faces, hearing your lovely voices and sharing hugs with all. **Thanks be to God!**

2018 SCCUMW Presidential Scholarship Winners

As South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women continue to tell our story, we are honored and excited to announce the winners of our 2018 SCCUMW Presidential Scholarships. We are in our second year of awarding scholarships to assist young ladies pursuing degrees in higher education. It is our prayer that this step toward financial assistance will help make our organization a little more attractive to younger women as we support their academic successes. This year, we received 25 applications from across the state for the presidential scholarship. Because of some application requirements, we were only able to process 14 of the 25 that were received. Excess funds from a leadership event has allowed us to grant SIX \$1000.00 scholarships for the 2018-2019 school year only. The group of recipients are a very diverse group and they are an outstanding group of young women. We are so pleased and so excited to be able to share in their educational successes.

The names of the recipients are as follows:



Alleah Glover

Alleah Glover will be entering her third year at Columbia College majoring in Early Childhood Education. She is a member of Sand Hill United Methodist Church and has been an active member all her life. Alleah is a repeat winner from last year and comments: "I am very excited and honored to be a recipient of this scholarship. I was one of the first recipients to receive this prestigious scholarship for the 2017 school term and I am extremely grateful that I was awarded this scholarship for a second time. I am thankful for all the women of this conference who make this all possible. This has truly lessened the financial burden of attending college. I am once again extremely grateful for my village." (Walterboro District)

Emma Cohen will enter her third year at Clemson University as an Electrical Engineering student. Emma is a member of First United Methodist Church, Isle of Palms and says that the United Methodist Church has been a huge influence on her life by connecting her to close friends and extended family who always support her. "Leaving to go to school was one of the most exciting and terrifying times of my life. One of the things I have missed most is my church family and I am so fortunate to be able to have this scholarship to remind me that they will always be with me, regardless of how far I am from home." (Charleston District)



Emma Cohen



Jada Crawford

Jada Crawford is a member of Silver Hill United Methodist Church, Spartanburg and will attend Clemson University or the College of Charleston as a freshman. She plans to major in the medical field. Jada is very thankful for being a recipient of the SCCUMW Presidential Scholarship and says "Winning this scholarship provides more opportunities to achieve my goal of becoming a physician." (Spartanburg District)



Hannah Porter

Hannah Porter is also a junior at Columbia College majoring in Special Education and is a member at Mt. Hebron UMC, West Columbia. Hannah says, "Thank you so much for awarding me the SCCUMW Presidential Scholarship. I am so grateful and honored to receive this award, and it will greatly help me as I earn my degree in Special Education at Columbia College. This is a true blessing. If God is within her, she will not fail—Psalm 46:5." (Columbia District)

Lauren Rhodes, a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Ninety Six, will be entering her second year at the College of Charleston, majoring in Early Childhood Education. On being the recipient of a \$1000.00 scholarship, Lauren says, "For me, receiving the SCCUMW Presidential Scholarship is a true blessing. I feel called to become an Early Childhood Educator. It is because of this calling that I consider my education an investment in the education of future students. Thank you for supporting my pursuit of a higher education so that I may one day serve in the way that I feel I am called to serve." (Greenwood District)



Lauren Rhodes



Brittany Williams

Brittany Williams will pursue a degree in Nursing from the University of South Carolina. She is a very active member at St. Mark United Methodist Church in Taylors. Brittany is most appreciative of our gift and says, "Receiving the SCCUMW Presidential Scholarship is truly a blessing upon my life, and it is confirmation that all my hard work has been pleasant in the sight of our Lord. I am forever grateful, and I hope to continue my relationship with the United Methodist Women." (Greenville District)

The scholarships are on behalf of all South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women, over 10,000 members strong. Our vision of living out faith, hope and love in action inspired this scholarship. As a supportive community, our desire is to offer encouragement through our financial gift to these young women. We pray for their continued success.

Donations to the SCCUMW Presidential Scholarship Fund can be mailed to our Conference Treasurer:

Deborah B. Edwards

165 Fate Street

Williston, SC 29853

**46TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
OCTOBER 26 – 27, 2018**

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 167 SOUTH IRBY STREET, FLORENCE, SC 29501

For Registration Information contact Pearl R. Brown, Registrar at (843) 382-3564 or email: prbrown2076@gmail.com

THEME: "HANDS TO WORK, HEARTS TO GOD"

Name: _____ (please provide name as you wish for it to appear on name tag)

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Best Contact Phone number: _____ District: _____ Church: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Dietary Restrictions: _____

Check all of the following that apply:

_____ First Time _____ Conference Officer _____ District Officer _____ Past Conference President
_____ Under 40 _____ Unit President _____ Mission Director _____ Clergy
_____ Age 14-30 Limitless _____ Voting Delegate _____ Missionary/Deaconess
_____ Nursery Needed - Number of Children/Ages _____ / _____

In case of emergency please contact _____ Phone: _____

Will you be at Dinner on Friday night 5:30pm - 6:30pm? _____ Will you be at Lunch on Saturday? _____

Please note: Meals require a meal ticket from your registration packet.

~ ~ ~ Workshops ~ ~ ~

Please select your first (1) and second (2) choice for Friday afternoon Workshops. You will be assigned to one of your selections.

A Way Forward Conversation _____ Ageing Well, Retirement Planning _____ Climate Justice: What Does God Require? _____
Domestic Abuse Conversation _____ Limitless Team _____ Mass Incarceration _____ Mental Health Issues _____
Security and Safety in Schools and Churches _____ What About Our Money? A Faith Response/Mission u Study _____

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~ ~ Friday, October 26 ~ ~

Registration: 12:30noon – 3:00pm - in the Irby Street Portico Entry of the Church

(Anyone arriving after 3pm may still register prior to Communion Service. No meal tickets will be available unless pre-registered)

Optional Pre-conference Activities and a tour of the Lighthouse Ministries will be available during registration. The Tour bus will depart from the church parking lot (Irby Street Portico) at 1:00pm and return at 2:30pm.

Session 1

3:00pm Opening Ceremonies/Bible Study - Sanctuary
4:10pm Workshops
5:30pm Dinner **MEAL TICKET REQUIRED**
7:00pm Five Mission Project Reps, Worship Service & Holy Communion - Sanctuary
8:15pm Afterglow and Fellowship

~ ~ Saturday, October 27 ~ ~

Registration: 8:00am – 9:00am In the Main Entry of the Church (for those attending only the Saturday sessions)

Session 2

9:00am – 10:30am General Business, Informational Moments, Memorial Service, Special Music - Sanctuary
10:45am – 12:15pm General Business continued - President's Report, Adoption of Budget, Love Offering, Keynote Address
12:15 - 1:15 pm Lunch **MEAL TICKET REQUIRED**

Session 3

1:15 - 2:30 pm General Business - Election and Installation of Officers/Closing - Sanctuary

Send registration along with \$30.00 fee (payable to SCCUMW) to:

Pearl R. Brown
P. O. Box 63
Cades, SC 29518

(843) 382-3564 or email: prbrown2076@gmail.com

Registration DEADLINE: **October 12, 2018**







Any registrations POSTMARKED AFTER:

October 13, 2018 and any on-site registrations
will be \$35.00

Hotels for the SCCUMW Annual Meeting

October 26-27, 2018

Host church: Central United Methodist Church, 167 N Irby St., Florence, SC 29501

 Hotel Florence 126 W. Evans St., Florence, SC 29501 843.629.0100 https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/FN93G8 <i>A unique hotel, located in the heart of Florence's downtown, offers guests a memorable experience with an uptown flair</i>	\$114 - \$129 plus tax Cut-off date: September 25, 2018 Group code: SCCUMW Distance from church: 0.2 miles No breakfast buffet <i>A restaurant, Victor's, is located in the hotel. Other restaurants are within walking distance.</i>
 TRU by Hilton 2140 West Lucas St., Florence, SC 29501 <i>Call 843.667.4630 for information about this hotel which is scheduled to open in August 2018.)</i>	 \$109.00 Complimentary breakfast Cut-off date: October 15, 2018 Group code: SC United Methodist Women's Conference Distance from church: 3.9 miles
 Comfort Suites 2120 West Lucas St., Florence, SC 29501 843.662.5295 www.reservationdesk.com/Comfort-Suites	\$99.00 Complimentary breakfast Cut-off date: October 15, 2018 Group code: SC United Methodist Women's Conference Distance from church: 4.0 miles
 Country Inn & Suites 1739 Mandeville Rd., Florence, SC 29501 843.317.6616 www.reservationdesk.com/Country-Inn	\$89.99 Complimentary breakfast Cut-off date: October 15, 2018 Group code: SC United Methodist Women's Conference Distance from church: 3.7 miles
 Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton 1735 Stokes Rd., Florence, SC 29501 843.662.7000 <i>(The Executive Committee hotel)</i> hamptoninn3.hilton.com	\$99.00 Complimentary breakfast Cut-off date: October 13, 2018 Group code: CHXGWP Distance from church: 3.5 miles
<i>Distances may vary slightly depending upon the route taken.</i>	

The South Carolina Conference of United Methodist Women
invite you to attend their

Fun Legacy Fundraiser

September 8, 2018 8:30 am to 12pm

Grace United Methodist Church

410 Harbison Boulevard, Columbia, SC

The Singing Men of Mount Horeb

Chat and chuckle with **Bettie Sue Buttermilk**

Bid on numerous **Silent Auction** items

Collect **“Change for Change”** for Limitless Ladies (14-30yrs)

Become a **Sponsored Participant** in fun activities including singing hymns, dancing the hokey pokey, rock in rocking chairs, read aloud Reading Program children’s books, walk an outdoor track, line dance, hula hoop and much more!

8:30 – Welcome refreshments, turn in change, Silent Auction set up

9:15 – Silent Auction bidding begins, sponsored activities begin

10:00 – Program and concert in sanctuary

11:15 – Resume silent auction and sponsored activities

11:45 – Silent Auction closes, winners announced, item pick up

All monies raised will go to The Legacy Fund.

Legacy Fund Update

Much emphasis continues to be placed upon growing our Legacy Fund.

Ladies of the South Carolina Conference are supporting the fund's growth with great enthusiasm.

We have participated in the "150" jewelry program, purchasing necklaces and Special Mission Recognition pins. Our new beautiful jewelry has contributed \$350 to the Legacy Fund.

Our contributions to the March 23rd Day of Giving campaign totaled \$2, 337.81. You are awesome!

Those attending the 2018 Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska viewed videos on the Legacy Fund. A total of \$1,269.07 was collected in a cash jar and 43 giving envelopes. More 150 pins were distributed. This was huge. Thank you all for visiting our display!

South Carolina Conference giving since inception of the Legacy Fund is \$24, 323.67. Thanks be to God.

Posted on our national website is the Legacy Fund total **of \$20,544,247**. Thanks to the generosity of our many faithful members and supporters, the permanent endowment fund is on its way to meeting the \$60 million dollar goal set for 2019.

Your Legacy Team has a **FUN LEGACY FUNDRAISER** planned for **September 8th** at **Grace United Methodist Church**, 410 Harbison Boulevard in Columbia. We will be hosted by the loving United Methodist Women of Grace UMC from 8:30 am to noon. Please see the event poster in this issue of the Mission Echo.

A fabulous concert by **The Singing Men of Mount Horeb** will be enjoyed by all. **Betty Sue Buttermilk**, a **Silent Auction**, **"Change for Change" collection** by our young Limitless women and many lively **sponsored activity participants** will be part of the fund raising efforts planned for all to enjoy. Activities will be suitable for all ages and skills including singing hymns, hula hoop, dancing the hokey pokey and rocking in rocking chairs. Forms for gathering sponsors will be available at Mission u.

Mark your calendars now for participating in this fun morning full of fellowship, refreshments, great music, and joyful activity as we come together to reach a goal of raising \$1,869.00 for the Legacy Fund.

SCCUMW Legacy Fund Liaison,
Cathy Ford



My Dear Methodist Sisters,

What an uplifting event for those who attended the Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska. The weather and setting were picture perfect. Rev. Fran Elrod fed our soul while our unified singing drew us closer to our Heavenly Father. Many took part in the Mediation room and writing on the shroud. We expressed on this cloth what kept us from receiving God's Grace and then through our worship time we erased these obstacle from our lives. We experienced evening vespers and morning worship at the Cross. Many ventured out on an early morning spiritual walk while others learned about the importance of our breath and how it helps us focus our thoughts on hearing God. The prayer boxes were filled and prayed over and even now those prayers are remembered daily. ***Out of the fullness of his grace he has blessed us all, giving us one blessing after another. (John 1:16)***

Regardless on how wonderful I thought this time together with you was, there certainly were some unplanned things that came up. No matter how much time you put into something to make everything flow flawlessly, there is always the chance of the proverbial "monkey wrench" that attempts (and at times succeeds) to derail all our efforts. That leads me to the following:.

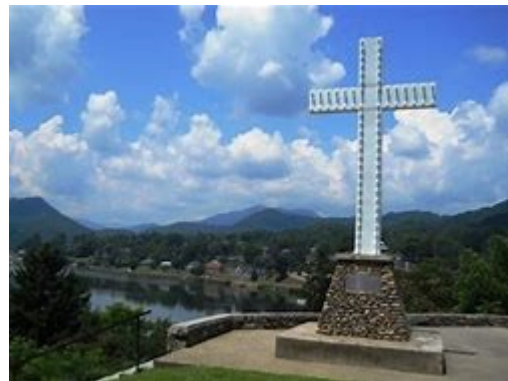
Surely many had their patience tested due to the long wait at hotel registration. This wait caused some to miss a wonderful first session led by Rev. Fran Elrod. To those women who were inconvenienced due to the delay of getting their room keys, an explanation is warranted. Lake Junaluska is growing and with the worldwide recognition of Asheville as a "must see city", there has been an influx of people discovering Lake Junaluska as a wonderful place to stay while visiting this vibrant area. Lake Junaluska as a Conference and Retreat center has opened their doors to all. This is a good thing to have many groups come to Junaluska, not only to keep this beautiful location open and available to the Methodist community but also for the secular groups where perhaps one or many during their stay may discover God and His boundless grace. But for many of us, it was truly bad timing that a full group had just checked out Thursday and the staff were not allowing anyone into uncleaned rooms. I apologize to those who had to stand in line after driving thru heavy traffic and/or long distances. Although I cannot change the policy of any hotel in regards to check in time (4:00 p.m. is industry standard), I will continue to work with our Spiritual Growth team to make our time together at these retreats a spiritually uplifting event for all of you.

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

That which has been given freely to us generously, grace, should be given to others by us.

Until we meet again,

Caron Cooper
SCCUMW Spiritual Growth Coordinator



My First United Methodist Women's Assembly Trip

What a fantastic opportunity I had to attend Assembly 2018 in Columbus, Ohio. After a long bus ride, I arrived tired and I settled into bed not really knowing what to expect the next day. In the morning, as I crossed the breezeway into the Convention Center my senses were overloaded. My eyes saw women in dress from all around the world and my ears were hearing different dialects from around the globe. With many international travelers, it afforded me opportunity to ask questions about their countries. I found myself smiling and greeting all that I passed as I walked to the opening ceremony.

To hear 8000 women sing, celebrating coming together, is a moment I'll never forget. Surely all who attended felt the power of the Holy Spirit and the love for God and one another. Our theme was "THE POWER OF BOLD". And yes, we all must be BOLD, willing to speak for justice, equality, and fairness for all people.

My two classroom sessions concerned environmental issues. The first class helped me see climate change through theatre. It was thought-provoking, touching and even humorous at times as groups acted out short skits. During my second class the Academy Award winning documentary by Charles Ferguson "Time To Choose" was screened. Often I had to close my tear-filled eyes during overwhelming scenes. Ladies, we have to be BOLD in our choices to help heal and save our planet for future generations. Consider watching this film in your local unit. (Available online.)

Our speakers were excellent, the music divine, and the drama over the different sessions about a young Mary's coming to terms with pregnancy was entertaining and moving. To hear a Nobel Peace Prize recipient speak, left me feeling that I too can make a difference in others' lives. Maybe not on the same scale, but I had to be BOLD enough to try to effect change for the good!

There was so much information available in the 150th Journey Experience area. Actors from different eras told us about their journey and accomplishments. My mom and I made a short video about attending Assembly. There was data available from Mission projects and their locations, UMCOR, the Africa University and a booth giving you guidance on how to broach the sensitive arena of racial issues in America. (Too many more to list.) Also, there were fair trade products for sale from all around the globe.

We took a group photo. and how wonderful it was to see all of the smiling faces of the SCCUMW.

By the final session I was truly feeling the power of BOLD, and currently I still am feeling BOLD. I'm spreading the news of what I learned to anyone who will listen. South Carolina United Methodist Women, let us be BOLD together, through dialogue, with acceptance of our differences, and with the willingness to change to be in line with Christ's teachings.

Caron Cooper



Flo Johnson,
SCCUMW Killingsworth Representative



United Methodist Women Sisters, I bring you greetings from the Killingsworth Staff, the Board of Directors and our residents! As we move into the future, the Search Committee has hired an Interim Executive Director, Mrs. Donna Lollis. She began her time with us January 29 and is very excited to be on board. Donna hit the ground running and has already proven she is a workhorse for Killingsworth. Many of you have heard her speak throughout the conference during these past three months. Diane left a huge notebook of information to help her on her journey and several of our Board members as well as the staff are assisting her when and where needed.

Rev. Diane Moseley retired in mid January ending her career with us by surprising the Board of Directors with significant donations she had acquired from several donors to help our new Executive Director begin her tenure on a stronger financial footing. Words cannot express our gratitude for her leadership and service with Killingsworth. We are most grateful for her 41 plus years of service with this ministry! We wish her the best in these well earned retirement years!

This spring has found us busy planning and executing our 26th Annual Golf Tournament held Monday, May 14th! We had 80 golfers and many current and former Board members, staff, and residents planning and executing this event under the direction of Golf Chair Kim Love Quick. The golf tournament and the Boatload of Fun help us reach and promote Killingsworth's ministry to many folks who we may not otherwise reach.

The residents' relaxation room has taken on a new look thanks to gently used furniture from The State Credit Union! We hope to complete the look by having the room painted and the floors redone in the coming months. The staff and residents love the new look! More on this project in the near future.

Do you know about our **Circle of Care** gatherings? Our goal is to visit every district to inform interested UMW members by bringing some of our residents to tell their stories and about their time at Killingsworth. I had the privilege of going to Anderson District in January along with two residents and one former resident who shared what Killingsworth has meant to them. We have been to the Spartanburg, Florence, Hartsville, and Charleston Districts and in February we traveled to Beaufort to share the Killingsworth story with the ladies from part of the Walterboro District (Beaufort Cluster). Our new Executive Director and 3 residents made the trip with me. Thank you Anderson and Beaufort ladies for the warm welcome and the much needed donations you sent back with us! District Presidents, let us hear from you about planning a visit to your district in the near future!

Another **Save the Date** for you....**July 21** we will be in the middle of a hot summer and we would love to have you cool off with us at our **Annual Boatload of Fun!** Come canoeing and kayaking down the Saluda River with a friend, your family or youth group! What a fun way to cool off and enjoy a summer picnic hosted by the Killingsworth Board while supporting one of your mission projects! Look for the flyer for this event in this issue of *Mission Echo*!

Lastly, have you seen the January **Response** magazine?? Jessica Brodie, Advocate editor, has a fantastic article featuring Killingsworth and its ministry. And we even made the cover! The story is so well written and includes pictures of the house and some of the current residents. It would make a great program for a circle meeting! We have received a card from UMW sisters in Montana who did just that! If you are on Facebook and have not already liked us, please do so by typing in **Killingsworth Home!** Like us and then share what's happening at Killingsworth with others! Don't forget to visit us on the web at www.killingsworth.org. **Thank You, sweet sisters, for all you do to support the women of Killingsworth!**



Boatload of Fun

Our 14th Annual Killingsworth Boatload of Fun!

Saturday July 21, 2018 9:30 a.m. on the Saluda River.

Killingsworth, a home for women recovering from various crises, is headed back to the Saluda River!

Professional guides accompany us – and a picnic lunch is included!

KILLINGSWORTH
transforming women

Whether you are an experienced paddler, or have never been on the water before, this is your chance to have a “boatload of fun” while supporting a local mission!

Join us on the Lower Saluda River! Invite your family, friends, neighbors. No pets or alcohol, please. Adults must accompany participants under the age of 18. Please complete the registration form below. If you have questions, call Killingsworth at 803.771.6359 or email becky@killingsworth.org.

If paddling is not for you, we can still use your help! Sponsor a Killingsworth resident so she can paddle, too!

REGISTRATION FORM

Mail registration & payment by check or money order to:
Killingsworth, Attn: Boatload, 1831 Pendleton St., Columbia SC 29201

NAME: _____
MAILING ADDRESS: _____
PHONE(S): _____
EMAIL: _____

☐ I am registering _____ individuals and have enclosed \$35 for each participant?

☐ I cannot participate but wish to sponsor _____ Killingsworth residents for \$35 each *

Directions, instructions and waivers can be e-mailed or mailed USPS to you as confirmation.

Save time & materials - all forms are available at www.killingsworth.org

We thank Jay Alley and “Canoeing for Kids” for making this event possible for years.

*This fee is a special event fee. Canoeing for Kids reserves the right to adjust fees for activities not associated with Killingsworth.

2018 SC Conference UMW Mission u
Thursday, July 26-Saturday, July 28, 2018
Spartanburg Methodist College
Theme: Searching For Our Faith Response"

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828-808-6478
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Important

General Information

Please Read carefully

Youth /Chaperone Covenant and Consent forms: Youth participants must complete a registration form, covenant, and parental consent form, information, and covenant forms for adult chaperones. These forms must be mailed together. Registration is incomplete until all forms are received by the registrar. Forms are located on the web at: umcsc.org/umw or may be secured from the registrar.

Registration: Thursday afternoon from 1:00 till 4:00pm and 6-6:45pm in Ellis Hall Atrium

First Timer's and Clergy Orientation: Thursday, 3:00-3:45pm in Ellis Hall

Opening Plenary: Thursday, 4pm

Offering: An offering for our 5 missions will be received during the closing plenary on Saturday afternoon.

Housing: Resident participants will be housed in college dormitories. Bring bed and bath linens, bath mat, soap, warm blanket or spread for a single bed, pillow, coat hangers, comfortable clothes and walking shoes, hat, flashlight, raingear, Bible, **water bottle**, pens, notebook, trash bags, jacket or sweater, and other items necessary for your comfort away from home. Classrooms and dormitories may be cold, so bring appropriate linens and clothing!

There is an additional cost of \$50 if you come on Wednesday evening. There is a late fee of \$10 each for registration forms not postmarked by June 30, 2018

Refund policy: Requests must be submitted to the registrar via email before July 1, 2018. **Remember that registrations are transferrable if you need to cancel. NO REFUNDS AFTER JULY 1, 2018**

Keys: There is a \$10 deposit at registration for keys and it is refunded at checkout. **THERE WILL BE A \$100 CHARGE FOR LOST KEYS-NO EXCEPTIONS**

2018 Mission u Registration Form

July 26-28, Spartanburg Methodist College

Theme: "Searching For Our Faith Response"

Please print clearly

Name: _____ Suitemates: _____

Address: _____ City and zip: _____

Phone: _____ District: _____

Please provide email if you wish for confirmation to be sent electronically:

Please Check All That Apply

____ Under 40 ____ Youth ____ Attending first time ____ Conference Officer ____ District Officer

____ Clergy ____ Missionary ____ Deaconess ____ Day participant ____ youth chaperone

____ Limitless (18-30) _____ Coming on Wednesday

Special needs: Please help us address and meet your needs by listing them on the back of this form. If you have a physical condition that requires our consideration for classroom, dorm, or campus please indicate. Also, please list any dietary needs or restrictions. Hearing loss is a limitation and we can seat you close to the study leader.

Emergency contact: _____ contact number: _____

All adult participants will take the Spiritual Growth study "Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living" and will also take either of the following courses. Therefore, you will need to purchase a book for each class. Please indicate your choice below: (registrations received by June 15 will guarantee your first choice of study.)

____ Geographic Study: Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States

____ Issue Study: "What About Our Money: A Faith Response."

Please indicate if you took Missionary Conferences last year: _____

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For Youth and Limitless Ladies only: Youth Study: "Is It Just Money? Our Dollars, God's Economy" _____

____ Age _____ date of birth _____ grade entering in the fall

Name of Chaperone: _____ cell phone: _____

Youth registration, Chaperone registration, and additional required forms must be mailed together.

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Are you interested in participating in a plenary? ____yes Would you like to drive a golf cart? _____

Mail completed form with check made payable to SCCUMW to: Elizabeth Duncan, SCCUMW Mission u,
45 Foreman Hill Rd, Bluffton, SC 29910

Adult resident: \$ 145 * Day Student: \$85.00 * Youth resident: \$100.00 Amount enclosed: _____

****Registration deadline is June 30, 2018****

****All suitemate forms must be mailed together****

****Please read general Information Sheet for more details about this event****

South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women MISSION u

July 26-28, 2018

The Bess Dowling Ware Scholarship Application

The Mission u Committee is pleased to announce that Barbara Ware and her family have donated a sum of money to be used for two scholarships to the event. Barbara and her family were looking for a way to honor her mother, Mrs. Bess Dowling Ware. Barbara said that when summer came each year that she knew that her mother would soon be tong to the "School of Christian Mission." Since the school has meant so much to their mom, a scholarship fund seem a wonderful way to honor her. The Bess Dowling Ware Scholarship consists of two full-funded tuition to Mission u. To apply, complete the following application and return to Jean Doscher, Dean.

NAME: _____

Address: _____

Contact Number: _____

Church and District _____

Please Check: Under 40 _____ Over 40 _____ First Timer _____

Deadline for receiving Applications: June 30, 2018

(Use a separate sheet of paper to answer the following)

- 1. In what ways will you use the information and knowledge you will receive at Mission u?**
- 2. Describe your participation in UMW and your local church including what activities and events you have participate and/or what offices you have held?**

South Carolina Conference UMW Mission u

Youth and Adult Chaperone Signature Page

Adult Chaperone

I certify that the information is correct and that my initials on the preceding pages indicate that I have read them and agree to comply.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Parent (if different from Chaperone)

I certify that the information is correct and that my initials on the preceding pages indicate that I have read them and agree to comply.

Signature: _____

Printed name: _____

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Youth

I certify that the information is correct and that my initials on the preceding pages indicate that I have read them and agree to comply.

Signature: _____

Printed name: _____

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Please read carefully. Required Registration for Teen Women SCCUMW Mission u 2018

To complete registration **ALL** of the following must be signed, dated and **mailed together** to:
Elizabeth Duncan, SCCUMW Mission U Registrar, 45 Foreman Hill Rd., Bluffton, SC 29910
Phone # 828-808-6478 for information

1. Mission u Registration Form
2. YOUTH COVENANT
3. PARENTAL CONSENT AND MEDICAL RELEASE FORM
4. COVENANT FOR ADULT CHAPERONES WITH TEEN WOMEN
5. GUIDELINES FOR ADULT CHAPERONES Must be signed by teen women and chaperone
6. Youth and Chaperone Signature page

**COVENANT AND PARENTAL CONSENT FORM FOR TEEN WOMEN AT
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SPONSORED Mission u 2017 Event**

YOUTH COVENANT

As a participant in the South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women sponsored Mission u 2018, I (Print Your Name) _____ take seriously my responsibility and affirm my commitment for the well-being and safety of myself and others. I agree to remain on the site of the event or meeting unless I have been granted permission to leave by my adult chaperone or appropriate United Methodist Women Mission u officer or study leader. I will attend all scheduled activities, sessions, and meals. I will observe published curfews by being in my room, being quiet, and not disturbing others. I understand that anything considered illegal for minors (persons under 18) under civil law and criminal law applies to this event or meeting as well. Therefore, I will obey all laws. I will not use tobacco, illegal substances, or alcohol, nor will I possess any firearms, weapons, or fireworks. I will respect the equipment and property of others and care for the facility which we share. Any damage to the facility will be the sole responsibility of the person or persons who cause the damage and the parent or legal guardian of each person responsible. I have read and will follow the guidelines for this event.

This covenant is made between each teen woman and the entire group. I understand that if I break the covenant, and if the brokenness cannot be reconciled, that my parent or legal guardian will be contacted and my participation in the event or meeting may be terminated.

Initials of TeenWoman Participant _____

Date _____

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PARENTAL CONSENT

I (Print Your Name) _____ give my permission for my daughter, _____, to participate in the United Methodist Women South Carolina Conference Mission u 2017 to be held July 26-28, 2018, at Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, SC. I am aware of the purpose of this event or meeting and understand the scope and nature of the programs and activities my daughter will participate in during the event or meeting include activities on site and possible off site. I have read the covenant, which my daughter has signed, and I understand the responsibilities she has agreed to. I will support her in fulfilling this covenant.

I designate _____ to be the chaperone for my daughter during the United Methodist Women South Carolina Conference sponsored Mission u event to be held July 26-28, 2018 at Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, SC. I have read and understand the United Methodist Women South Carolina Conference policies and procedures for adult chaperones below.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian (If different from Chaperone)

Printed Name _____
Contact Phone # _____ optional number: _____
Date: _____

MEDICAL RELEASE FORM

All participants are required to provide medical and insurance information as well as parental consent for necessary treatment in the event of illness or injury.

Participant's Name _____ Date of Birth _____
Address _____ Phone # _____
Father's Name _____ Mother's Name _____
Family Physician's Name and Telephone # _____
Insurance Carrier Name and Plan # _____ Policy # _____
Date of last tetanus booster _____

1. Does the participant have allergies to Insect Sting, Food, Drug, etc?
NONE _____ YES _____ (If yes, please put details on back.)
2. Is the participant under the care of a physician for a medical problem?
No _____ Yes _____ (If yes, please give necessary details on back.)
3. Is the participant taking any medication prescribed by a physician?
No _____ Yes _____ (If yes, please list the medications on the back along with detailed information an attending physician needs to be aware of.)

I give my permission for such diagnostic and therapeutic procedures as may be deemed necessary for the participant by qualified medical care providers, hospitals or physicians while the participant is in route to or from or in attendance at the United Methodist Women South Carolina Conference Mission u 2017 event to be held July 27-29, 2017 at Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, SC.

Initials of Parent or Legal guardian _____ Date _____
Printed Name _____ Relationship to Participant _____
Home/cell # _____ optional number: _____

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COVENANT FOR ADULT CHAPERONES WITH TEEN WOMEN

As a designated adult chaperone with teen women at the United Methodist South Carolina Conference Mission u 2018 to be held July 26-28, 2018 at Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, SC, I (Print Name)_____ hereby accept the responsibilities outlined in this covenant and affirm my compliance with all United Methodist Women South Carolina Conference policies and procedures related to reducing the risk of sexual abuse, ensuring the safety of teen women participants, and administering appropriate disciplinary action when necessary.

I acknowledge that I have not been convicted of any illegal conduct involving a minor, specifically, but not limited to child abuse (either sexual abuse, physical abuse, or emotional abuse).

I acknowledge and agree to be the designated adult chaperone for the following teen woman/women {list names of all, not to exceed 8 as per chaperone}

I understand that it is my responsibility as the adult chaperone for these teen women to provide 24-hour supervision during the United Methodist Women sponsored event; however, I am not required to attend the study with the teen woman. Should I become unable to perform my responsibilities, I agree to contact the designated United Methodist Women Mission u officer or study leader and remain with the teen women for whom I am responsible until an alternate chaperone can be designated.

I agree to do everything possible to ensure the full participation of these teen women in the event and their fulfillment of the covenant they have individually signed and collectively agreed to uphold.

Furthermore, I personally agree to uphold the standards set forth in the covenant for teen women participants, abide by all restrictions placed on them, and serve as an exemplary role model at all times during the event or meeting.

I agree to participate in the orientation for adult leaders and chaperones with teen women at the United Methodist Women sponsored event or meeting. I have read, understand and will follow the "two-Adult Rule," the guidelines for mentoring, consultation with a teen woman, and all covenant disciplinary rules.

Initials of adult Chaperone_____ Date_____

Printed Full Name

Home Phone #_____

Cell phone number to be used on campus _____

GUIDELINES FOR ADULT CHAPERONES AT S.C. CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN EVENTS I (Print Name)_____ agree to comply

with the "Two Adult Rule" at all times so that no adult is ever alone with teen women. When providing one-on-one mentoring or consultation with a teen woman, I will keep the door of the room open at all times and remain in plain view of others. I agree to report any suspected child abuse or inappropriate behavior between an adult and minor to the designated United Methodist Women Executive Officer.

When it becomes necessary to take disciplinary action for minor violations of the covenant, I agree to use non-physical forms of discipline and employ mediation techniques whenever possible. In so doing, I agree to reserve judgment until all the facts have been obtained and the teen woman committing the

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violation has been given the opportunity to explain her conduct. Any minor violations of the covenant shall be resolved as promptly and amicably as possible. Responsibility for maintaining the covenant rests with each teen woman and the entire group (that is, the adult chaperone and the teen women she is designated to supervise). Every effort should be made for mediation, reconciliation and empowerment within the group to resolve the situation and to negotiate the consequences for minor violations of the covenant. The adult chaperone shall facilitate the mediation and allow the entire group to participate in repairing the brokenness of the covenant.

MINOR VIOLATIONS OF THE COVENANT ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Excessive noise or disruptive behavior.
2. Disrespect for another's person or property.
3. Late for curfew (not in her room when curfew begins).
4. Breaking curfew (leaving her room after curfew begins).
5. Late to scheduled activities, sessions or meals.
6. Uncooperative attitude.

In the case of major violations of the covenant or civil or criminal violations of the law, the adult chaperone shall immediately intervene without consulting with the rest of the group. The parent or guardian shall be notified promptly. Major violations of the covenant are not immediate grounds for termination of participation and should be decided between the adult chaperone, teen woman, and parent or guardian. Civil or criminal violations of the law are immediate grounds for termination of participation. In the case of termination of participation, the adult chaperone shall notify the designated United Methodist Women National Office executive staff member immediately and inform her of the circumstances.

MAJOR VIOLATIONS OF THE COVENANT ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Repeated minor violations (more than three of the same or different).
2. Damaging, defacing, or destroying property.
3. Leaving the site without permission.
4. Skipping scheduled activities, sessions or meals.
5. Violent or abusive behavior or language toward another.
6. Endangering one's own or another's safety.

GROUND FOR IMMEDIATE TERMINATION OF PARTICIPATION ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Any civil or criminal violation of the law.
2. Use of tobacco, alcohol, or illegal substances.
3. Possession of firearms, weapons, or fireworks.

In the event that another adult leader or chaperone witnesses a violation, she shall immediately refer the matter to the designated adult chaperone for the teen woman involved. The designated adult chaperone shall take the necessary steps to ensure proper handling of the situation as outlined above.

Chaperone Initials _____ Date _____

Teen Initials _____ Date _____