

Gleanings News

MARCH | 2017

Columbia District Day Apart Retreat

Evelyn Fulmore - Wesley Chapel UMC – Retreat Speaker

Saturday, March 4, 2017

**Salem UMC
1321 Salem Church Rd.
Irmo, SC 29063**

NEWS WATCH...

- Columbia District Day Apart Retreat - March 4, 2017
 - Spiritual Growth Retreat Lake Junaluska, NC - April 28-29, 2017
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Evelyn Fulmore Interview

Columbia District Day Apart Speaker

What makes you this strong confident woman eager to share your love of God with other women? **I believe what makes me a strong and confident woman of God is the nurture and care I received from many strong and confident women of God! My Mom being the FIRST. She has instilled in me the Spirit of Christ, which is that of hope, love, and joy! I can't say that I have not been through a lot over my life but I can truly say throughout it all I still have joy!**

Have you always been a woman of God? **No, I accepted Jesus as my personal Savior when I went off to college my freshmen year. I must say that as a child I knew I loved God. I just did not know the path to confession and submission to Jesus Christ. I thank God every day for Jesus!**

What makes Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church in Lake City so wonderful to you? **Wesley Chapel UMC is my home church, the family church. There I learned the basics to living for Christ. I was nurtured by many in Wesley Chapel and I am so thankful to be able to serve there.**

Who was that influential woman/man growing up? **My Mother and Father Why? I know that sounds like a cliché but it is TRUE! They are both God-fearing people. My Mom is still living but my Dad has gone on to Glory in January 2011. They both love life and their family and God. The five of us knew that love every day of our lives! I am just blessed to know that success and being good to people for most people is synonymous for Kingdom of God living but above all being a Witness to the Resurrection Power of Jesus Christ to others by how you live and have relationships with God and man is the true testament of the Kingdom of God life!**

From The President's Pen:

This is the day the Lord has made, Let us rejoice and be GLAD!!!

Hello my Sisters in Christ,

Our year is moving right along and I think we are off on a great beginning. It is my prayer that we all are about our Father's business of making Him know to others through our Mission work.

I attended my first board meeting with Killingsworth as ex Officio member and learned a tremendous amount on how Killingsworth operates and it's wonderful ministry to the ladies that it serves. I have not attended a Bethlehem Board meeting at this writing, however, will plan to meet with them very soon.

The Columbia District was asked to provide a meal for workers at the Revolution Youth Explosion at the Township on Jan 27. Thanks to Debra Schooler, Pam Thomas and Betty Void on representing the District at this event. I feel sure the event workers were very appreciative for all the fried chicken and all the trimmings.

I attended Leadership Training on January 27-30, 2017 in Charlotte. The conference was hosted by our leaders from the national office. I was privileged to meet UMW sisters from all across the US. Learned a lot and hope to use skills learn to help grow our district.

My goal is to visit all units in the district over the next two years. Please be sure to use the Gleanings to advertise your events. I hope to be available to attend because I want to be supportive.

District Day Apart is set for Saturday, March 4, 2017 at Salem UMC. Registration begins at 8:45am. Hope your registration has already been mailed. The ladies of Salem are busy making preparations for our arrival. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Remain faithful and hopeful and active to help Columbia maintain its level of service to our community, city, state and nation.

In His Service,

Sandra Love

Columbia District President

Message From Our Vice President

Happy New Year to our UMW Sisters

I hope all of you wonderful women have had a blessed holiday season and are ready for lot of fun and exciting challenges in this new year.

We started our year with our annual officer training at Trinity Blythewood UMC and the Trinity ladies did an exceptional job hosting us. There were over 95 ladies in attendance and I thank all of you ladies who showed up on a Saturday morning to learn about your positions. Thank you ladies!!!!

Our next event is our annual Columbia District "Day Apart" Retreat. This year the Retreat will be held at Salem UMC, [1321 Salem Church Road, Irmo, SC 29063](#). [Registration will begin at 8:45 and the program will start at 9:30.](#) Our speaker this year is Evelyn Fulmore, from Wesley Chapel UMC in Lake City, SC. I know she will inspire us and touch us in ways that enrich our faith. I encourage each of you to come and bring friends. It is always inspirational and fun. Hope to see you there!!!

[On April 28th and 29th, we will have our annual "Spiritual Growth Retreat" at Lake Junaluska, NC.](#) Everyone who attends this Retreat comes back renewed and excited about God's ministry through us. Registration forms are available in the December 2016 "Gleanings".

Please look at the Calendar of Events in this issue of the "Gleanings:"!! We have lots of events and my goal this year is to attend them all!!! Each of these events renews me and inspires me and in this crazy world, I need help staying centered in Christ.

As your new Vice President, I attended the Church Women United annual meeting and installation of officers on Friday, January 27th, at Brookland Banquet Center in West Columbia. The speakers were from Toby's Place, a ministry of the Oliver Gospel Mission. They are building a shelter on Two Notch Road for homeless women and children. There are many opportunities for us to get involved to help make a difference in the lives of the women and children served by this Ministry. Please visit their website "[olivergospelmission.com](#)" to learn more about "Toby's Place".

I also attended the CWU Bible Study on February 3, 2017 at Bethel United Methodist Church. It was wonderful and very powerful. I will never look at the parable of the vineyard in the same way. I was truly blessed by the study. Please plan to attend next year. I promise you will not be disappointed.

I have attached the calendar for the 2017 Church Women United events. I plan to go to as many as I can. "The World Day of Prayer" will be on March 3rd at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral with registration at 10:30 with the Program beginning at 11:00. I know it will be a special day!! I hope to see you there.

I know we are all busy, but my goal for this year is to make sure I am not too busy to attend events that grow me in my faith and not be too busy to serve my powerful God!!! "1 Samuel 12:24 (Good News Translation) "Obey the Lord and serve him faithfully with all of your heart. Remember the great things he has done for you."

Yours in Christ,

Debra Schooler

Columbia District Vice President

Secretary's Report

I am serving the Columbia District as Secretary this year. I am so pleased to be working with Sandra, Debra, Pam and all the other ladies on the Executive Board of Columbia District United Methodist Women. I have served with these ladies in other positions and welcome this year of service as secretary.

Thank you to all local units who have sent in their list of current officers. If your unit has sent this list to me, your president should have received an email copy of the 2017 Columbia District United Methodist Women. This directory includes the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer name, phone number and email address. If you have not received your directory from your cluster leader, please email me and I will send out an email copy. If you do not have email, I will send you a printed copy to your home address. My address is at the bottom of this report.

By the time you receive this copy of *Gleanings*, Legislative Day and Day Apart will have occurred. I hope many of you were able to take part in both events. Forms for registration for Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junulaska, April 28-29 and Come Together, Be Together at Cumberland UMC, Florence, May 20 are in this issue of *Gleanings*. Make copies and encourage your members to attend.

The district team is working to update and revise the Standing Rules for Columbia District. This has been a work in progress and we are hoping to have a final draft to present to the board for consideration by early summer.

As you begin your spring cleaning, remember these words from Ecclesiastes 3:6; *"A time to keep, and a time to cast away"*.

Pat Gundler

Columbia District Secretary
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Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to be the new Columbia District Treasurer replacing Debra Schooler, who has done an outstanding job for our organization. I enjoyed our Treasurers training in January. It was good to meet everyone, to share insight, knowledge and spend time together. If you were unable to attend the training, please let me know and I will send you a 'Treasurers' packet. Also, send me your e-mail address so I can include you to my master list. I would like for all of us to be able to e-mail each other with information, tips, and any changes/additions that we may need to make during the year.

Pledges are important. Please encourage your units to set a pledge in 2017 to Mission. Complete the 2017 Pledge to Mission Form and submit to me by March 30, 2017. This money helps make mission possible in local communities and around the world, and for mission partners whose tireless efforts improve the lives of the most vulnerable. I pray that we will all dig deep this year so we can meet our pledge to Mission goal.

Bits & Pieces "Save the Dates"

2017 Remittances Reports are due **March 15th, June 15th, September 5th, and December 5, 2017**. The third and fourth quarter Remittance Reports are requested earlier to accommodate the annual meeting and end of year closing of accounting records.

Arrange for the year-end audit/review for 2016. Send a copy of the auditor/reviewer's summary of findings letter to the United Methodist Women district treasurer by **March 30, 2017**, my address is listed below. Retain a copy of the complete audit with your records. Gifts to The Legacy Fund should be included with quarterly Remittances Report to have an accurate record of Columbia District gifts. For more information about the Legacy fund go to website, www.umcsc.org/umw.

District Treasurer's new contact information for communication, Remittance Form, and Registration Form submittal:

Pamela W. Thomas
 Columbia District Treasurer
 P. O. Box 23067 Columbia, SC 29224
 E-mail: pamtjbiz@gmail.com
 Home: 803-782-5422. Cellular: 803-629-0246

Thank you for all you do for the kingdom!

Pam Thomas

Columbia District Treasurer

Social Action Coordinator

Greetings Sisters in Christ,

The 2017 Legislative Day theme was **Passion, Vision, Action.**

- Passion, a strong feeling of enthusiasm or excitement for something.
- Vision, unusual discernment or foresight; direction.
- Action, the fact of process of doing something typically to achieve an aim.

The theme tied into the Bible verse James 2:26, *“As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.”*

Deeds are actions taken because of one’s faith, therefore demonstrate, and authenticate one’s faith, “not that works must be added to faith but that genuine faith includes works.” It is the very nature of genuine faith to express itself in works. James is referring to moral actions flowing naturally from genuine faith, so that the faith and deeds are not a dichotomy, but a unity.

James calls for action--giving of material help for people lacking food and clothing. He calls for the acts of love commanded by Christ’s “royal law.” We find in James a conviction that Christians are responsible to care for each other.

“Faith without deeds;” such faith is no good, of no use or benefit. Faith that does not result in deeds is a faith that is utterly useless, ineffectual for salvation and in fact dead. The Biblical truth needs to be preached and taught for social consciences of Our church. It must be unthinkable for us, too, that our faith would lead us to ignore needy people.

Faith in James means a life of faith. He strongly emphasizes that faith is a stance of belief and trust toward God's--trusting in God even in the face of trials. But with equal strength James emphasizes that genuine faith is “working faith.” It is the stance of belief toward God by which one endures trials, asks for wisdom, resists temptation, control’s one's tongue, looks after orphans and widows in their distress, keeps oneself unpolluted by the world, avoids favoritism, loves one's neighbor as oneself, gives physical necessities to the poor and in short, lives “as a doer of the word.”

Of course, Christians fail to live up to this perfectly; perhaps this is why James bothers to write about it. But if the works of faith are not present, the authenticity of one's faith is in serious question. "Genuine faith, faith that does result in salvation, must acknowledge the lordship of Christ and so respond to Christ's word with actions of obedience.

James takes it for granted that believing in Christ (trusting in God) will move you to feel compassion for - and act to help- someone in need.

James expects Christians will work for the benefit of others in need as a result of placing faith in Christ. We can never say, "I believe in Jesus and I go to church but I keep my personal faith outside my work." That kind of faith is dead. James words "You see that a person is justified by works not faith alone" challenge us to work out our commitment to Christ in our daily activities.

Faithfully in Christ,

Cindy Ballenger

Columbia District Social Action Coordinator

Membership, Nurture, and Outreach Report

IMPORTANT REMINDER

The 2016 Local Membership Census data is to be submitted electronically to the National Office by March 30, 2017. If you have not input your data, please do so by March 30.

The link for inputting Membership Census data is:

www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census2016

Further, MEMBERSHIP is excited to introduce the “*myUMW*” MEMBERSHIP LOG,” which is designed to capture each member’s demographic information in order to customize her experience as a UMW member. Once the membership log is completed, the UMW member will receive a MEMBERSHIP CARD for their files. With these NEW tools, the national office is confident that they will be able to reach all members!

The My UMW Membership Log internet link is:

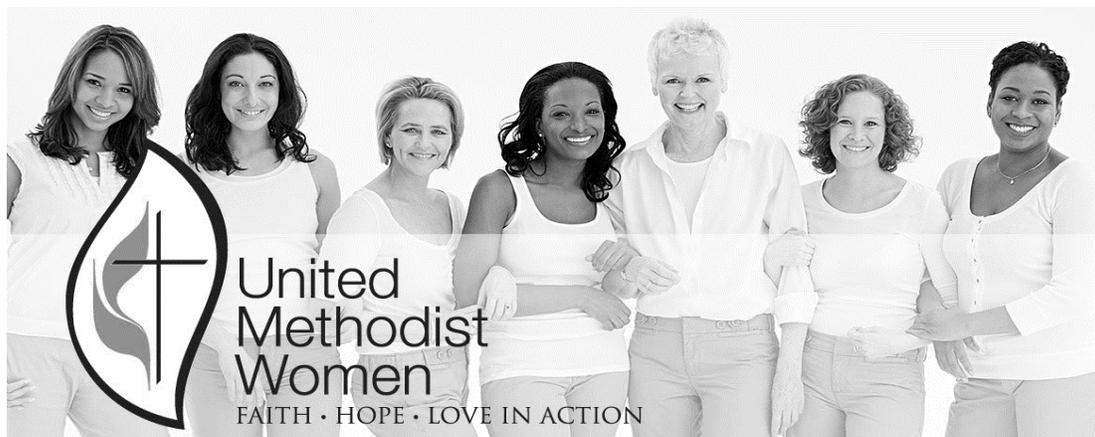
www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/myUMW.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me and I will be more than happy to assist you.

Blessings to all and thank you for your continued support and service to UMW.

Maeward S. Belk

Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator
224 Meadowbury Drive, Columbia, SC 29203
E-mail: mbelk@sc.rr.com, Phone: (803) 786-5659



Education and Interpretation's Report

Hello, my name is Meredith Dreibelbis and I am the new District Coordinator for Education and Interpretation. I would like to give special thanks to the former coordinators, Jenny Rawlings and Pat Gundler, for your advice and help in getting me off the ground in my new position.

Communication is important to a fine running organization and I look forward to communicating with everyone. To perform my job, I will need a contact person for each unit in the district. Each unit should have an Education and Interpretation Coordinator of which I will need their name and email address. However, if your unit does not have one, please choose someone and send me their name and email address and/or phone number: mdreibelbis@sc.rr.com.

Our primary focus as the UMW is mission, and it's up to each of us as members to spread the word about the five missions in our state that we support. Most of you know about our Five Missions; however, there are members in your unit who do not. I am asking you to help me spread the information of each of the missions by talking about Killingsworth, Rural Mission, Wallace Family Life Center, Bethlehem Center, Spartanburg, and Bethlehem Community Center, Columbia.

Please note Mission and Month emphasis: **Wallace Family Life Center, February; Rural Mission, March; Columbia Bethlehem Center, April; Killingsworth, September; Bethlehem Center Spartanburg, October.**

Each of our missions have many needs both financial and items, but each mission has also requested lots of prayers. I will be communicating the specific needs for each mission as I receive that information (hence the importance of having a contact person for each unit).

All missions need: new postage stamps for mailing, copy paper, trash bags, gift cards (Walmart), paper products. Each mission expresses their gratitude to the UMW for all the support to their organizations.

A copy of the Mission Today Action Form is in this issue of Gleanings. Please have your units begin reviewing and working on completing the criteria to be recognized as a Mission Today Unit at the Annual District meeting in September.

The **Wallace Family Life Center** is a family oriented facility. Their mission is to provide educational, cultural, recreational, and religious programs to enrich the lives of the people in the Wallace Community. The center provides programs for children and adult. There is an Afterschool Enrichment program for Kindergarten through sixth grade, as well as, a Summer Enrichment program for students grades K-8. There is an Adult Education Program and an Adult Arts and Crafts Program. Visitors and volunteers are invited to help with any of the ministries at the Center. There is a Male Mentoring Program (Men of the Future) in which guidance and leadership skills are provided for the group of men.

The Columbia Bethlehem Center is expanding their services. Starting March 1,2017, they will be offering free GED classes. They have paired with Adult Education with Richland School District 1 and Wateree Community Actions. Adult Education will facilitate the classes and Wateree will pay for GED testing for qualified students.

Prayers and Blessings,

Meredith Dreibelbis

Columbia District E&I Coordinator

Mark your calendars!!

Columbia District Day Apart Retreat

Speaker: Evelyn Fulmore - Wesley Chapel UMC - Lake City, SC

When: Saturday, March 4, 2017

Where: Salem UMC
1321 Salem Church Rd.
Irmo, SC 29063

Registration – 8:45-9:30am

Deadline: February 25, 2017

Program starts: 9:30am

Lunch will be: 12:00 noon

Cost: \$12.00

Make checks payable to: Columbia District UMW.

Mail to: Pam Thomas
PO Box 23067
Columbia, SC 29224

Name: _____

Church: _____

Is this your first time attending: _____ yes _____ no.



2017 Spiritual Growth Retreat Registration Form
South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women
April 28-29, 2017
Lake Junaluska Conference Center-Lake Junaluska, NC

For Registration Information, contact Elizabeth Duncan@843-757-3352 or email: lizzyduncan2000@gmail.com

THEME: "ONE IN CHARITY"

Name (please print name as you wish it to appear on nametag) _____

Address _____ City _____ zip _____

Phone # _____ District _____ Church _____

Email address _____

YOU *MUST* MAKE YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATION Call 800-222-4930 for hotel

Check all of the following that apply:

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

In case of emergency please contact _____ Phone _____

ONLY 1 retreat this year. Registration deadline is April 15, 2017 FEE \$10
Registrations postmarked April 16 or later-FEE \$15 * FEE \$20 if commuting (not staying at LJ Conference Center)**

Make check out to: SCCUMW

----- CUT HERE AND RETURN TOP PORTION TO REGISTRAR LISTED BELOW -----

-Friday, April 28-

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| Registration: | 1:00pm-4:00pm In the Bethea Welcome Center Retreat registration after 4pm in Stuart Auditorium |
| 1:00-3:45pm | UMW Resource Room-Room 202 Harrell Center |
| 4:15pm-5:30pm | Session I-Stuart Auditorium-Room 202 Harrell Center |
| 5:30-7:00pm | Dinner-Meal Ticket Required |
| 7:30-8:45pm | Session II-Stuart Auditorium |
| 9:00pm | Evening Workshop-Bistro Room Harrell Center |
| 9:00-9:35pm | UMW Resource Room-Room 202 Harrell Center |

—Saturday, April 29—

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| 7:00-7:30am | Morning Watch: Spiritual Walk-Memorial Chapel and at the Cross Inclement Weather-Lambuth International Room |
| 7:30-8:30am | Breakfast-Meal Ticket Required |
| 8:00-8:45am | UMW Resource Room-Room 202 Harrell Center |
| 8:30-9:00am | Suggested Hotel checkout and key return at Front Desk |
| 9:20am | Session III-Stuart Auditorium |

Send Registration along with fee (payable to SCCUMW) to:
Elizabeth Duncan
45 Foreman Hill Rd.
Bluffton, SC 29910

Hotel & Retreat registration will be in the Bethea Welcome Center.
Take Exit 103 and drive about 1 mile until you see Lake Junaluska
Conference and Retreat Center from entrance gate on the right. Turn
right and Bethea Welcome Center will be on your left.

Nylon scrubbers as gifts from Columbia District

Hello My UMW Sisters,

As we move forward in making plans in preparation of our SCUMW sisters in October 26 -28, 2017 at Union UMC in Irmo, I need your help in making keepsakes for each attendee at this event.

While Mt. Hebron ladies are already preparing "Angel bookmarks", I would like to add nylon scrubbers to our keepsake list for our guest.

I know we have 100's of crochet and knitting enthusiast in our mist. We need volunteers to begin making nylon scrubbers to be included in the registration packets as gifts from Columbia District.

Below is a photo of what I have in mind and also the website you may visit to get instructions on supplies and patterns.



Free Pot Scrubber Crochet Pattern

Maggie's Crochet
www.maggiescrochet.com

www.maggiescrochet.com

We will need around 400 of these.

Please email me at slgtar@aol.com to let me know if you can help. You may even get your friends involved. Feel free to make them in any color your desire

Let's get started!!

In His Service,

Sandra Love

| UNITED METHODIST WOMEN | | | |
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| THE REMITTANCE FORM | | | |
| FOR ALL TREASURERS | | | |
| Local Unit: | | District: | |
| Conference: South Carolina | | Period From: | |
| MISSION GIVING | | | TOTAL |
| 1. Pledge to Mission | | | |
| 2. Special Mission Recognition | | | |
| 3. Gift to Mission | | | |
| 4. Gift in Memory | | | |
| 5. World Thank Offering | | | |
| TOTAL MISSION GIVING (Lines 1 thru 5): | | | \$ - |
| DESIGNATED GIFTS | | AMOUNT | |
| 6. A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial | | | |
| 7. Supplementary Gifts | | | |
| A Brighter Future for Children and Youth | | | |
| Assembly Offering | | | |
| Scaritt-Bennett Center | | | |
| World Communion Scholarship | | | |
| Magazine Fund | | | |
| National, International, & UMCOR Projects <small>(If additional pages are needed, please complete the Supplementary Gifts - Details Form)</small> | | | |
| NAME OF PROJECT | ADDRESS | | |
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| <small>Total from additional page—Supplementary Gifts—Details Form</small> | | | |
| SUBTOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY GIFTS (Line 7 only): | | | \$ - |
| 8. Bequest <small>(Please attach a copy of the WIS or excerpt of the WIS.)</small> | | | |
| 9. Other Designated Gifts | | | |
| TOTAL DESIGNATED GIFTS (Lines 6 thru 9): | | | \$ - |
| MEMO TOTAL - TOTAL GIVING FOR QUARTER (Including Special Mission Recognition Orders) | | | \$ - |
| Less: SMRs (and other as applicable) remitted previously | | <small>(Enter as a positive number)</small> | |
| TOTAL REMITTANCE | | | TOTAL: \$ - |
| Treasurer: | | Address: | |
| Phone: | | Fax: | |
| E-mail address: | | Date: | |

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.

Send completed form to **Meredith Dreibelbis at 2801 N. Beltline Blvd., Columbia, SC 29204**

Columbia Bethlehem Community Center

We are excited about all the new and fantastic initiatives and events happening.

With a wise and diligent board, we were able to get a lot accomplished in 2016. After over 20 years, we were able to replace our roof and renovate our main meeting area. We partnered with a local academic based organization and hosted up to 30 students daily during the summer for ten weeks. We continued our partnership with Francis Burns United Methodist Church, serving on a daily average of 45 youth (age 18 and under) through summer feeding. During the month of October, we revealed a program entitled Bethlehem Round Up. This program allows us to open our doors to elementary and middle school students in the neighborhood. We offer homework assistance, snacks and recreational activities through a partnership with Columbia Housing Authority. We also secured a partnership with Richland County Public Library. **This past January both organizations visited Bethlehem Round Up and will continue 1-2 times a month.** Starting March 2017 through a partnership with Richland School District I Adult Education department, we will offer GED classes during the day. Please call our office for more information

With immense input from community partners, we have created a spotlight for the 2017 year. We will maintain our focus to provide resources and opportunities for families and children of the undeserved. In addition, we will specifically focus on initiatives and programs incorporating literacy, health and wellness.

We would love to visit and share more with you, your circle and or congregation about the activities and growth at the Columbia Bethlehem Community Center. Here at the CBCC we have so much to be grateful for and it is all because of you, our faithful partners and supporters.

Blessings, CBCC Family

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Kara Simmons

Executive Director

Columbia Bethlehem Community Center

[803-807-9582](tel:803-807-9582)

<http://bethlehemcenter.umcsc.org/>

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Columbia Bethlehem Community Center Continued...

Ready, Set, Let's READ!

We celebrated Martin Luther King Day 2017 by hosting our first book reading and signing. This was a successful inaugural event with our new program Ready, Set, Let's READ! With over 30 attendees, we were able to bless 20 families with a copy of **The Divine Adventures Collection: *Do You Know Who God is?*** Author Bonita Davis greeted each child with a warm smile as she personalized their brand new book.



Food Share Update

Smaller Boxes are now available. Now you may order a large fresh box of fruits and vegetables for **\$20** and a small box for **\$15** cash. If using your EBT SNAP card you will have the option of receiving a large box for \$10 or a small box for \$5, the remainder will be covered by Healthy Bucks'. Whether you order the large or small box order today! Give us a call or visit our website.



Food Share, one of our newer programs extremely excelled. Through volunteers and partners, we were able to serve 73 families from June- December 2016 with fresh fruits and vegetable boxes.

Save the Date:

Bible Study:

Every Thursday 6:15 pm -7:30 pm

2017 CHURCH WOMEN UNITED CALENDAR

Celebrations: Registration and refreshments begin at 10:30 A.M. with the programs beginning at 11:00 A.M. for Bible Study, World Day of Prayer, May Friendship Day and World Community Day. Registration for our Annual Meeting will begin at 10:30 A.M., followed by Lunch, our business meeting and program. Registration for The Human Rights Celebration will begin at 11:30 a.m. followed by the program at 12:00 Noon. Executive Board Meetings held when there is no celebration will begin at 10:00 a.m.

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| JANUARY 27 | ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCHEON | Brookland Baptist Banquet Center 1066 Sunset Blvd. West Columbia, SC 29169 |
| FEBRUARY 3 | BIBLE STUDY Executive Board Meeting | Bethel United Methodist Church 4600 Daniel Drive Columbia, SC 29206 |
| MARCH 3 | WORLD DAY OF PRAYER | Trinity Episcopal Cathedral 1100 Sumter Street Columbia, SC 29201 |
| APRIL 7 | Executive Board Meeting | Ebenezer Lutheran Church |
| APRIL 8 | SPRING LUNCHEON <i>Salads, Sweets, & Sisterhood</i> | Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church 530 St. Andrews Road Columbia, SC 29210 |
| MAY 5 | MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY | Reid Chapel AME Church 704 Gabriel Street Columbia, SC 29203 |
| JUNE 2 | Executive Board Meeting | Ebenezer Lutheran Church |
| JULY & AUGUST - | NO MEETINGS | |
| OCTOBER 6 | HUMAN RIGHTS CELEBRATION Executive Board Meeting | Shandon Presbyterian Church 607 Woodrow Street Columbia, SC 29205 |
| NOVEMBER 3 | WORLD COMMUNITY DAY | Haskell Heights First Baptist Church 1231 Blue Ridge Terrace Columbia, SC 29203 |
| DECEMBER 1 | Executive Board Meeting | Ebenezer Lutheran Church |
| JANUARY 6 | Executive Board Meeting | Ebenezer Lutheran Church |
| JANUARY 26 | ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCHEON | TBA |

Columbia Area Church Women United

Saturday, April 8, 2017 “Salads, Sweets & Sisterhood”

Luncheon and Musical Entertainment by "Slow Boss" (Seven Oaks Presbyterian Men's Group). Young Church Women (Ages 21-45) Will Be Honored. **Where:** Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall 530 St. Andrews Road, Columbia, SC 29210. Gathering at 11 A.M. with Lunch and Program from 11:30—1:30. Registration Deadline March 29, 2017. Absolutely no late registrations or walk-ins accepted. Send \$15.00 registration to: Mrs. Shelagh Wirth, 110 Robin Forest Drive, West Columbia 29170. (Please limit nominations to 1 or no more than 2 women per church). You may nominate a young woman between the ages of 21-45 who you think is deserving of this award. This young woman displays the character and faith that symbolizes the essence of a young Christian woman. Honorees will be informed of their selection before the luncheon. We ask that you pay for you honoree's lunch. Please submit your nominations to: Helen Schumpert, 2143 Oak Street. Columbia, SC 29204 or email her at hschumpert@yahoo.com. Nominations must be postmarked by Wed., March 29st! Include the following information: Nominee's name, address, telephone and email address, the nominee's family background, faith community activities, community activities and educational background. Tell us why you feel this individual should receive this award. Include your name, address, phone and email address. This is not a competition. If you nominate someone, she will be honored.

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May Friendship Day Celebration Friday, May 5, 2017

—Registration 10:30 A.M.—Program 11 A.M. Reid Chapel AME Church 704 Gabriel St., Columbia, SC 29203 Theme: “Kindling Fires of Love” Luke 12:49 Calling for Health Kits All churches are asked to present health kits at CWU's May Friendship Day Celebration. Each health kit should include only 6 items: one each - regular size tooth paste, tooth brush, a bar of soap; wash cloth, hand towel, and comb. Please place the 6 kit items in either a cloth bag or a plastic (gallon size) zipper bag. In 2016 2,678 health kits were donated by 54 churches, in 9 denominations to 17 social Service agencies. The kits were distributed to the following agencies: Children's Garden, Epworth Children's Home, The Cooperative Ministry, The Free Medical Clinic, Lexington Interfaith Community Services (LICS), The Nurturing Center, Palmetto Place Children's Emergency Shelter, Providence Home of Columbia, St. Lawrence Place, Telamon Corporation (migrant ministry), Transitions, The Women's Shelter, Mt. Hebron UMC Go Forth Ministries, Killingsworth Home, Lutheran Family Services Welcome House and Oliver Gospel Mission. On behalf of all of the grateful recipients of your generosity, we say “Thank you.” We look forward to your continued support of this vital ministry in our area. Contact Rowena Nylund – 803-252-7752 or rnylund@sc.rr.com with questions.

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**FRANCIS BURNS UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
“WOMEN’S DAY” WEEKEND CELEBRATION**

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2017 AND SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017

THEME: “CALLED TO SERVE COMMUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD”



Deaconess Barbara Brooks

Saturday, March 18, 2017 Workshop: “Latin America: People of Faith”

Location: Francis Burns UMC- Edward H. McDowell, Jr. Fellowship Hall

Workshop Leader: Deaconess Barbara Brooks

First United Methodist Church, Myrtle Beach, SC

Barbara is a retired teacher and former Vice President of the Marion District of United Methodist Women. She travels extensively throughout Latin America.

The Gathering 9:00 am – 9:20 am

Program 9:20 am – 1:00 pm

Lunch will be provided.

Please R.S.V.P. by March 11, 2017 to Janice Bogan, (803) 661-8282 or janbogan@nycap.rr.com



Rev. Regina Henderson

Sunday, March 19, 2017 Worship Service (10:00AM)

Speaker: Reverend Regina Henderson

CEO, The Riverside Group, LLC, Columbia, SC

She formerly served as Associate General Secretary of

Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church. Her global mission work has taken her to Peru on several occasions and to Zimbabwe in response to children orphaned by the HIV/AIDS pandemic. She says, “My work as a Christian missionary gave me a solid foundation to serve as a pastor for all God’s people with a heart for local and global mission.”

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“I’ve come to believe that each of us has a personal calling that’s as unique as a fingerprint – and that the best way to succeed is to discover what you love and then find a way to offer it to others in the form of service, working hard, and also allowing the energy of the universe to lead you.” — *Oprah Winfrey*



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