The Network News
Anderson District United Methodist Women
South Carolina Conference
MARCH 2018

Anderson District UMW
Day Apart
Saturday, April 14, 2018
Theme: “God’s Great Gallery”
Exploring God’s Wonderful Works!
Come and see What God has done
Psalm 66:5

Make plans to attend the 46th Annual Day Apart. Saturday, April 14, 2018 • 10:00am
McFalls Landing, 1625 Broadway Lake Rd, Anderson, SC. Registration begins at 9:00am. [see event details on page 7]

One of my responsibilities as Social Action Chairperson is to be an advocate for children. I didn’t come from a loving home and grew up at Thornwell Home for Children in Clinton, SC. It was through sponsors that I always had everything that I needed for daily life. For this reason, I have chosen Thornwell to be the benefactor of our donation collection at the Anderson District Day Apart held on April 14, 2018 at McFall’s Landing @ Broadway Lake. Please bring some of the items listed below:

- Bath towels/wash cloths
- Shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant
- Children’s underwear in all sizes
- Feminine hygiene products
- Paper goods

Your generosity to this organization is greatly appreciated!

God Bless,
DeDee Clarey • Social Action Chairperson

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Words from the President

Kate Hyder

United Methodist Women...faith, hope and love in action! Yes we can say that we are truly a group of women in action, sharing our faith and love. Already this year (2017/2018) we have participated in officers’ training, on both the conference and district levels. Locally we shared the holidays with many by our giving and supporting projects. We gathered to learn about how we can help those in need at Legislative Advocacy Day. Now it is time to get spiritually renewed. Let’s refuel our souls by taking time for ourselves at "A Day Apart”. Anderson District will hold their Day Apart on April 14 at McFalls Landing in Anderson. A beautiful scene of the lake awaits us as we rid our minds of everyday thoughts and focus on God; thanking Him for our past and listening to what He has for us in the future. (See registration form in this issue) Another great day of Spiritual Renewal is the conference’s “Spiritual Growth Retreat” at Lake Junaluska April 27-28. Don’t miss out on this opportunity to refresh yourself to better serve God. (See registration form in this issue)

Of great importance is the Membership Census 2017. All local units must report their census online at: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census2017. The census is due March 30, 2018. Please do not neglect this important chance to be counted as United Methodist Women. Anderson District’s numbers have been down for the past two years and we would like to see that everyone is counted. Lastly every church in the district has the opportunity to contribute to the “ME to WE” quilt project. Be sure to read the article in this addition of the newsletter for the details and how your church can be involved.

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Mark your calendars - News to know and share.

**March 2018**
- □ RURAL MISSION, INC. Special Mission Emphasis Month
  - Register to attend the Anderson District UMW Day Apart on April 14 at McFalls Landing, 1925 Broadway Lake Road, Anderson SC 29621. See registration form and details on page 7.
  - □ March 2 - World Day of Prayer Look for a local observance in your area. See: www.wdp-usa.org
  - □ March -- First Quarter Financial Report . Be mindful of your UMW pledge report quarterly or annually
  - □ March 23 : Legacy Fund: Day of Giving— Save the Date
  - □ Register and make lodging reservations for SC Conference UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska, NC on April 27-28. See forms deadline is April 15th
  - □ Men’s Kairos - Emphasis Month.
  - □ Calling all crafters! Work on items to donate to the Mission u Craft Room in July.

**April 2018**
- □ Columbia Bethlehem Community Center Special Mission Emphasis Month
  - □ April 01 - EASTER SUNDAY
  - □ April 14 - Attend: Anderson District UMW Day Apart McFalls Landing, Broadway Lake, Anderson
  - □ Women’s Kairos - Emphasis Month.
  - □ April 27-28 - Attend the SCCUMW Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska, NC.

**May 2018**
- □ May 7 - Anderson District Executive Committee Meeting at Saint Andrews UMC, Easley.
  - □ May 18-20 National Assembly : Columbus Ohio— Please be in Prayer for this gathering of UMW

**JUNE 2018**
- □ June 23 - Attend Come Together Be Together hosted by Woodland UMC in Rock Hill, SC.
  - □ Save the Date: Make plans and register for the Mission u at Spartanburg Methodist College:
    July 26– 28. Find details in your Mission Echo at umcsc.org/umw
The Legacy Fund

United Methodist Women is celebrating its 150th anniversary by strengthening and passing on its mission inheritance with the Legacy Fund. The forward-looking permanent endowment will provide a firm foundation for generations of United Methodist Women to come as they engage in mission with the women, children, and youth of their day. March 23rd will be our Annual Day of Giving for the Legacy Fund. Give during the month of March - or anytime. This special day celebrates the first day that our beloved work as an organized group of women began, back in 1869.

Gifts to the Legacy Fund can be made in several ways:

- Online: unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund
- By Phone: 800-278-7771 (Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. [EST])
- By Mobile Phone: Text LEGACY150 to 41444
- By Mail: Make checks payable to United Methodist Women
  475 Riverside Drive, Treasurer's Office | New York, NY 10115
  Write “The Legacy Fund” in memo section.
Be Counted
—oh how marvelous to be a “ONE” among the hundreds of thousands called United Methodist Women: Serving in faith, hope and love!
   In action for women, youth and children
   in your community and around the world

UMW Membership Census 2017 is due MARCH 30, 2018. The census is done online by each individual church. Unit Presidents are asked to complete the information for 2017. Access the online form at: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census2017.
Pastors, if your unit President does not have access to the internet please assist them in completing the questionnaire. Also if your church does not have an active unit, we ask that you complete the reporting yourself as the only member as listed in the Discipline.

READING PROGRAM NEWS—Judith Polson

Our UMW website says that the purpose of the Reading Program is to “Inform, educate and raise the consciousness of women to our social, economic and political realities, including the inter-connectedness of race, class and gender in women’s lives.”

Ordering books for your church is a gift to the women, children and youth and also the men of your church if you share the books with them. If you know what book(s) you might like to purchase for your unit, your circle, or for yourself, let me know and I can order them for the April Day Apart. If you are unable to attend the Day Apart, I can still order the book(s) and you can let me know how to get it or them to you.
   I will order a good supply of books, but if you know what you might like, you can guide me in what I select.

Ask your resource person or your unit president for the Reading catalog.
   You can find it online as well at https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram
CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE DIAMOND UNIT AWARD

This form is to be completed by the unit President or Social Action Mission Coordinator. For a unit to receive a Diamond Unit certificate, the unit must complete three or more activities from a list of activities that promote racial justice. At least one of several specified activities must be included. The dates of the activities must be noted and reported to the district Social Action chairperson by September 1, 2018.

DIAMOND AWARD ACTIVITIES

A UNIT MUST COMPLETE ONE OF THE STARRED ACTIVITIES AND AT LEAST THREE ACTIVITIES TOTAL.

3. *Share articles from Response and New World Outlook or UMW Action Alerts relating to racism.
5. *Present a program on racial justice/human rights from the UMW Program Book.
7. Give a report to the unit about an experience of attending a musical or theatrical performance by persons of a different race, culture, or ethnic background.
8. Send at least one member to Legislative Day.
9. Participate in postcard writing to encourage legislation favorable to the economically deprived or challenged.
10. Experience worship, Bible study, or UMW unit program/activity with an ethnic group different from your own.
11. Attend or host an international hosting party, culture fair, or other international event.
12. Participate in a Bible study on racism.
13. Celebrate Black History month in February.
14. Suggest and plan with your pastor a pulpit exchange with a pastor of another race.
15. Plan an event with a unit of a different race or ethnic background (a celebration, worship, Vacation Bible School, etc.)

Other _____________________

• Social Action Mission Coordinator DeDee Clarey
  • please send this report to: 1128Lakeview Dr., Greenville SC 29611
  Questions - call 864-616-5813 or email clarey8080@bellsdfouth.net
MISSION TODAY ACTION FORM • 2017-2018

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 Education & Interpretation Mission Coordinator:

Brenda Davis
287 Ann Davis Street | Westminster, SC 29693
e-mail – foxclayd@yahoo.com
(864) 647-9725
Due by September 1, 2018
46th Annual Day Apart 2018
Anderson District United Methodist Women
Saturday April 14, 2018 10:00 am At beautiful: McFall’s Landing
1625 Broadway Lake Road, Anderson SC 29621

Theme: God’s Great Gallery  Keynote Speaker: Rev Bernetha Orr

Registration is $7.00  Refreshments are provided  Registration day of event: 9:00am-9:45am
List all names from your church and send with monies payable to Anderson District UMW
to: Donna Hopkins 405 St Paul Rd Easley SC 29642
864-915-5872 / marcell405@bellsouth.net

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Kairos Prison Ministry - Anderson District UM Church
Anderson District United Methodist Women faithfully support Kairos through donations of cookies, Agape letters and monetary gifts. The collection for the Men’s Kairos Weekend is taking place during March. Contact your local church or unit representative for details. There will be an April collection for the Women’s Kairos Ministry. Contact your local church or unit representative.

SCCUMW Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska - April 28-29, 2018
Registration is underway! See your Mission Echo and The Network News. The theme is “It’s ALL about Grace” and the key note speaker will be Rev. Fran Elrod. Contact the Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center at 800-222-4930 to make hotel reservations.

Come Together Be Together - June 23, 2018
Plan to attend this inspirational and fun event to be held at Woodland UMC Rock Hill, the Florence District. Save the Date and we will follow up with the Mission Echo for benefits for our five mission projects. Also a listing of the items requested will be in the Mission Echo.

Mission u - July 26-28, 2018 at Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, SC
Jean Dosher, Dean: doscherj@comcast.net
Betty Swinton, Assistant dean: swintz23@aol.com

Craft Room at Mission u
All kinds of arts and crafts, and food items are needed for the Craft Room. Share your creative talents - and get ready to shop, too! Donations were down last year. A greater number of donations this year will help increase the proceeds which will benefit the five Mission Projects of the SCCUMW.
Spiritual Growth Retreat Registration Form
South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women
April 27-28, 2018
SPEAKER: Rev. Fran Elrod
THEME: “It’s ALL About Grace”

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

ADDRESS_______________________CITY_______________________ZIP_______

PHONE#_______________________DISTRICT_______________________CHURCH_______________________

Check all of the following that apply:
☐ First time
☐ Under 40
☐ NOT staying at the Lake Junaluska Conference Center

Registration deadline is April 15, 2018. Registration FEE is $10
Registration FEE is $20 if commuting (not staying at Lake Junaluska Conference Center)
Registrations postmarked April 16 or later - FEE is $15

CUT HERE AND RETURN TOP PORTION TO REGISTRAR LISTED BELOW
Send Registration along with fee (payable to SCCUMW) to: Susan Smith 110 Shady Creek
Court, Greer, SC 29650. For questions, contact Susan at 864-270-0598.

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

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

FRIDAY
APRIL 27
Registration in Bethea Welcome Center from 1pm-4pm
After 4pm,
Registration in Stuart Auditorium

DIRECTIONS
Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center
91 Lakeshore Drive, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745
- From I-40, take exit 27 onto US 19-23.
- Drive 3-4 miles. DO NOT take exit 104 -- it is easy to get lost.
- Take exit 103 and drive about 1 mile until you see Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center front entrance gates on the right.
- Bear right and follow the main road to the Bethea Welcome Center.
Visit www.lakejunaluska.com/directions/ for more info
Dear Sisters in Christ,

It is my honor to serve you as your Spiritual Growth Coordinator for the South Carolina United Methodist Women’s Conference. I am looking forward to the New Year and the fellowship we will have together in 2018.

Over the years my time with this organization has grown my faith, taught me the power of the Methodist women’s voices while giving me the opportunity to meet others from different backgrounds. How fortunate we are to have each other knowing we will support and love one another as Christ has directed.

We mighty Methodist Women have work to do in our state, in our country, and in our world. Our events throughout the year equip us to become part of the solution to the obstacles so many women, children, and youth face.

One of my favorite United Methodist Women events is the Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska. This beautiful setting offers a chance to reflect, recharge, and open our minds and hearts to seek and hear God through our speakers message, music, prayers, fellowship and nature.

I am thankful to be part of the planning of this annual event. We extend this invitation to you and your friends and a family to come experience this meeting at the lake April 27-28th.

Blessings to you and those you hold dear,

Caron Cooper

SCCUMW Spiritual Growth Retreat Coordinator

**Colossians 3:15-17** The Message (MSG)

“Let the peace of Christ keep you in tune with each other; in step with each other. None of this going off and doing your own thing. And cultivate thankfulness. Let the Word of Christ—the Message—have the run of the house. Give it plenty of room in your lives. Instruct and direct one another using good common sense. And sing, sing your hearts out to God! Let every detail in your lives—words, actions, whatever—be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way.”
AN INSPIRING EVENT: Women working together to give other women the help they need to be whole again and able to stay that way inspired all of us who attended the Circle of Care held at St. John’s UMC in January. We heard testimonies from the board chair and several of the residents and former residents about the ministry that gives women a welcoming, life-changing place to live and heal.

Located in Columbia, the ministry started out as a home for working single women in the Columbia area. As women began living more independently, the need for a home for women coming out of abusive situations, drug addiction, and prison arose. This need is huge and Killingsworth provides shelter, stability and the way to move forward.

“Everyone needs to hear about this,” the Rev. Dr. Kitty Holtzclaw said, St. John’s pastor. “Isn’t it good that we can support this ministry through our connectional ministries?” We enjoyed meeting the women and hearing how much Killingworth means to them. The women were featured recently in Response magazine in an article by Jessica Brodie, editor of the Advocate.
The Purpose of United Methodist Women

The Purpose is adopted by the General Conference of The United Methodist Church as the official mission statement of United Methodist Women.

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.

Out of the Purpose are four mission foci that relate to the mission initiatives and priorities of United Methodist Women.

- To be a community of women
- To know God
- To develop a creative and supportive fellowship
- To expand concepts of mission