

September 1, 2017



The Purpose of United Methodist Women

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.



The Beacon

Charleston District UMW Newsletter

From Your President...

“All” people are created in God’s image...

That’s the first lesson that was explored in our Spiritual Growth study at our SCCUMW Mission u school held the end of July. The first covenant made by God with his new creation was one of care and grace. How are we doing these days in maintaining this covenant with God? Do we really care about all who are made in God’s image? Do we really care about the resources of this world which he gave to us? Are we uncomfortable accepting that **everyone** is an image of God and should be treated as such? Do we continue to abuse and exploit our planet for our own conveniences or turn our heads and ignore what is being done to it by others?

This first covenant with God revealed to us in the book of Genesis tied in quite well with our other two studies, one being on climate justice and the other on our missionary conferences in the United States. These include the poor in the Appalachian Mountains, and our Native American sisters and brothers in Oklahoma and Alaska. The fear and mistrust of other people with different backgrounds and different opinions is so prevalent in our society and our world these days. We don’t seem to want to acknowledge that it is God who made each of us in our own unique ways. God wants us to be in good relationship with others just as God wants us to be in good relationship with God. Do we continue to promote this fear of not enough for all, “us” versus “them”? Would it be better if we looked to God’s grace for guidance and action? How would it be if we replaced negative feelings with feelings of grace and care? Isn’t that what our foremothers set out to do at the very beginning of our organization? They decided that God’s grace is for all regardless of who they are or where they live, and these ladies decided to do what they could to care for those of God’s people who were in need of assistance in their lives.

The original founders of United Methodist Women are still great role models to follow. All the women who have followed in their footsteps have continued to keep the mission going. How are we doing at continuing this legacy? Will we carry on as a voice for the least of these? We have opportunities coming up to help our neighbors dealing with sickle cell disease and young teenage girls in our area who are being exploited in the sex trafficking trade. Will we share God’s grace and help care for them?

I want to thank my UMW sisters for all your expressions of sympathy on the death of my mother in June. She was my role model and inspiration for getting involved in United Methodist Women. She was a long time leader for her unit. I have felt your prayers during this difficult time for me and my family.

God bless you all,

Kathy

From Our Vice President

“But be sure to fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you.” 1 Samuel 12:24

Hello My Sisters in Christ,

To God be the glory for all the things He has done..... I thank God for the exciting duties He has appointed me as your Vice President. I consider it a pleasure serving and working with you – the UMW Officers of the Charleston District. I thank you for your support and assistance. I pray that each of you and your family are enjoying this wonderful hot summer.

Plans are in motion for our upcoming 2017 Annual Charleston District Meeting which will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at Knightsville United Methodist Church 1505 Central Ave, Summerville, SC. The Planning committee is creatively planning a program that is sure to be a blessing; I look forward to seeing you all in attendance.

As usual I am requesting all Cluster Leaders to assist with the registration process; you will be responsible for your cluster of churches to sign in. This will also give the women of your cluster the opportunity to meet and greet their cluster leaders. The Program Committee gives thanks to the women at Knightsville for their generosity of hosting this year's annual meeting.

Officers Training will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2018, provided there are no conflict with the Conference calendar, more information will be forwarded to you at a later date through your cluster leaders.

Be blessed my sisters,

Jeanette Alston
Charleston District Vice President

Treasurers' Corner

TREASURERS!!!

WHERE HAS THE TIME GONE!!! It's almost District Meeting time. Please have your third quarter remittances to me by 9/5/2017. The information I have received for the fourth quarter of 2016 and the three quarters of 2017 will be used to determine the different awards the units will receive at the District Meeting. As always we want to make sure every units gets the proper awards for which they have worked. By the time you read this, you should have gotten a pledge card for 2018. If you haven't received one, please call me immediately. If you cannot attend the meeting, you can mail the pledge card to me. Also, please ask your unit to consider raising your pledge for 2018. Because the pledge money from the units has been down, the District felt the need to reduce our pledge to the Conference for 2018. This move was not taken lightly. Hope to see all of you on 9/16/17 at Knightsville UMC. Thank you for all the work you do for your churches. My new and permanent contact information follows:

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Rubyliz44@gmail.com

Social Action News

The Diamond Unit certificate is awarded at each District Annual Meeting to each unit that completes three or more activities that demonstrates the unit's commitment to the ideals in the Charter for Racial Justice. You are to send a copy of this completed form to me before September 1, 2017 in order to be recognized at your district annual meeting and receive the Diamond Unit certificate.

September is National Sickle Cell Disease Month! On September 23, 2017 we will participate in the Sickle Cell Walk. This event is held to create awareness and financial support for those living with Sickle Cell Disease. The profit will be utilized to enhance healthier life skills and assist patients with emergency needs.

We would like to encourage everyone to come out and bring your family to make this event a great success. If registration forms are needed, please contact me at martha.sass@us.bosch.com or call at 843-729-5939. Registration should be done by September 1, 2017 to ensure you receive a t-shirt.

If you received the form, please send along with payment to Sickle Cell Services of COBRA, P, O. Box 71473, Charleston, SC 29415.

Each Unit is asked to donate \$50 to the Sickle Cell Walk on September 1, 2017. Please send donations along with the registration form to COBRA (attn.: Novella Larkins). She will keep track of all of the units that donate. I have attached another copy of the registration form and I am encouraging each unit to have one or two participants to come out and support the walk, if possible.

Thanking you in advance for your participation and donation,

Martha Sass
Social Action Coordinator
Charleston District UMW

Charleston District UMW 2018 Slate of Officers

President—Kathy Roys

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Secretary of Program Resources—Kelli Walker

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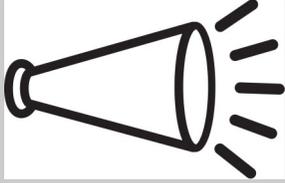
Social Action—Martha Sass

Education Interpretation—Susan Brooks

Membership, Nurture and Outreach—Denise President

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***Nominations Committee Members—Dennie Grunstra(2018), Edna Green(2019), Marie Green(2019), Cindy Scott(2019), Elaine Misskelley(2020), Diane Ford(2021)**



Calling All Units

It is that time of year again. Local UMW Units will be electing their officers for the 2018 term. I will collect this information to publish in the Charleston District UMW 2018 Directory. To help in that effort I have attached a reporting form for your Unit to fill out and return to me, by email at crogersberry@gmail.com or by post at:

Chris Rogers-Berry
9615 Cumbria Court
Summerville, SC 29485

The deadline for reporting will be October 31, 2017. I look forward to hearing from each of you as we prepare for a wonderful year of service.

God Bless!

Chris Rogers-Berry, Secretary CDUMW

Doors of Freedom Run/Walk

4th Annual Race for Freedom 5k Run/Walk

Saturday, October 7th at 9:00 AM

Wannamaker County Park,

8888 University Blvd., North Charleston, SC 29406

Join us for a fun day of raising awareness and providing education to the Charleston-area about the reality of sex trafficking and how it directly affects our community. We invite you to partner with us to raise funds to support Doors to Freedom's mission to provide a safe place for survivors of sex trafficking to experience a transformed life.

Charleston District United Methodist Women



Mission u 2017

Sickle Cell Services of

3962 Rivers Avenue

Committee on Better Racial Assurance

- P.O. Box 71473 • Charleston, SC 29415 • (843) 225-4866 • FAX (843) 225-4870
cobra@cobraagency70.com patientpower@cobraagency70.com Website: www.cobraagency70.com



PRESS RELEASE

Contact: Albertha H. Cook
843-225-4870 • cobraagency@bellsouth.net

September is National Sickle Cell Awareness Month, enabling us to focus on this devastating genetic disorder which affects about 100,000 people in the United States and millions more worldwide. Individuals affected must struggle and manage to live with the ramifications of this disorder on a daily basis. The level of severity of the disorder varies among those who are affected.

Research is being supported through strategic partnerships among Congress, NIH, CDC, other federal agencies and the American Society of Hematology to improve treatment options and hopefully find a cure.

Concerted efforts between health and social services providers are needed to consistently address medical, psychological, physical and social issues to avoid unnecessary sufferings.

The Sickle Cell Services of COBRA and Sponsors will hold their Annual Sickle Cell Walk on **Saturday, September 23, 2017** at the North Charleston Recreational Department's Park Circle. The walk will begin at 9:00 am with check in at 8:15 am. Community Services Tables, music, testimonies, honoring/memorial recognitions, and refreshments will take place until 2:00 pm.

Proceeds from the walk will support patients and families in enhancing healthy life empowerment skills for better health results.

Walk in Honor of a Living patient or in Memory of a deceased.

Pre-Register on Eventbrite.com or obtain a Registration Form. Adults - \$20.00
Children under 12 - \$10.00.

Deadline to qualify for a shirt prior to the event is September 1, 2017. Late registrations do not qualify for a shirt. All contributions are tax deductible.

Organizations/Groups interested in being sponsors, contact us:

COBRA Sickle Cell Location: 3962 Rivers Avenue
P.O. Box 71473 Charleston, SC 29415
Tel: (843) 225-4866 Tel/Fax: (843) 225-4870
Website: www.cobraagency70.com

Facebook page: COBRA Human Services Agency @ [cobraofcharleston](https://www.facebook.com/cobraofcharleston)

September – National Sickle Cell Month

Walk for Sickle Cell Disease

Registration Form

Saturday, September 23, 2017

Check in: 8:15 to 8:45 am - Walk Begins: 9:00 am

Community Services Ends: 2:00 pm

Park Circle – North Charleston, South Carolina

Name: _____

Address: _____

Street Apt #

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Child (*12 and under*) \$10.00 Shirt Size: _____ (*Sm, Med, Lge, X-Lge, LX*)

Adult \$20.00 Shirt Size: _____ (*Sm, Med, Lge, X-Lge, LX, 2X, 3X*)

Total Payment \$ _____ Total # of Shirts _____

If apply: Organization Affiliation: _____ Charleston District United Methodist Women

Group Leader : _____ Martha Sass 843-813-7088

Walk in Honor of living Patient: _____
List name and relationship

Walk in Memory of Deceased: _____
List name and relationship

WAIVER: This event is to assist Sickle Cell Patients, so COBRA is not liable if mishaps occur. Please be extra careful.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return Payment with this form to:
Sickle Cell Services of COBRA
P.O. Box 71473
Charleston, SC 29415

Shirts pick up schedule: Monday, September 18th through Wednesday, September 20th

6:30 to 8:30 pm COBRA Sickle Cell Office:

3962 Rivers Avenue, North Charleston SC 29405

Please have names and shirt sizes of persons you are picking up for.

If questions, call (843) 225-4866. Someone will return/respond to your call

Long Distance: 1-800-354-4704

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MNO—Denise President 843-442-
1595; dpresidentblue@yahoo.com

Get Ready! Get Ready!

“The Power of Bold”

UMW National Assembly

Columbus Ohio, Convention Center

May 18-20, 2018

Online registration begins Sept. 1, 2017 at
umwassembly.org

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



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

Please send your information to

cdumwcommunications@yahoo.com

Next Publication: December 1st

Deadline for Submitting Articles: November 15th

Calling All Quilters

Ladies,

The S.C.Conference is planning a special project for next year's Annual Conference which requires quilters from each district to make a special quilt representing their district. Funds are available and I have a lady in my unit with quilting supplies she would like to give away. If we have any interested quilters to help with this project or who just want quilting supplies, please contact me as soon as possible.

Thank You,

Kathy Roys



KILLINGSWORTH

transforming women

1831 Pendleton Street • Columbia, SC 29201

To Friends and Supporters and to those we hope will become both!

This letter is written to ask your consideration of sponsoring Killingsworth's annual Gala fundraising event: a dinner at Seawell's with a fashion show presented by Chico's and music throughout provided by The Dick Goodwin Quartet and featuring a festive silent auction. This year our theme will lead us into the Christmas season as we highlight 70 years of working to help women transform their lives at moments of significant change.

As a 501(c)3 nonprofit agency of the United Methodist Church for decades we have been offering a transition home and a supportive environment of counseling and referral services to adult women who have experienced tragic and debilitating crises. Our residents are referred to Killingsworth by both public and private agencies: drug and alcohol treatment centers; in-patient and outpatient mental health facilities; corrections facilities; shelters for victims of domestic violence; social services at Ft. Jackson and local hospitals as well as local pastors and other helping professionals.

Killingsworth is hosting our Annual Gala at Seawells. The Gala is a much anticipated event for many in the Midlands during the fall. We have had fantastic support. Let's work towards having a sell out for our 70th birthday celebration!

It is helpful to know that there are people in our community who support those who want to make significant, often difficult changes and live productive, meaningful lives. We would appreciate very much your gift of sponsorship to celebrate South Carolina women making those difficult choices and changes.

If you have any questions please call (803) 771-6359. Thank you for any support that you may be able to offer.

Sincerely,



Flo Johnson
President of the Board of Directors



Diane A. Moseley
Executive Director

25TH ANNUAL
KILLINGSWORTH Gala

Happy 70th Birthday!

KILLINGSWORTH

Thursday, November 9, 2017 • 6:00 pm at Seawells

1125 Rosewood Drive • Columbia, SC (across from SC State Fairgrounds)

Music by:

**THE DICK
GOODWIN
QUARTET**

6:00 pm - Silent Auction Preview

6:45 pm - Seated Dinner and Program

7:30 pm - Silent Auction Ends

Fashion Show and Door Prizes

Fashions by:

CHICO'S

Reservations are required and must include payment in the form of a check payable to Killingsworth. We encourage early reservations since Gala seating is limited. Your canceled check will serve as your receipt. Table assignments are made in the order in which paid reservations are received. Tickets go on sale September 5th and will be mailed to the contact person noted on the reservation form below. We regret that because of catering guarantees we cannot provide refunds if you are unable to attend.

ELITE RUNWAY TABLE.....\$600

Preferential seating for eight (8) near the runway and special recognition

RESERVED TABLE\$400

Reserved Table, seating for eight (8)

INDIVIDUAL TICKET\$50

Reserved Seating

RESIDENT BENEFACTOR.....\$50

This will enable a Killingsworth Resident to attend the Gala.

**CONTRIBUTION FOR
KILLINGSWORTH \$ _____**

I am unable to attend the Gala, however, I would like to support Killingsworth.

**SILENT AUCTION/DOOR PRIZE
DONATIONS FOR KILLINGSWORTH**

I would like to donate an item(s) to be used for Silent Auction or Door Prize. Item(s) must be received by November 1st.

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Tickets should be mailed to:

Contact Name: _____

Table Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND YOUR PAYMENT TO:

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Questions? Call 803.771.6359

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Be a Jewel! Be a Sponsor!

For seventy years Killingsworth has been a home for women who are in a major life transition. For the past forty-five years the kind of transition we have addressed has been from crises to stable healthy living. Women from across South Carolina have come to Killingsworth for more than four decades to begin the process of becoming productive responsible members of our communities. We have a lot to celebrate!

Be a Jewel! Whether you can be present or not, be part of the gift of transformation!

Support the mission of Killingsworth by becoming a Sponsor of our "Happy 70th Birthday, Killingsworth" Gala.

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

- DIAMOND.....\$1000
- RUBY.....\$500
- EMERALD\$250
- SAPPHIRE\$150
- PEARL\$100

Sponsor's Name as you would like for it to be published:

Address: _____

Email: _____

Please return this Sponsorship Form and your check made payable to Killingsworth to:
Killingsworth • 1831 Pendleton Street • Columbia, SC 29201

May we publish notice of your Sponsorship? Yes _____ No, Thank You _____

What becoming a Jewel can mean to you:

Notice of your Sponsorship will be published in the Gala program to 700+ attendees; in our newsletter sent to 4500+ households; on our new website, www.killingsworth.org.

Thank you for considering sponsorship of the Annual Killingsworth Gala.

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