Anderson District UMW theme for 2016: "It's About Time!"

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

ECCLESIASTES 3:1 KJV

Anderson District Officers Training
Saturday, January 16, 2016 - 9:30AM until noon
at Grace United Methodist Church
42 East Main Street • Williamston, SC 29697

All elected UMW unit officers, new and returning, are encouraged to attend this training session with your district counterparts. This includes: presidents, vice-presidents, circle leaders, committee on nominations chair, secretaries, treasurers, communication coordinators, secretaries of program resources; and the mission coordinators for Social Action, Membership Nurture & Outreach, Education & Interpretation and Spiritual Growth.

Join us and prepare to carry out God’s purpose as we fulfill the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women.

Rev. Tim Whited, pastor of Grace UMC/Williamston, will be our speaker.

2015-2016 Leadership Team
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cappyhyder@yahoo.com
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What a difference a year makes! Last year at this time I was a dedicated UMW member of a local unit attending a meeting every month. I was ignorant of the scope of what United Methodist Women is all about. It’s not about food. It’s not about entertainment. It’s not about time. It’s not even about money. All of these are important and needed, but United Methodist Women is about people.

We need to show up, stand up, and speak up for women and children all over the world who cannot do it for themselves. And this past year, the women of the Anderson District did just that. You showed up at events all across the state to become more aware of women and children’s issues, supporting them, and growing in your faith. You donated to various local organizations your time and monies to help the less fortunate. Hours were spent in volunteering for various church and community functions, providing food, clothing, and assistance where needed.

Is our work done? No, we have just begun! This year we need more... more involvement, more showing up, more standing up, and more speaking up. Will you be that one? Will you go to one more event? Will you stand up for one more person in need? Will you speak up for someone who needs help? Will you give just one more dollar to further God’s Kingdom?

Check this newsletter for dates, times, and places of United Methodist Women’s events. Mark them on your calendar. Make a commitment to be there. Be involved. You will be surprised at the benefits you reap; not just for others, but also for yourself.

Thank God for another year to work for Him and share His blessings with others. Blessings, Kate

Scenes from the 43rd Annual Meeting held at St. Andrew UMC, Easley on September 19th.
## ANDERSON DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN 2016 CALENDAR

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

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May we come together more and more both to enjoy each other and to learn from each other.

In Christ's Love, Judith Polson

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From the Treasurer ~ Snooky Forgue

Congratulations Treasurers! What a wonderful job you have done this year and I appreciate your hard work. We had 20 Five Star Units and 26 units that supported all five of our South Carolina Missions!

Please encourage all of your unit officers at your church to attend Officers Training on Saturday, January 16, 2016 as we get underway with some changes for 2016. The biggest change being our Administrative and Membership Development funds will be based on our Pledge to Missions only. Our donations for Special Mission Recognition, Gifts in Memory, Gifts to Mission and World Thank Offering will not be included as they have in the past.

All local unit treasurers should have received a letter from me in November. If yours did not, please ask them to contact me at: joyfulsnooky@hotmail.com. They may call me at 864.414.1714 and leave a message, including their address. I will be happy to mail any treasurer not receiving a letter from me a copy.

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Five Star Units with Gold Seal: Bethel-Pendleton, Bethesda, Clemson, Dickson Memorial, Emmanuel, Fairfield, First Church Easley, John Wesley-Anderson, John Wesley-Easley, Latimer Memorial, Mt. Zion, Robinson Chapel, Ruhamah, Salem, St. Andrew, St. John, St. Paul, and Zion-Anderson.

Five Star Units: Bethel-Iva, St. Luke.

Units recognized for supporting the five South Carolina missions: Easley Chapel, Grace-Pickens, Grace-Williamston, New Harmony, Pelzer, Pendleton, Porter's Chapel, St. Mark, and Trinity-Anderson.

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Everyone is welcome!
Come to a Mini Mission Study on Latin America
presented by Jane Hallums sponsored by Trinity UMW.

Trinity UMW welcomes Jane Hallums as she leads this session based on the geographic study she led at Mission U in 2015. We are delighted to offer this free workshop to all Anderson District United Methodist Women, friends, and interested guests.

Latin America Study
Saturday, February 20, 2016 • 9am - 12 noon
Trinity United Methodist Church
1809 N. Main Street | Anderson, SC 29621
(inclement weather date, Saturday, February 27, 9 - 12)

Please RSVP your expected count so we can plan appropriately. Your contact person will be notified if there is a need to change to the alternate date. Mail the form below by February 15th to: Sharon Bowling | 2409 Pope Drive | Anderson, SC 29625

Latin America Mini Mission Study • Trinity - Anderson

Church ____________________________
Contact Person ____________________________
UMW Members __________
interested guests __________
phone ____________________________
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~ Child care provided only upon request. ~
This updated list is being printed in this newsletter as some churches and their departed saints were not included in the program booklet of the 43rd Anderson District Annual Meeting in September.

I am so honored and humbled to be a part of this team. Together, I believe and I know, we can do all things in Christ! Peace and blessings to all.

*Philippians 4:13 [King James Version]*
I hope everyone enjoyed our 43rd Annual District meeting and the UMW State Conference. We had 11 churches participating in the 2014-2015 Reading Program. I am pleased that you participated but for the year 2015-2016 I would like to see that number increase. If there is any way I can be of assistance to any unit that wishes to start a reading program, please let me know. A good place to start is to send a representative from your unit to the training session that will take place on January 16, 2016 at Grace UMC in Williamston.

It is a blessing to serve you as your District Secretary of Program Resources. Marie Howard

### Living Timeline

Remember the Living Timeline at Assembly? We are now being encouraged to do this on a local level. Gather the stories of your women, past and present, who have done extraordinary work putting faith, hope and love into action and post them to our new Living Timeline Facebook page. Search Facebook for SC United Methodist Women Living Timeline. This will take you to the page. Anyone can post directly to the page or you can email the information to Tina Waters at twaters2@sc.rr.com. Be creative! Short videos, artwork, photo collages, or written stories are all welcome. Direct any questions to Tina.

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The NETWORK NEWS is published quarterly with a printed copy mailed to the addresses on record of the District Leadership Team, local unit presidents, treasurers, secretary and/or communications coordinators, circle leaders, and yearly subscribers. Those on the current e-mail distribution list will receive this newsletter electronically (PDF format). Help to keep these lists up to date by communicating with the District President and Communications Coordinator.

Individual subscriptions (printed copy) are available at a cost of $5 per year by sending your name and address with a check made payable to Anderson District UMW to the District Treasurer, Snooky Forgue. Send me an e-mail at any time to request to be added to the e-mail list.

The Network News and the Mission Echo of the SCCUMW can be found online at [www.umcsc.org/umw](http://www.umcsc.org/umw). You can also visit [unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org) to discover more about your United Methodist Women!

I welcome contributions of your local unit news, activities, pictures; and articles of interest relating to United Methodist Women. Space permitting, they will be included in future newsletters.

~ Cynthia Keesler, Communications Coordinator

Submit items for MARCH issue by February 16th

adumwcc@aol.com

864.260.9061

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Like Limitless SC on Facebook

Limitless Young Women are ages 14-30.
They believe in Ubuntu;
I am human Because you are human.
Legislative Advocacy Day 2016

“For Such a Time as This”
Tuesday, February 16, 2016
Weather make-up (February 23)

Epworth Children’s Home 2900 Milwood Ave.
Columbia, SC 29205          (803)256-7394

9:00-9:30 Registration (no on-site registration)
  9:30 Welcome
  9:45 Greetings
  10:00 Invocation
  10:55-11:10 Break
  11:10-12:05 Workshops
  12:05-1:05 Lunch
  1:05-2:05 Keynote Speaker (TBA)
  2:15 Tours of Epworth Children’s Home

Please invite your state legislators to attend. Indicate below ONLY if they plan to attend.

Registration Fee $20 (includes material, lunch and parking)
Postmark deadline  February 8, 2016 - Late Registration $30 - Space limited to 400 attendees

Make checks payable to SCCUMW. Send form and fee to:
Rebecca W. Eleazer, 5116 Burke Ave. Columbia, SC 29203, (803)754-0942

Name_________________________________________ Phone___________________email________________________
Street________________________________________ City___________________ Zip___________

Please check and complete all that apply to you:

____ UMW Member & District________________________
____ AAUM Member & Local Branch____________________
____ Church Women United___________________________

Special Dietary Needs____________________________________________________________________________

Childcare Needed_______ Child’s Age_____ (please bring lunch and snack for your child)

My state legislators: Senator_________________________________________ Attending?____
Representative_________________________________________ Attending?____

Please circle ONE Workshop Option

Mental Health    Security Issues    Climate Justice    Public Education Equality
SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

SC United Methodist Women’s Spiritual Growth Retreat
April 29 and 30, 2016
Lake Junaluska Conference Center – Lake Junaluska, NC

Send $10.00 with this form
Send $15.00 if commuting (not staying at the Lake Junaluska Conference Center)
Make checks payable to SCCUMW

ONLY 1 retreat this year
Registration **Deadline is April 15, 2016**
Send $15.00 with registration after April 15, 2016
Send $20.00 if commuting (not staying at the Lake Junaluska Conference Center)

PLEASE PRINT

NAME______________________________________E-MAIL______________________________

MAILING ADDRESS_________________________________________________________

HOME PHONE______________________ CELL PHONE_____________________

DISTRICT___________________________ CHURCH_________________________

___ I am a first timer
___ I am under 40 years old
___ I will NOT be staying at the Lake Junaluska Conference Center

**SEND TO REGISTRAR:**
Elizabeth Duncan
45 Foreman Hill Road
Bluffton, SC 29910
843-757-3352 home
828-808-6478 cell

*Hotel and 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 and Bethea Welcome Center will be on your left)

Call 828-452-2881 to make hotel reservations.
YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS
RETREAT LODGING INFORMATION

SC UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT
Friday, April 29th – Saturday, April 30th, 2016
Lake Junaluska Conference & Retreat Center
Lake Junaluska, NC

(PLEASE READ CAREFULLY)

*You may make your lodging reservations at Lake Junaluska by calling the Lake Junaluska Reservations Department at 800-222-4930 between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. The room block for this event will only be held until March 29th, 2016. Please make your reservations before that date.

*Please have your credit card ready at the time you make your reservation. A credit card is required upon check in and will be charged for the remaining balance at that time.

2016 RETREAT PACKAGE RATES**

**ALL RATES INCLUDE FRIDAY NIGHT'S LODGING + 3 MEALS (Dinner, Breakfast and Lunch).

Given below are the DOUBLE, TRIPLE, QUAD OCCUPANCY RATES:

Terrace Hotel (2 queen beds OR 1 king bed + private bath): $88/person, $77/person, $71/person
Lambuth Inn (various bed types + private bath) $81.50/person, $69/person, $62.25/person
Lakeside Lodge (2 dbl beds + private bath) $76/person, $66/person, $60/person
Junaluska Apartments $76/person, $66/person, $60/person
Mountainview/Sunnyside Lodge (dbl beds and bunk beds + private bath) $71/person $63/person, $60/person

(Children 11 years old and under who stay in the room with their parents are free and children 5 years old and under receive meals free.)

PLEASE NOTE: RETREAT RATES DO NOT INCLUDE $10.00 REGISTRATION FEE. PLEASE SEND IT WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FORM!

Southeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting
June 3 - 5, 2016 in Charleston, SC
Embassy Suites and Convention Center

Online Registration for this UMW event is underway! Find information online at http://bit.do/sej2016 and on our website: umscsc.org/umw. There you'll find lodging information, check-in details, meeting times; and for “free-time” - a listing of tour options and local attractions.

It is an honor for South Carolina to host this SEJ gathering. If you haven't already, make your plans now to attend!
Please complete and return the list of your 2016 unit officers no later than December 31, 2015 to Anderson District President - Kate Hyder | 106 Biltmore Ct. | Easley, SC 29642 864-360-7208 or email to cappyhyder@yahoo.com

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On a separate sheet of paper write the names of circles and their leaders and include their mailing address and email address so they may receive district communications.
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