ANDERSON DISTRICT
United Methodist Women
43rd Annual Meeting
Saturday, September 19, 2015
at St. Andrew UMC in Easley

Mark your calendars and plan to join the celebration - a little earlier than usual - of the faithful ministry and mission of the Anderson District United Methodist Women. Details and registration forms will be available in the next newsletter. Please note - report forms in this issue are due prior to this gathering.

The excitement builds as the Anderson District UMW prepares to host the

43rd Annual Meeting of the SC CONFERENCE United Methodist Women
at Bethesda United Methodist Church in Easley
October 23 & 24, 2015

Theme: “Welcomed by God, Welcoming All”

Teamwork will assure the success of this conference event as we plan along with the SCCUMW Program Committee. Be ready for ways each of our units and their members can help. Find info on pages 8 and 9 about what women of the SCCUMW will experience as we welcome them to the Upstate and our Anderson District.

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I am amazed at how quickly time is passing. Here we are in May (June by the time you read this) and many of our events have come and gone. Our Day Apart was spiritually uplifting to all who attended. All who ventured out for a couple of beautiful days to the Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska came back with our cups overflowing with faith, hope and love. Anderson District had 63 in attendance. Come Together Be Together was a fun day of sisterhood, inspiration and learning. Remember ladies, we now need to put what we learned into action.

What opportunities we have coming up to put our faith, hope and love in action! In July we get ready to head back to school at Spartanburg Methodist College to Mission U. My question to each of you is: "Are you taking advantage of these opportunities?" Opportunities to grow and to serve. God can and will use you in all the ages, stages, and changes of life. Need more time in your day? Putting God first in your life will increase your time.

Mark your calendar for the Anderson District Annual Meeting. The day is September 19th and the place is St. Andrew United Methodist Church in Easley. More details will be coming soon. Since the Anderson District is hosting, I know all of you have made your plans to attend the SCCUMW Annual Meeting in October. We need the involvement of everyone. So don’t be bashful. Let us hear from you asking, "how can I help?" before you hear from us saying, "Help!"

Looking forward to getting to know each of you through our many missions. Blessings, Kate

Mark your calendars - News to know and share.

**June 2015**

- Tracy Jackson Program of G.I.F.T. (General Instruction for Tomorrow)

**SPECIAL MISSION EMPHASIS MONTH - ANDERSON DISTRICT MISSION**

- Send Second Quarter Financial Report to Treasurer by June 5.
- Register by June 30 to attend SCCUMW Mission u at Spartanburg Methodist College. Women and youth girls can contact your unit leaders or see the June issue of The Mission Echo for information, registration forms, and scholarship application; also online at umcsc.org/umw

**July 2015**

- Rural Mission, INC. **SPECIAL MISSION EMPHASIS MONTH - NATIONAL UMW MISSION**

- Mission u - July 23 - 25 at Spartanburg Methodist College

**August 2015**

- Monday, August 3 at 4:00pm - Anderson District UMW Leadership Team to meet at South Main Chapel & Mercy Center (2408 S. Main Street, Anderson) followed by 5:45 meeting at Trinity UMC.
- Write a short article or send a picture of your Unit or Circle in Mission to go in the September Network News. Submit them to Communications Coordinator Cynthia Keesler by August 16.
- Mail completed forms to designated persons for District 2015 Annual Reports. Refer to March issue of Network News for the Charter for Racial Justice Diamond Unit Award form. (Due by September 6)
- Forms in this issue include:
  - Mission Today Action Form 2015 (page 4)
  - Annual Reporting Guide for 2015 (page 6)
- UMW Reading Program reports are also to be collected and submitted. See page 5.
Anderson District United Methodist Women
43rd Annual Day Apart

On the day of the event, the Lord sent rain! Outside, a little wet, a bit muggy. Inside, Frankie Hailey, rendered the sound of music, Holy Hands Praise Dancers, Welfare Baptist Church, blessed us with worship that expressed outward praise to God, an excellent rendition. Our Keynote Speaker, Reverend Eleanora Ellington of Emmanuel/Mt. Pleasant/Mt. Sinai United Methodist Churches provided a spirit filled message from the theme, “and what does the Lord require of you” – what a blessing!

Thanks to Reverend Kempie Shepard of Grace/Williamston United Methodist Churches who closed the program with the sacrament of Holy Communion, and to those who helped to serve. I must express, everyone who took part in the program, volunteers, and all engaging attendees, helped to make this program successful.

Thanks to all of you!
Many Blessings,
Bertha King
Spiritual Growth Coordinator
Contact: 864-653-8465
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Photos:
Held at Anderson County Main Library. The Resource Room.
Liturgical dancers. Rev. Kempie Shepard leads communion.
Speaker, Rev. Eleanora Ellington, District President Kate Hyder and Spiritual Growth Coordinator Bertha King.
MISSION TODAY ACTION FORM 2015

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:

Brenda Davis
287 Ann Davis Street Westminster, SC 29693
e-mail – foxclayd@yahoo.com
due by August 31, 2015
We have a huge problem of violence in our country and the world. We, as United Methodist Women, are encouraged to advocate wherever possible for peace and relief for victims. Violence in the home and sexual abuse have lately been in the spotlight though this kind of violence has always been prevalent. We need to educate our high school students about a zero tolerance for abuse, emotional or physical, in their dating relationships.

Immigrants and people with few choices for survival may become victims of human trafficking. Who are human traffickers? Many times they are family members, small business owners, gangs, brothel owners, labor brokers, farmers and employers of domestic servants.

Who are human trafficking victims? Often people hoping for a better life, people without a job, have an unstable home, have a history of being abused, immigrants, and at risk youth. The last two are the biggest categories. Young runaways and homeless adults are often snatched up by human traffickers in the sex trade or by other employers that impose harsh, unfair work conditions.

We can lend our support to shelters that take in those suffering from abuse. We can volunteer with Foothills Alliance and Safe Harbor. If you suspect human trafficking, there is a toll free number you can call to report it (888-373-7888) or you can call our state attorney general’s office.

“What does the Lord require of us but to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God.” — Micah 6:8

There have been comments made about the number of books available for purchase at the Anderson district meetings. The reason for this is that up until this year the resource center paid for the return of unsold books. Beginning this year however the postage on any returned books has to be paid by Anderson district.

If there are any reading program books that your unit would like to purchase at the annual meeting on September 19, 2015, please give me a call or email me at least by August 15. There will be plenty of program books and prayer calendars available. The deadline for having the Book program brochures to me is September 1, 2015. I need them early this year because our annual meeting is the 19th of September instead of being in October as usual. Please be sure the person’s name and the name of the Church is legible. If there is more than one church with the same name please designate the entire name. The brochures may be mailed to me at:

112 D Pinnacle Lane
Easley, SC 29642

Marie Howard, District Program Resource Secretary
leilahow@gmail.com  854-770-3744
LOCAL PRESIDENT’S REPORT FOR 2015 ANNUAL MEETING
For Period September 1, 2014 – August 31, 2015

UNIT NAME ____________________  PRESIDENT __________________

1. MEMBERSHIP:
   Number of members in local organization: __________
   Total number of members giving $5 a year for Wallace Family Life Center: __________
   Number of deceased members: __________
   Send a list of names to Bertha King, 136 Honeycomb Lane | Central, SC 29630
or email abking85@gmail.com or call 864-653-8465.

2. CONTRIBUTIONS:

   Five Star Requirements: (Enter Amount)  Five Mission Requirements (for Gold Seal)
   $  *Pledge to Mission  $  *Bethlehem Center – Columbia
   $  *Special Mission Recognition ($40)  $  *Bethlehem Center – Spartanburg
   $  *Gift to Missions ($5 per card)  $  *Killingsworth
   $  *Gift in Memory ($5 per card)  $  *Rural Mission Inc., Johns Island
   $  *World Thank Offering  $  *Wallace Family Life Center
   $  TOTAL Amount Paid  $  Tracy Jackson Program of G.I.F.T.
   $  Extra Giving – (Rainbow Woman, etc.)  $  Call to Prayer and Self Denial

3. PARTICIPATION (Since September 1, 2014)
   Anderson District Events: (# of persons from your unit attending each event)
   Mission u Youth Event  9/13/2014  District Officers’ Training  1/10/2015
   Annual Meeting  10/18/2014  Day Apart  4/25/2015

   SCCUMW Events: (# of persons from your unit attending each event)
   Annual Meeting  10/24-25/2014  Spiritual Growth Retreat  5/1-3/2015
   Spring Days of Service  3/23-25/2015  Other SC Mission Events (list on back)

4. MISSION EDUCATION • SOCIAL JUSTICE • MISSION TODAY
   Number of Reading Program participants: __________
   Send reading reports to:
   Marie Howard  112 D Pinnacle Lane | Easley, SC 29642 or leilahow@gmail.com
   Number of subscriptions to Response: __________
   Program Book used? __________  Prayer Calendar used? __________

   Charter for Racial Justice: Are you a Diamond Unit? __________
   Send report to Judith Polson, 116 James L. Orr Drive | Anderson, SC 29621 or email jpolson29621@yahoo.com
   Are you a Mission Today Unit? __________
   Send completed form to Brenda Davis, 287 Ann Davis St. | Westminster, SC 29693 or email to foxclayd@yahoo.com

5. In what public school district is your Unit located? __________
   Does your Unit support the Campaign for Children? Yes ____  No ____

6. OTHER: List any additional projects / activities on back or attach another page.
Ladies of the Anderson District who attended **Come Together Be Together** on May 16 experienced the joy in gathering with their United Methodist sisters in Christ. Hosted by St. Mark UMC and their UMW along with the Greenville District UMW, attendees felt truly “welcomed”.

The day began with a gathering in the house of the Lord as we sang hymns and were blessed with special praise music by the St. Mark Women’s Choir. The keynote speaker, Freida Stroble, (pictured at left with Conference President Marlene Spencer) spoke from her amazing life experience and was so inspiring! *God welcomes us ALL!* / *He delights in you, and me... no matter where we come from or where we are.* / *Take his love out into the world... welcome others as Christ shows delight in us.* There was excitement and good chatter after the various workshops during our lunch fellowship.

A very heartfelt thank you was expressed by Connie Nelson to the SCCUMW for the generous donations given for the Elder Basket Project. Two vans were ‘filled to the top’ with the donations. This was a mission collection project of the Limitless Team. The Elder Basket Project assists Native American communities; reaching throughout the diverse Native American population in our state. The baskets, containing staple non-perishable food and supplies, will be distributed to Native American elders (senior citizens) in need. That very day some were going to the Piedmont American Indian Association. Cathy also shared her musical talent by playing several songs on the Native American flute. Please keep this outreach project and Native American Ministries, especially of the SC UMC, in your prayers.

**Come Together Be Together 2016** will be held at Chapin UMC in Chapin (Columbia District).  
(submitted by Cynthia Keesler, attendee)
Our 43rd SCCUMW Annual Meeting at Bethesda United Methodist Church in Easley, the Anderson District on October 23 + 24 will be memorable. The Program Committee and the Anderson District UMW ladies are working very hard to create a great time for all. The registration form is ready for you to complete. Here are just a few reasons why you need to attend and mail in your registration form now.

Keynote speaker Rev. Talley Gadson, pastor St. Mark's UMC and Bible Study leader Rev. Susan Leonard-Ray Anderson District Superintendent will enrich our understanding of the theme “Welcome by God, Welcoming All”. Come receive their messages.

You will attend one workshop of your choosing in the afternoon (per your evaluation suggestions). Select your first and second choice from seven great offerings.

- **Homeless/Family Promise** = learn how with local congregations they bring shelter, meals and support services to families without homes... Arnilla Moore/Executive Director of Family Promise Pickens County
- **Latin America Study** = our newest Mission study on the people and their faith is personal, theological, informative and inspirational...Jane Hallums/Mission u Study Instructor
- **Leadership and Mission** = learn what characteristics and understandings are important for helping those we lead live out their mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world...Cathy Joens/Congregational Specialist Anderson/Greenville
- **Limitless Team** = Meet our young women, ages 14 to 30 and gain tips to engage young women in your UMW unit...Limitless Team Members+Gladys Lemon SCCUMW MN&O Coordinator
- **Prayer Shawl Project** = Help make 100 fleece Prayer Shawls for our SC Mission Projects and Safe Harbor/Domestic Violence Shelter...Dee Dee Clarey/ VP UMW Bethesda UMC
- **Diverse Spiritual Worship** = Discuss diverse types of worship through prayer, song, reading, meditation and more...Evelyn Pauling/ SCCUMW Spiritual Growth Mission Coordinator
- **Women’s Health** = Learn what women need to do to protect their health across their lifespan...Premier Women’s Care female Physicians

**Tour the Dream Center of Pickens County** Friday afternoon. They exist to provide support and resources to individuals and families in need with an emphasis on helping them improve their lives with a hand-up instead of a hand-out. This is a free tour, with transportation provided.

Experience fellowship during the 8pm (earlier this year per your evaluations) Afterglow with a Bible Bookmarker Exchange and Program Book Signing. (When was the last time you signed a friend’s yearbook?)

Meet Anderson District’s deaconess Mary Lou Edens (listed in our Prayer Calendar) and learn about her fulfilling a need by creating the Tracy Jackson Program of G.I.F.T. for children.

Hands on activities include making fleece prayer shawls (for SC national missions and victims of domestic violence) and trimming stamps (provides clean water in Africa).

Shop the Resource Room for the latest materials, enjoy displays from our five SC Missions and meet two new directors, and watch videos on current social action topics and Mission u studies.

Saturday wear a shirt with a UMW or your church logo (per your evaluations).

We are busy planning our mission collection opportunity with the Limitless Team.

Our 43rd SCCUMW Annual Meeting will provide many ways for you to fulfill our UMW purpose. Together we will transact the necessary business to carry on in 2016. We need you to be there to make it happen.
**Workshops**

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

____ Homelessness/Family Promise  __ Latin America  ____ Leadership and Mission  ____ Limitless Team
____ Prayer Shawl Project  ___ Diverse Spiritual Worship  ____ Women's Health


~~ FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 ~~

REGISTRATION: 12:00 noon – 3:00 pm in the Parlor of the Church

(Anyone arriving after 3 pm 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 Dream Center will be available during registration. The Tour bus will depart from the church parking lot at 12:30 pm and return at 2:30 pm.

SESSION 1

3:00 PM  Opening Ceremonies/Bible Study
4:10 PM  Workshops
5:30 PM  Dinner  MEAL TICKET REQUIRED
7:00 PM  Evening Worship and Communion
8:00 PM  Afterglow Fellowship in the Gymnasium

~~ SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 ~~

REGISTRATION: 8:00 am – 9:00 am in the Parlor of the Church (for those attending only the Saturday sessions)

SESSION 2

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM  General Business in Sanctuary
10:45 AM – 12:15 PM  General Business continued/Keynote Address
12:30 – 1:30 PM  Lunch  MEAL TICKET REQUIRED

SESSION 3

1:45 – 3:00 PM  General Business in Sanctuary/Election and Installation of Officers/Closing

Send Registration along with $25 fee (payable to SCCUMW) to:
Snooky Forgue, 114 Cambridge Ct, Easley, SC 29642
864-414-1714 or joyfulsnooky@hotmail.com

Registration Deadline Oct. 9, 2015
Registrations postmarked after Oct. 10 and on-site registrations will be $35
Refer to The Mission Echo, the newsletter of the SC Conference United Methodist Women for news and information related to the conference events and activities. Be sure your UMW unit/church is receiving one to share the news. Subscribe or access it online at umcsc.org/umw.

Wonderful things are happening with your South Carolina United Methodist Women!

Mission u - July 23 - 25 at Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, SC
Theme: “Created For Happiness”
See event and registration details; early registration deadline is June 30th.
Remember to create and send your items for the CRAFT ROOM!

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| **Columbia Bethlehem Community Center** |
| Wal-mart and Office Depot gift cards |
| Fruit snacks |
| Juices/water |
| Individual packs of crackers/cookies |
| Ink cartridges (HP_88XL) black and color |
| Book bags |
| Children’s clothes—underwear, belts, socks, hats and gloves, hoodies, t-shirts, sweaters, jackets |
| Volunteers |

| **Killingsworth** |
| Lunch boxes/bags |
| Food storage containers |
| Sugar |
| Ziplock quart storage bags |
| Aluminum foil and plastic wrap |
| Cream for coffee |
| Laundry detergent for sensitive skin |
| Sharpie permanent markers |
| Dark colored dry erase markers |
| Bath soap/facial soap for sensitive skin |
| Toilet paper |
| Paper towels |
| Lysol or other disinfectant spray |
| Blue/black pens such as G2 or similar |
| Wal-mart and Office Depot gift cards |
| Forever stamps |
| Jumbo paper clips |
| AA and AAA batteries |

| **Wallace Family Life Center** |
| Wal-Mart and Office Depot gift cards |
| Undesignated money |
| Campbell Soup labels |
| Grocery coupons for non-perishables |

| **Rural Mission, Inc.** |
| Paper Products |
| Folding chairs and tables |
| Health Kits |
| Towels, Wash Cloths, Bedding |
| Postage Stamps, Diapers |
| Portable Fans |
| Appliances |
| Kitchen Items |
| School Supplies and Uniforms |
| Financial Donations |

*Each of these Mission Projects ask for your prayers!*
The NETWORK NEWS is published quarterly with a printed copy mailed to the addresses on record of the unit president, treasurer, secretary and/or communications coordinator and circle leaders. Those on the current e-mail distribution list will receive this newsletter electronically (PDF format). Please help to keep these lists up to date by communicating with the District Secretary and Communications Coordinator.

Individual subscriptions (printed copy) are available at a cost of $5 per year by sending your name and address and 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. This newsletter and the Mission Echo of the SCCUMW can be found online at www.umcsc.org/umw.

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.

Submit items for September newsletter by August 16th

~ Cynthia Keesler, Communications Coordinator
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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