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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.



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The Beacon

Charleston District UMW Newsletter

From Your President...

New Opportunities Promote Growth

Have you noticed the azaleas are already blooming? Spring is on its way with the expectation of new growth and new life to be admired and celebrated. Are you budding and growing in your life as a United Methodist Woman? The time to lie dormant is over. There is much living and growing to be done. Growing is an action verb. Are you taking action to branch out and expand your horizons of mission, social action, spiritual growth, and membership?

In this spring issue of **The Beacon** you are invited to extend and grow by the possibilities being made available to you in our upcoming events and ministries. Take advantage of these opportunities to educate yourself, to renew yourself, and to prepare for action in faith, hope and love.

March 11-12, 2017 we will be meeting for spiritual growth at the serenely beautiful Epworth By The Sea on St. Simons Island, Georgia. It's a wonderful opportunity to be revived by the God-given natural surroundings and to enjoy fellowship with our UMW sisters from all around the district. You are in for a big treat with Laurel Jean Walden as the guest facilitator, song leader, and musician. If you have experienced her talents at Mission U, you know what I am talking about! I hope to see you there.

As for membership, each unit is being challenged by our National UMW Board representative, Selena Ruth Smith, to grow by sponsoring a Limitless group in our churches and by inviting our younger generation to all UMW events in the District and Conference. All Conference events will have special activities for the younger among us. Sponsor a youth to go to Mission U in July. Encourage a high school senior to apply for the Conference UMW College Scholarship. SCCUMW is starting to build a reputation nationwide for our youth participation. Let's continue to do what we can to grow this program and provide our young women with more opportunities to participate in mission.

We can grow in our stewardship of God's Creation by implementing the **Be Just, Be Green** 13 principles in preparing and planning for our meetings and events. These principles can be found in the **Climate Justice – A Call to Hope and Action** study book and at unitedmethodistwomen.org.

We can grow in our voice for women, children and youth issues by contacting our state legislature representatives and our representatives in Congress. Contact information is in this issue.

We can increase our awareness and compassion of other people and their cultures by attending the International Luncheon on April 8, 2017 at Grace United Methodist Church. Loving and accepting all as God's children is especially important to acknowledge during these tumultuous times.

We can plant the seeds for future generations of United Methodist Women by making a contribution to the UMW Legacy Fund on March 23, 2017 or whenever you desire to donate. Your gifts can be sent to the District Treasurer or to National UMW.

Are you going to allow yourself to bloom this spring? I pray you do.

May you continue to be God's blossoms and blessings,

Kathy

Membership Nurture and Outreach

Hello ladies and Happy New Year. Denise President is my name, MNO is my game. I'm here to help you in anyway I can with the 2016 census form. I will try my best to contact all MNO'S and/or their Presidents. The deadline is March 30, 2017, this is my number 843-442-1595(any time after 2pm), and this is the website <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census> 2016. Together we can make this happen, quickly and on time. May God bless you for your diligence in helping me get the job done. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Spiritual Growth Retreat

Greetings,

To all my U.M.W. Sisters. Tell your friends, mothers, and daughters to join us in St. Simon Island, GA for our annual Lenten Retreat. This year's theme is "**Broken and Blessed-Seeing and Being God's Light**". This year's speaker is one of our very own, Sister Laurel Jean Walden of Grace, UMC, Charleston. Rooms are still available and will be until your arrival. **Please be reminded of our \$10 Registration which will take place from 2:00-4:00pm on March 11th.** Looking forward to seeing you there. This event will not be the same without you.

Spiritual Growth Coordinator,
Angela Pickney-Hall



News From Our Units

The UMW of First United Methodist Church, Isle of Palms, would like to invite each of you to our Tea Room and Crafty Ladies Boutique. Dates are March 22, 23 and 24, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. Proceeds help us in funding our mission projects.



Annual Day of Giving

Join United Methodist Women around the country on **March 23** for the **3rd Annual Day of Giving to The Legacy Fund** in celebration of the 150th anniversary celebration.

It's Easy to Give!

- Online at: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund
- By phone: 800-278-7771 (8am-6pm EST, Monday-Friday).
- Text 41444 and enter Legacy 150 in message area.
- By check to: Office of the Treasurer, United Methodist Women, 475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor-Finance, New York, NY 10115. Write "The Legacy Fund" in the memo section.



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Important Dates To Remember

March

March 11-12: Day Apart Retreat at St. Simons Island, GA. Registration (\$10) 2:00 -3:30pm in lobby.

March 23: UMW Legacy Day, online day of giving.

March 30: Online 2016 Census Deadline

March is Rural Mission
Emphasis Month.

April/May

April 1: SCCUMW College Scholarship Application deadline (umcsc.org/UMW)
District Executive Meeting at St. Andrews Parish UMC 10:00am

April 8: International Potluck Luncheon at Grace UMC , 11:30am

April 28-29: SCCUMW Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska, NC
Early registration deadline is April 15

May 20: Come Together, Be Together
Cumberland UMC and Central UMC, Florence, SC

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4 Easy Steps to Contact your Legislator



1. Go to: <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/legislatorssearch.php>
2. Type in your address & click "Find Legislators"
3. Click on the Legislator's name
4. Click on the line: "Send message to Representative..." or "Send message to Senator..."

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Website: <http://aauw-sc.aauw.net>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/aauw.sc>

March is Women History Month

Do you know these famous women of the Bible?

Deborah, Ester, Martha, Mary, Bathsheba, Eve, Hannah, Sapphira, Tabitha, Rahab, Naomi, Priscilla, Rachel, Ruth, Sarah, Zipporah, Hagar, Jezebel, Leah, Anna, Abigail, and Vashti



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

Please send your information to

cdumwcommunications@yahoo.com

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Deadline for Submitting Articles: May 15th

From The Treasurer

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!!! For all Treasurers who did not get a packet from Officers Training, please call me at 843-860-3302 or email me at rubyeliz44@gmail.com and I will mail one to you. Your next remittance for quarter ending 2/28/2017 is due to me by 3/5/17. On the remittance please update the treasurer's info, i.e. name, address, phone number and email address. Also please send your unit's \$10.00 to help pay for refreshments at St Simons Retreat. My address is 1101 Dickson Ave, Hanahan, SC 29410 BE BLESSED!!
Ruby Hannah