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UMW**

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Patricia Walker

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Greetings Ladies:

I hope that all units are off to a good start with our **MIS-SION TODAY ACTION FORM (Page 5)**. Remember all units are to complete at least ten (10) items to be a Mission Today Unit at our District Annual meeting.

DATE(S) TO REMEMBER

Orangeburg District Day Apart
Saturday, April 8, 2017
St. Paul UMC
New Ellenton, SC

Spiritual Growth Retreat
April 28-29, 2017

Come Together Be Together
May 20, 2017
Cumberland/Central UMC
Florence, SC

Craft Items are needed for Mission U

Please list these important events on your calendar and join us.

The complete calendar listing
may be found
on page 19

United Methodist Women,

I greet you all in the name of Jesus Christ and thank all of you for turning Faith, Hope and, Love into Action!

Courage is a word that is used in a variety of ways. For many Christians, courage is a word that brings to mind standing on Biblical principles in the face of great opposition. Others think courage is demonstrated by taking a stance against Biblical principles. Either way, the Bible has plenty to say about what defines courage.

The word courage is commonly defined as, "The ability to do something that frightens one."

David and Goliath

The most famous story in the Bible, especially amongst children, is the story of David and Goliath. David is first told of as a shepherd and the youngest of eight boys in 1 Samuel 16 when he was anointed the new King of Israel by Samuel. David's encounter with Goliath, a giant, is found in 1 Samuel 17. Goliath was a Philistine warrior who was fighting against the Israelites and stood about 18 feet, 6 inches tall. He challenged the Israelites to send a man to fight him saying that if he was defeated, the Philistines would be servants to the Israelites.

Soon, King Saul heard of David's words and sent for him. David told Saul he would fight against Goliath, but was told that he was nothing more than a boy. David responded by telling of the wild animals he had killed while tending to the sheep and how he would do the same to the giant. King Saul then agreed to send David to fight. David refused to wear the king's armor and instead chose to go with nothing but his staff and a sling. David chose five smooth stones from a brook and went up to confront Goliath.

Goliath belittled David and was insulted that the Israelites had sent a small boy to fight. Goliath threatened to kill David and feed him to the birds and animals, but David replied that although Goliath threatened him with a sword and a spear, he was going to fight Goliath in the name of the LORD and the God of the armies of Israel, whom Goliath defiled. David took a stone and slung it at the giant. The stone hit the giant in the forehead. The stone killed the giant and David took the giant's sword and cut off his head. Upon seeing this, the Philistines fled.

Orangeburg District United Methodist Women, no matter how big an adversary, God empowers us to do all things through the power of Christ (Philippians 4:13). Keep on working for God and fighting for justice and equality for Women, Children, and Youth.

Thanks to all who attended the Officers Training in January and to North Orangeburg UMW and Rev. Nelson for hosting this event. We really had a great time and learned a lot. May God bless you all!

Let us all continue to work together because Teamwork, will make the Dream a Reality!

Please remember to complete your local unit census and your personal census to get a UMW membership card.

Local Presidents, please work with your Cluster Leaders to make sure we have the President's name and contact information for each local unit. Also, please encourage young women to participate with your units and get them to apply for the UMW Scholarship.

If any local unit need help with training or have questions about UMW, please contact me, or any Orangeburg District Officer.

See you all at Day Apart in New Ellenton, SC at St. Paul UMC on Saturday, April 8, 2017, at 8:30 a.m.

God's Blessings for you all,

Sonya S. Benjamin

Greetings United Methodist Women,

There are many four letter words in our English language. Some of the four letter words we would prefer not to hear or do. Such words are dust, cook, wash, iron, and work but we know a woman's work is, never done.

Where do we stand in our work as a group of United Methodist Women? Work is something that we all have to do. We as women work together to make the unit of United Methodist Women a unit to be proud of. Many of us will say we just don't have a talent. We can each do this next four letter word: Pray. Pray is a word with a lot of impact. When we all pray in one accord, something is going to happen. We can all P-U-S-H ! Pray- Until- Something- Happen! There is power in prayer and we can see its evidence.

Help is another four letter word that we can readily do. To help someone is a blessing for the one that offered to help. In the scripture, "The Good Samaritan" is a story to pattern our lives after. When someone is kind to us, it makes us feel good.

The next four letter word I want to share with you is STOP! We are never to stop doing that which is right. To stop is to give up. Never, ever give up, even when we feel we have hit rock bottom. There is one thing we can always do. Pray or ask someone to pray for you.

The final four letter word that comes to mind is, love. May we all share His love, and love one another.

Thank you to the beautiful United Methodist Women and the Rev. Dwight Arnold Nelson for hosting the Orangeburg District Officers Training. You all really did an outstanding job!

Our next big event will be Day Apart. This event will be on Saturday, April 8, 2017, at St. Paul United Methodist Church in New Ellenton, SC. Please come one- and- all and let us have a have great time in the name of God and Missions.

God Blessings,

Doris Hope Murray

Vice President

TALENT BANK FORM
ORANGEBURG DISTRICT
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Mail to: Barbara Jeffcoat
PO Box 1043
North, SC 29112

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZipCode _____

HomePhone _____ Work Phone _____

Church Affiliation _____

I presently serve in which office _____

Former offices in UMW _____

Why I think you should consider me (attach extra sheet if necessary).

I would consider the following office:

Signed _____

Address _____

Phone _____

**You may use this form to recommend another person.

MISSION TODAY ACTION FORM

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.

Please fill out for your unit as soon as possible and return to:

Patricia G. Walker
204 Wheat St
Livingston, SC 29107
gordorose@yahoo.com

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the December 2016 ECHO (our conference's newsletter) Maureen Thomas (our conference treasurer) wrote the following message:

"We give thanks for United Methodist Women members whose gifts, big and small, help make mission possible in local communities and around the world, and for mission partners whose tireless efforts improve the lives of the most vulnerable. Your gifts are the only means of making mission possible.

At our Annual Meeting in October, we heard stories from our five mission representatives. They shared experiences of women who are now able to support themselves or who are now reunited with their families after battling addictive behavior or abusive relationships. Stories were told of children who have a safe place to stay after school. Some receive tutoring if needed, some receive homework assistance and others are taught life lessons and skills to survive in the 21st century. Lives were changed as we partnered with other agencies to provide crisis assistance and intervention services. You made those stories a reality.

We may never know, personally, how our dollars impact a person's life. However, we do know that when we bless others, we are blessed. Thank you for seeing the needs and answering the call. Let us continue to multiply our resources so that those we serve will know "we have their back." (Faith, love and hope in action)."

As we begin a new year may we continue to aware of the needs of children, youth, and women in this world and our commitment to help them. Our "mission giving" is one way that we can reach out to God's people in need.

Deadline for 1st quarter 2017 remittances and audit/pledge forms is March 5. Please call me if you need any help.

Ginger Risher, Orangeburg District Treasurer

803 536-5186 or grisher60@hotmail.com

Local Unit	Treasurer	Pledge To Mission	SMR	Gift to Mission	Memory	WTO	Call to Prayer	Brighter Future for Children	BC(C)	Wallace Fam Life	BC(Sp)	KW	RM	Total
Barnwell	Brenda Davis													0.00
Bethel (Bamberg)	Ozella Campbell													0.00
Bethel (Row/Bow)	Shelia Smoak	30.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00							130.00
Bethel (Jackson)	Diane Gattis	240.00	40.00	25.00	10.00				115.00	100.00				530.00
Bethel (Pelion)	Barbara Holliman	200.00	40.00	5.00	5.00	177.00	50.00		40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	677.00
Bethel Park	Polly West	800.00	40.00	5.00	10.00	241.00	165.00		100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	1,761.00
Bethlehem	Carol Briggman	400.00	40.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00		50.00	100.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	915.00
Beulah	Sandra Pees	100.00	40.00	10.00	10.00	250.00	50.00		20.00	65.00	20.00	220.00	20.00	805.00
Blackville	Lana Griffin													0.00
Calvary (Swansea)	Vivian C. Lloyd	400.00	40.00	25.00	25.00	90.70	116.00		60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	996.70
Canaan	Brinder Stevenson	300.00	40.00	25.00	5.00	25.00	20.00		50.00	100.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	715.00
Charles Wesley	Nancy Chambers													0.00
Cedar Grove	Carolyn Stroman	200.00	40.00	5.00	5.00	30.00	30.00		25.00	70.00	25.00	25.00	30.00	485.00
Ebenezer (Bowman)	Linda Quattlebaum	200.00	40.00	5.00	5.00	50.00	50.00		50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	600.00
Edisto Fork	Ruthie Sharperson	1,500.00	40.00	20.00	20.00	200.00	104.00		150.00	500.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	2,984.00
Ellore	Sandra Felder	500.00	40.00	50.00	20.00	50.00	50.00		25.00	70.00	25.00	50.00	50.00	880.00
Eutawville	Linda Storie	75.00	40.00	5.00	5.00	50.00	35.00		50.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	20.00	355.00
Forest Chapel	Rosa Berry	125.00	40.00	25.00	5.00	50.00	50.00		25.00	35.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	430.00
Franklin	Mable E. Wright	220.00	40.00	5.00	10.00	20.00	10.00		50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	555.00
Gerizim	Donna Wilkerson													0.00
Holly Hill	Cindy Risher	1,600.00			25.00		74.00		50.00	225.00	50.00	50.00	100.00	2,174.00
Jericho	Frances C. Felkel	800.00	40.00	50.00		75.00	182.00		100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	1,647.00
Lebanon	Margaret F. Bair	415.00	40.00	5.00	15.00	66.00	24.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	815.00
Livingston	Joann Martin	474.00	40.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	25.00	125.00	0.00	25.00	25.00	764.00
Mays Chapel	Sarah B. Eisom													0.00
Mt. Carmel	Helen Steedley	255.00	80.00	10.00	10.00	55.00	25.00	0.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	560.00
Mt. Nebo	Rosalee Houser	400.00	40.00	5.00	5.00	25.00	25.00	0.00	25.00	75.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	675.00
Mt. Zion	Sand Manigo	500.00	40.00	25.00	25.00	50.00	25.00	0.00	40.00	120.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	945.00
New Beginning	Debra James	195.00	40.00	10.00	5.00	60.00	15.00	0.00	25.00	100.00	50.00	30.00	25.00	555.00
New Covenant	Sonya Benjamin	118.00	40.00	5.00	5.00	25.63			10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	243.63
New Light	Regina Simon	800.00	40.00	50.00	50.00	100.00	125.00	0.00	100.00	225.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	1,790.00
North	Ann R Fairey	825.00	40.00	10.00	20.00	115.00	64.00	0.00	50.00	75.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	1,349.00
North Orangeburg	Sallie Kimpson	600.00	40.00	50.00	35.00	40.00	55.00	0.00	50.00	200.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	1,220.00

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Orange Grove	Sadie Memminger	240.00	40.00	10.00	10.00	28.00	32.00		20.00	70.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	510.00
Pine Hill	E. Kay Davis	448.00	40.00	5.00	5.00	223.10	90.00	0.00	5.00	50.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	881.10
Pineville	Gladys Robinson	150.00	20.00	0.00	40.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	25.00	70.00	25.00	70.00	25.00	500.00
Pleasant Hill	Monica Beard													0.00
Prospect	Frentell Stokes													0.00
Providence	Lucia Hill	1,772.00	40.00	10.00	60.00	130.00	182.00	10.00	25.00	195.00	25.00	75.00	25.00	2,549.00
Shady Grove	Maud Kissam	450.00	40.00	10.00	25.00	237.83	370.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	1,632.83
Silas	Louise Washington													0.00
St. Andrews	Esther Higginbotham	400.00	40.00	10.00	10.00	25.00	178.00	0.00	50.00	210.00	50.00	103.00	100.00	1,176.00
St. John's (Aiken)	Mary Anne Clyburn	4,000.00	400.00	20.00	20.00	288.50	147.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	7,375.50
St. John's (Norway)	Bobbie Fanning	520.00	40.00	5.00	0.00	100.00	30.00	0.00	30.00	90.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	905.00
St. John (Orangeburg)	Mable Hilton	75.00	40.00	5.00	10.00	20.00			20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	250.00
St. John (Edisto Chg)	Devone Brant	100.00	50.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	10.00	55.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	315.00
St. Mark	Willie Mae Johnson	1,000.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	40.00	65.00	0.00	185.00	200.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	2,090.00
St. Paul (N Ellenton)	Melinda Brinkley	594.00	40.00	10.00	20.00	25.00	45.00	0.00	56.00	50.00	56.00	59.00	56.00	1,011.00
St. Pauls (O'burg)	Betty Robinson	500.00	40.00	25.00	20.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	667.00	125.00	667.00	667.00	667.00	3,403.00
St. Stephen (Bowman)	Joann Brooks	190.00	40.00	35.00	5.00	30.00	50.00		90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	800.00
St. Stephen (O'burg)	Eartha S Hayes	300.00		10.00	10.00	48.00	20.00		25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	513.00
Swansea	Lisa Ingram													0.00
Target	Martha Smith	90.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	190.00
Trinity (Aiken)	Karen A. Mahan	500.00	40.00	5.00	20.00	175.00	280.00	0.00	100.00	260.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	1,680.00
Trinity (Bamberg)	Tammy Smoak	180.00	40.00	5.00	5.00	140.00	110.00	0.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	855.00
Trinity (O'burg)	Grace H. Salters	1,600.00	40.00	50.00	50.00	127.00	50.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	2,417.00
Union	Diane Peabody	180.00	60.00	10.00	5.00	465.00	200.00	0.00	45.00	45.00	45.00	45.00	45.00	1,145.00
Wagner	Caroline C. Koveleski	975.00	40.00	5.00	5.00	201.55	81.00	0.00	100.00	50.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	1,757.55
Wesley	Eleese Murrell	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	160.00
Wesley Chapel	Jeanna Morris													0.00
Wesley Grove	Patti Dantzler	80.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
White House	Vera Stroman	135.00	40.00	10.00	5.00	35.00	25.00	0.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	375.00
Williston	Christine Dunaway	200.00	40.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	25.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	1,215.00
Orangeburg District	Ginger Risher	0.00	60.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	495.40	495.40	495.40	495.40	495.40	2,567.00
2016 TOTALS		27,011.00	2,345.00	895.00	805.00	4,359.31	3,569.00	35.00	4,278.40	5,790.40	4,103.40	4,509.40	4,228.40	61,929.31

Come to the Lake to be Spiritually Refreshed

The SCCUMW Spiritual Growth Retreat provides a calm relaxing atmosphere to gather with others sisters in Christ. Take time out to experience God's renewal and have your soul rejuvenated. This Retreat is designed to help us enhance healthy spiritual lives. It is a place to savor God's creation through our senses in spiritual worship.

This year's spiritual retreat will offer a community of diverse fellowship, dynamic spiritual worship services, Morning Watch and entertainment from the Limitless Team. In addition, there will be a devotional spiritual walk along the flowery trails of the lakeshore. This walk will be spiritually engaging as we walk through God's handcrafted mountains, singing his praises, and allow his peace to come upon us. Additionally, the Junaluska Cross is a place where you can find rest, meditate, and worship.

The 2017 SCCUMW Spiritual Growth Retreat will be held on April 28th – 29th. Our theme for this year's retreat is "**One In Charity**", taken from the UMC Hymnal # 575, "Onward, Christian Soldiers". The SCCUMW Retreat planning committee are diligently working to make this retreat a time of Restoration, replenishing, and refreshing our hearts and minds.

In attendance this year, we are very excited to welcome the dynamic keynote speaker Rev. Pattie Gordon, who is the pastor of Wesley-Open Hearts UMC Charge in Aiken, SC. Assisting with carrying out our 2017 theme will be the song leader Rev. Rhonda Smith, from First UMC, Hickory, NC; musician Reverend Ann Hoyt, from Burnville, NC; and our own Limitless Team will entertain us with liturgical dance and speech.

Our goal is to combine all the talents of our spiritual leaders and allow God's divine present to reign throughout the Stuart Auditorium. We are asking all district presidents to challenge their local units to sponsor and bring a youth to the lake.

Come be a part of a spiritual experience that's life changing and restoring. Past guests have referenced this retreat as a rejuvenator and a preparer for servitude to God. Encourage your unit members to register and bring a guest. If you want to partake of this wondrous experience, please reference the registration forms and reservation information included in the SCCUMW *Mission Echo* newsletter. You may also visit our South Carolina UMW website to find additional information or contact Elizabeth Duncan the registrar at 843-757-3352 or contact me at 803-533-0249.

May God Bless you with safe travel!

Evelyn Pauling,
SCCUMW Spiritual Growth Retreat Coordinator



2017 Spiritual Growth Retreat Registration Form
South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women
April 28-29, 2017
Lake Junaluska Conference Center-Lake Junaluska, NC

THEME: "ONE IN CHARITY"

Name (please print name as you wish it to appear on nametag) _____

Address _____ City _____ zip _____

Phone # _____ District _____ Church _____

Email address _____

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

Check all of the following that apply:

First time **Under 40** **NOT staying at the Lake Junaluska Conference Center**

In case of emergency please contact _____ Phone _____

ONLY 1 retreat this year. Registration deadline is April 15, 2017 **FEE \$10**
Registrations postmarked April 16 or later-FEE \$15** *** **FEE \$20** if commuting (not staying at LJ Conference Center)**

Make check out to: SCCUMW

----- CUT HERE AND RETURN TOP PORTION TO REGISTRAR LISTED BELOW -----
-Friday, April 28-

Registration:	1:00pm-4:00pm In the Bethea Welcome Center
	Retreat registration after 4pm in Stuart Auditorium
1:00-3:45pm	UMW Resource Room-Room 202 Harrell Center
4:15pm-5:30pm	Session I-Stuart Auditorium-Room 202 Harrell Center
5:30-7:00pm	Dinner-Meal Ticket Required
7:30-8:45pm	Session II-Stuart Auditorium
9:00pm	Evening Workshop-Bistro Room Harrell Center
9:00-9:35pm	UMW Resource Room-Room 202 Harrell Center

—Saturday, April 29—

7:00-7:30am	Morning Watch: Spiritual Walk-Memorial Chapel and at the Cross Inclement Weather-Lambuth International Room
7:30-8:30am	Breakfast-Meal Ticket Required
8:00-8:45am	UMW Resource Room-Room 202 Harrell Center
8:30-9:00am	Suggested Hotel checkout and key return at Front Desk
9:20am	Session III-Stuart Auditorium
12-1:30 pm	Lunch-Meal Ticket Required

Send Registration along with fee (payable to SCCUMW) to:
Elizabeth Duncan
45 Foreman Hill Rd.
Bluffton, SC 29910

Hotel & 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 front entrance gate

**SECRETARY OF PROGRAMS
Linda Huggins**

Hello Ladies,

I am your Secretary of Resources Coordinator for 2017. Please have your units continue to participate in the Reading Program. I am sorry for the delay of Handbooks. They may arrive possibly by mid-March.

Blessings

Interested in reading the SC state newsletter, Mission Echo, find it on the web:

www.umcsc.org/home/ministries/advocacy/united-methodist-women/

Judy Dudley
Secretary

Please list below the names, addresses and phone numbers of all Circle Leaders if your unit has Circles.

Please fill out this form as soon as your unit has elections for the 2017 officers. I put the information for each unit on a spreadsheet and send it to all of the District Officers and to the Cluster Leaders and to our Communications person. This information is important so we will be able to contact you in case there is last minute information that we need to get to the units quickly. It is important for Julie, Communications, to make sure that every unit in the district receives "The Lantern". Please help your district by remembering to get this information to us as soon as possible. You can email the information to me: judydysacre@aol.com or mail this form to me at:

Judy Dudley
310 Talatha Church Rd
Aiken SC 29803

If you have any questions please call me at 803-642-0037. Thank you for your help and for serving in the UMW.

Orangeburg District United Methodist Women

Local Unit Officers for 2017

Name of Unit _____ City _____

President: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

_____ Email: _____

Vice-President: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

_____ Email: _____

Secretary: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

_____ Email: _____

Treasurer: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

_____ Email: _____

Sec. Program Resources: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

_____ Email: _____

Spiritual Growth: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

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DAY APART
St. Paul UMC, 600 Main Street
New Ellenton
Saturday April 8
Registration begins at 8:30 am

Come join our Orangeburg District UMW Day Apart:

- For fellowship and breakfast
- For spiritual message and songs
- For a program with the "Limitless Team" led by Deaconess Selena Ruth Smith



Our mission focus will be to support women from Aiken's Salvation Army Shelter. We are asking for each one to bring a purse or pocketbook filled with personal items (toiletries, personal feminine items, lotions, hygiene items, etc.).



Limitless: Young United Methodist Women's Group Helps Youth Stay Strong in Christ



Photo by Matt Brodie
By Jessica Brodie

Samoria Jacquel Session, 18, knows how important it is to stay strong in the Lord and stay connected to her church.

Temptations and other evils of the world circle her and her friends daily, and Session said being involved not only in worship but in church groups helps them rise above trouble and keep their focus on God.

One of those church groups, Limitless, is a new way specifically for younger women like Session to walk more boldly with God and take a more active role in the life of the church. A sect of United Methodist Women, Limitless started a few years ago to help younger girls and women ages 14-30 get involved in United Methodist Women in a way that fits their generation.

"There are different things that can test you, and the enemy has so many plans that can hurt you," said Session, a rising college freshman at Francis Marion University and a member of St. Mark United Methodist Church, Sumter. "But if you know your purpose and go to church and Limitless and do everything the Lord has planned for you, you can use that to protect you."

That sort of fellowship and accountability is exactly what Limitless co-mentors Deaconess Selena Ruth Smith and Elizabeth Waters try to foster. Limitless offers young women a chance to connect with each other through online meetings, plus attend various conference and district events together such as Revolution, Come Together Be Together, Harambee, Mission u, district annual meetings and more. A diverse group that embraces the concept of *ubuntu* (which translates as "I am human because you are human"), Limitless tries to reach young women where they are and help them be the church in the world today.

"South Carolina young girls and ladies are the future of United Methodist Women, and we want to nurture them to carry on the legacy of mission and a love for God," Smith said.

A fresh approach to United Methodist Women

Smith said Limitless introduces them to United Methodist Women but in a different way and with a fresher approach that appeals to the younger generation.

Meetings are a key difference, Smith said. Traditional United Methodist Women meetings usually involve going to the church at a set time to engage with other women face-to-face. But Limitless meetings might be on Snapchat or Skype or FaceTime. Missions are very hands-on, such as feeding the homeless or bringing clothes to the needy, and they also engage specifically with issues that young women of their generation are passionate about: teen pregnancy, college life, bullying, maternal health, gender wage gap, globalization, multiculturalism and more.

"I have a passion for Limitless because when I was in the 14-30 age range, I always saw United Methodist Women as the 'seasoned women' group," Smith said. "That's not a bad thing, but there are not a lot of younger women in it."

And sometimes, Smith said, younger women feel they're talked at but not talked to.

In her case, even though she was surrounded by mostly older women back then, Smith chose to stay involved in her church's United Methodist Women. They embraced her and taught her, and she eventually developed a passion for United Methodist Women.

"That's why I want a sect with the younger women—you're not in the 'old women's group' or the 'seasoned women's group.' You have a space in United Methodist Women. We want you to come, want you to carry on the legacy."

Opportunities and empowerment

Smith and Waters let the young women decide which topics they want to focus on and empower them to make decisions for the team.

Session said that's a big draw for her, and she loves the opportunity to do new things and dream big.

"It presents a lot of different possibilities and a lot of different learning experiences for youth, and it prepares you to become a United Methodist Woman and go the extra mile," Session said.

It also gives her the chance to make friends with other women her age, which helps her feel more comfortable when she travels to bigger events like Mission u.

Reagan Sharp, 15 and a rising high school sophomore, is a member of Lebanon UMC, Eastover. She has been involved with Limitless for about a year.

"I'm a member of Limitless because I love helping people and spreading God's word," Sharp said. "That's my passion, and (Limitless) kind of helps you in that way to motivate you, and gives you opportunities to help people and share the Gospel. I think it's important because every single person in this world needs help and needs to be motivated toward God, and that's kind of what this group does."

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UMW News Update

Social Action

1. **Invitation:** Church Women United of Orangeburg invites United Methodist Women of the Orangeburg District to participate in their Annual World Day of Prayer Celebration on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 10:00 AM-12:00 PM held at New Light United Methodist Church, 3100 Neeses Hwy (Hwy 4) in Orangeburg. The service project for the event is the collection of new or lightly used clothing for infants from birth to 24 months, baby lotion, shampoo, diapers (all sizes) and wipes. For additional information you may contact the president Cynthia M. Jamison at 803-937-9343.
2. **Charter for Racial Justice Diamond Unit Award reminder.**
If two or more members from your unit participate in the above referenced activity on March 4th, send at least one member to Legislative Day or celebrate African-American History in February, your unit would have completed the needed two (2) activities from the Charter for Racial Justice Diamond Form and will now need complete one (1) of the required activities on the form. When all is completed your unit would have met the three (3) requirements to receive a Charter for Racial Justice Diamond Unit Certificate at our Annual Meeting.
3. The Charter for Racial Justice Form has been re-worked by Marlene, our state president. Please use other to identify activities not listed on the form.

I hope this information is helpful.






Ethel, Social Action
803-308-4833

Charter for Racial Justice Diamond Units

The Diamond Unit certificate is awarded at each District Annual Meeting to each unit that completes three or more activities from the list below that demonstrates the unit’s commitment to the ideals in the Charter for Racial Justice. At least one of the diamond-marked activities must be included. You are to send a copy of this completed form to your District Social Action Coordinator before **August 15, 2017** in order to be recognized at your district annual meeting and receive the Diamond Unit certificate.

Please mail form to: Ethel Tyler 12885 Heritage Bamberg S. C. 29003 (email ertyler8@aol.com)
(phone # 803-308-4833)

Name of Church and address: _____
Contact Person & Phone: _____

<u>DATE COMPLETED</u>	<u>ACTION CHOICES</u>
1. _____	1.  Watch a video related to the Charter for Racial Justice
2. _____	2.  Give a book report on a Reading Program Book selected from the Social Action area
3. _____	3.  Share articles from <i>Response</i> and <i>New World Outlook</i> or <i>UMW Action Alerts</i> relating to racism
4. _____	4.  Supply each member with a copy of the <i>Charter for Racial Justice</i>
5. _____	5.  Present a program using the Charter for Racial Justice
6. _____	6. Use a program on racial justice/human rights from the UMW Program Book
7. _____	7. Participate in a UMW Social Action/Human Rights Mission Study
8. _____	8. Give a report to the unit about an experience of attending a musical or theatrical performance by person(s) of a different race, culture, or ethnic background
9. _____	9. Send at least one member to Capital Day/Legislative Advocacy Day
10. _____	10. Participate in postcard-writing which encourages legislation favorable to the economically deprived or challenged
11. _____	11. Experience worship, Bible study, or UMW unit program/activity with an ethnic group different from your own
12. _____	12. Attend or host an international tasting party, culture fair, or other international event
13. _____	13. Participate in a Bible Study on Racism
14. _____	14. Celebrate Black History Month in February
15. _____	15. Suggest and plan with your pastor a pulpit exchange with a pastor of another race
16. _____	16. Plan an event with a unit of a different race or ethnic background (a celebration, worship, Vacation Bible School, etc.
17. _____	17. Other _____

Orangeburg District UMW Calendar
2017

January 14	Officers' Training: North Orangeburg UMC District Executive Committee Meeting
February	Special Emphasis Month -- Wallace Family Life Center
February 15	Deadline for Articles for March <i>Lantern</i>
February 21	Legislative Advocacy Day: Epworth Children's Home, Columbia
March 1	<i>Lantern</i> published
April	Special Emphasis Month -- Columbia Bethlehem Center
April 8	Day Apart: St. Paul UMC, New Ellenton District Executive Committee Meeting
April 28 - 29	Spiritual Growth Retreat: Lake Junaluska
May 15	Deadline for Articles for June <i>Lantern</i>
May 20	Come Together/Be Together (Conference): Culmberland UMC and Central UMC, Florence
June 1	<i>Lantern</i> published
July	Special Emphasis Month -- Rural Mission
July 27 - 29	Mission u: Spartanburg Methodist College
August 15	Deadline for Articles for September <i>Lantern</i>
August 20	District Executive Committee Meeting: Canaan UMC, Cope
September	Special Emphasis Month -- Killingsworth
September 1	<i>Lantern</i> published
September 16	District Annual Meeting: Canaan UMC, Cope
October 27 - 28	SCCUMW Annual Meeting: Union UMC, Irmo
November 11	SCCUMW Officers' Training (District Officers): Trenholm Rd., UMC, Columbia District Executive Committee Meeting
November 15	Deadline for Articles for December <i>Lantern</i>
December	Special Emphasis Month -- Spartanburg Bethlehem Center
December 1	<i>Lantern</i> published



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Thanks, you
Julie Kistler
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