MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

WALTERBORO DISTRICT EVENTS FOR 2017

Registration for ALL meetings begins at 9:30 a.m.)

- April 8th—Quiet Day
- June 3rd—Come Together/Be Together

SC CONFERENCE EVENTS for 2017

- April 28th—29th UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat
- May 20th—Come Together, Be Together, Cumberland UMC
- June 4th—7th Annual Conference, Greenville, SC
Let me begin by saying it is indeed and an honor that you entrusted me enough to elect me as your District President. I promise to do my best to continue to move our District up to the next level. It is my belief that as long as we keep God first in everything we do, success will be the end result.

I know that I have some large shoes to fill behind Mrs. Mary because she was absolutely wonderful. We are a team and will work together to accomplish the many tasks we have ahead of us. I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming events. I pray God’s blessings upon each of you and your family.

Blessings,

Deanna
It was an exciting pleasure to sit and discuss with the Vice Presidents of the Walterboro District when we had our officer training day. The Vice President is the "Program Police"—making sure that UMW activities and programs are in accordance with the UMW purpose:

- to know God,
- to experience freedom through Christ,
- to develop a creative supportive fellowship,
- to expand concepts of mission by participating in the global ministries of the church.

We also reviewed the Mission Today form and how the activities listed can help plan programs through the year. Please read the Mission Today form (found in this newsletter) to see how your unit can expand your programs this year.
Treasurer

Thelma Hudson

TREASURERS
THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SERVE AS YOUR TREASURER FOR THE WALTERBORO DISTRICT. I MUST APPOLOGIZE FOR NOT ATTENDING THE OFFICERS TRAINING BUT MY SCHEDULE WOULD NOT PERMIT IT.

Pledges are important:
Please encourage your unit to exceed the pledges set for Missions 2017. Each of you has the power to make a difference in the lives of those in need. Let’s kick it up a notch this year and do all we can to support our District of the United Methodist Women and the people we serve. You may not know but God knows how your dollars impact the lives of those we serve.

Our district pledge has not changed. It is still $25,000.00. Will you give a little more so that we can meet or exceed our Pledge this year? God is counting on you and so is the Walterboro District of the United Methodist Women.

Remittances are due to me on: March 5, 2017, June 5, 2017 September 5, 2017 and December 5, 2017.

Thank you for all you do for the District and blessings for the Journey.
TJHudson

If you need me, please contact: Thelma Hudson (843) 893-2039

Razthe50s@yahoo.com
We are halfway through our Reading Program year, which goes from September first through August thirty-first. A reminder for Plan I, read one book from each category—Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, and Spiritual Growth. The 2017 book titled What We’re Fighting for is Each Other by Wen Stephenson is a Bonus Book counting for two credits in Social Action. This book teaches us about Climate Justice and some of the people involved in this important issue for our future.

The 2017-2020 Handbook of the UMW Constitution and By-Laws will be available in April at the UMW mission resource center.

Please send me your information on the Reading Plan that you have completed by August 15 for this year.

Blessings, Eva Risch, Secretary of Program Resources
25 Seabrook Point Drive, Seabrook, SC 29940
843-846-9225; Erisch25@aol.com

May we as United Methodist Women continue to grow in love!

1 Thessalonians 3:12 states May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else.

Thank you to each of you for all that you do as United Methodist Women. We are spirit-filled women with a lot of love for each other.

It is my prayer that each of your lives be filled with blessed happiness.

Please also be reminded that each unit must send me the names of any United Methodist Women that passed since August 31, 2016.
Here are just a few types of Social Action Subject Matters:

**Domestic Violence:** It is not just a women’s issue. It is an issue of faith. A domestic violence initiative to raise awareness and provide training in United Methodist congregations.

**Human Trafficking:** United Methodist Women stands against the exploitation of those forced to submit to civil injustice as a result of their basic needs or position in society.

**Immigration/Global Migration** - United Methodist Women’s immigration initiative is part of our ongoing commitment to racial justice, and civil and human rights. United Methodist Women seeks to welcome immigrants and advocate for just immigration policies.
It is my pleasure to begin my new adventure as your Communications Officer for 2017. I have learned so much from Deanna and Pat Simmons, past Communications Officers and I thank them.

I ask that if you see any corrections or ways I can improve on my first edition, I would love you to share that with me so I may grow to be what all of you need.

I also ask that you please send me your articles in a timely manner. If I don’t have them, I can’t share your Units experiences and blessings. I would very much like to see more news and pictures from all of you. Next edition will be in June. Send articles anytime!

In God’s Grace and Blessings, Walda

Secretary

Myra Barwick
barwickm@lowcountry.com
Welcome Fisher Chapel and that we had a very good meeting with a lot of interaction and the ladies are ready to move forward to get their unit chartered and spread the word and good deeds of UMW. They have not elected officers yet, but will do that next month when they meet. Several had attended Mission U and Lake Junaluska so they were happy to know when they could attend again. Good meeting. I’m very encourage about what this new unit will do to spread the word of UMW.

Carteret Street United Methodist Women hosted the Annual Prayer Breakfast on February 11, 2017

There were five local UMW’s present. Everyone was welcomed by Bobbie Page, co-President. After reciting the Purpose of United Methodist Women and singing a hymn, Mrs. Dora Sauls led a devotion and prayer. A delicious breakfast casserole, fruit, muffins and beverages were enjoyed by all present.

The speaker was Mr. Bill Love, Executive Director of Beaufort County Dept. of Disabilities and Special Needs.

Mr. Love spoke on the scope of the department and the children and families that are served.

Following Mr. Love’s talk, there was a question and answer period.

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January 21st. **BUMW had a United Methodist Women’s service.** Over 30 of our members participated in both services. Elizabeth Duncan delivered our message entitled “Celebrating United Methodist Women”. We learn the history of UMW and that the first circle at Bluffton United Methodist Church was started in 1931. It was an honor for all of us

February 21, thirteen of our BUMW members attended Legislative Day at Epworth. Following Epworth, we visited Killingsworth and were treated to a very informative visit and tour with Rev. Diane Mosley. We delivered all the items our church had donated for the Killingsworth’s “Needed List” as well as WalMart gift cards.

**BUMW Legislative Day and Killingsworth**
March was Rural Mission Emphasis Month. BUMW had a special Unit meeting honoring Linda Gadson, Executive Director of Rural Missions our guest speaker on March 4th. Our women presented Linda with 10 fleece blankets for the children, about 20 blankets for the adults and 20 pairs of warm socks for the adults. Our meeting was followed by a wonderful “pot luck” luncheon. There were 30 members in attendance.

Shady Grove UMW hosted the Annual Officer Training Day on Feb. 18th. The Fellowship Hall was beautifully decorated and a full breakfast buffet was enjoyed by everyone in attendance.
2017 Spiritual Growth Retreat Registration Form
South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women
April 29-30, 2017
Lake Junaluska Conference Center-Lake Junaluska, NC

For Registration Information, contact Elizabeth Duncan@843-757-3352 or email: lizzyduncan2000@gmail.com

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

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-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

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 on the right.
Turn right and Bethea Welcome Center will be on your left.
One benefit of using your newsletter as a promotional tool is that you can reuse content from other marketing materials, such as press releases, market studies, and reports. While your main goal of distributing a newsletter might be to sell your product or service, the key to a successful newsletter is making it useful to your readers. A great way to add useful content to your newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or include a calendar of upcoming events or a special offer that promotes a new product. You can also research articles or find "filler" articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of topics but try to keep your articles short. Much of the content you put in your newsletter can also be used for your Web site. Microsoft Publisher offers a simple way to convert your newsletter to a Web publication. So, when you’re finished writing your newsletter, convert it to a Web site and post it.

The Walterboro District United Methodist Women

Quiet Day
April 8, 2017

At: Bethel United Methodist Church
486 Johnville Road
Smoaks, SC 29481
(843) 562-2804

Registration is from 9:30 AM – 9:55 AM
Gathering from 9:55 AM to 10:00 AM

For registration in before February 10th the fee is $3.00
Registration taken at the door will be $5.00

NAME_____________________________________
CHURCH___________________________________
E-MAIL OR PHONE #_________________________

Please send this back as soon as possible or No later than February 10, 2017

To: Thelma Hudson
326 Locust Street
Walterboro, SC 29488

Email: Razethe50s@yahoo.com
(843) 893-2039

Also include your check payable to:
United Methodist Women-Walterboro District

For additional information E-mail Deanna Goodwine deannah4391@gmail.com
or call her at (843) 834-1376
MISSION TODAY ACTION FORM

Unit President: ___________________________ Date: ___________ 
Unit: ___________________________ No. of Women in Unit: _______

Units are encouraged to complete as many criteria as possible. Units of 10 members or less must complete at least 5. Units of 15 members or less must complete at least 7. Units of 16 or more must complete at least 10 of the criteria. All units must complete criteria 1.

_1_ * Your unit will make and meet its pledge to mission.

_2_ Use the Prayer Calendar at each general meeting of the unit to pray for people in mission and for our mission work with women, children and youth.

_3_ Your unit will add at least one or more member to its roll.

_4_ Your unit will have at least two members subscribing to Response Magazine. Units under 10 will have at least one member subscribing to Response.

_5_ Your unit will use at least (2) programs from the Program Book during the year.

_6_ Your unit, circle, subgroup will participate in at least one Mission Study a year.

_7_ Your unit will implement the Charter for Racial Justice Policies at least two (2) ways during the year.

_8_ At least one (1) member of your unit (other than a conference or district officer) will attend the conference or district School of Christian Mission.

_9_ At least one (1) member of your unit (other than a conference or district officer) will attend the conference or district annual meeting.

_10_ Members shall write to five people listed in the Prayer Calendar at least once a year. You may choose to write to the person listed on your birthday.

_11_ Your unit will participate in the Campaign for Children.

_12_ Your unit will be a Five Star Unit, contributing to all five channels of MISSION GIVING.

_13_ Your unit, circle, or subgroup will include a Response moment where an article from the Response Magazine will be lifted up as a way to tell the mission story. New World Outlook Magazine provides another good way to tell the mission story.

_14_ Have at least two people from unit, circle, or subgroup complete one of the Reading Program Plans and report on one of the books read: encourage all members to complete Plan One. Have a book review program.

_15_ Your unit will invite a district or conference officer, other than a member of the unit, to one of the meetings during the year.
Don’t miss this opportunity to fill your wardrobe with some wonderful new clothes at amazing prices! Save your $$$$$
At Carteret Street United Methodist Church, Beaufort

DRESS FOR LESS

Carteret Street United Methodist Church

Friday, April 21                                      9am – 6pm
Saturday, April 22                                   9am – 3pm

Fellowship Hall, 408 Carteret Street, Beaufort, SC

Proceeds Support United Methodist Women Missions

Questions? Contact Sally Fordham, 843-812-3311