August 2019

Calendar of Events

2019

- August 15\textsuperscript{th} – Airwaves Deadline for September Edition
- September – Mission Emphasis ‘Killingsworth’
- September 1\textsuperscript{st} Airwaves Published
- September 10\textsuperscript{th} – 4\textsuperscript{th} Quarter Remittance Due
- September 21\textsuperscript{st} – Greenville District Annual Meeting @ Salem United Methodist Church
- October 25\textsuperscript{th} -26\textsuperscript{th} SC Conference United Methodist Women @ Buncombe Street UMC
- November – Mission Emphasis ‘Bethlehem Center’
- November 9\textsuperscript{th} – SCUMW Officers Training, 8:30am-2:00pm, Ashland UMC, Columbia SC
- November 15\textsuperscript{th} - Airwaves Deadline
- December 1\textsuperscript{st} – December Airwaves Published
- December 5\textsuperscript{th} – 1\textsuperscript{st} Quarter Remittance Due

The Purpose of the 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.
Greetings Everyone,
We are fast approaching two major events for our District, the Greenville District Annual Meeting, September 21st @ Salem United Methodist Church and the South Carolina Conference of United Methodist Women, October 25-26 @ Buncombe Street United Methodist Church.

I am hoping and asking for an uplifting and surge of attendance for both events. We are still in need of volunteers for our October Meeting for both days. Please contact our Vice-President, Vickie Failor (864-354-8842), if you are willing and able to help on either or both days October 25-26.
As you know when you invite guest to your home, you need to be there to welcome and serve them.

Let’s embrace our theme by making Greenville full of Limitless Possibilities, while celebrating 150 years in Mission.

Remember it will be 12 years before the South Carolina United Methodist Women Conference Meeting come back to Greenville again, so let’s make each other proud to be a part of the Greenville District.

Blessings,

Sylvia Marie Clinkscales, President
Local Unit President’s Report

Reports should cover September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019
Due by September 30, 2019
Mail to; Sylvia Marie Clinkscales, 3 Egret Court, Greenville, SC 29611
or email eyes16@bellsouth.net  Phone: 864-235-8288

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**Participation:**
- SCCUMW Meeting: October 2018
- District Officer’s Training November 2018
- Local Officer’s Training: January 2019
- Legislative Day: February 2019
- World Day of Prayer: March 2019
- Spiritual Growth Retreat: May 2019
- Come Together, Be Together: May 2019
- Mission U: July 2019
- Greenville District Annual Meeting
- Other Events: _____________________________

**Mission Education:**
- Reading Program Participants: __________________
- Subscriptions and Participants in Response (units) __________________
- Do you use the program book in units/circles? ______________
- Do you use the Prayer Calendar? ______________

**Pledges and Contributions:**
- Did your unit pledge to District for 2019? ______________
Vice President’s Notes

United Methodist Women

Friendship Circle

The Friendship Circle will meet on Tuesday August 20, 2019 at 2:00 P.M. in the Quilters Room.

Shalom Circle

The Shalom Circle will meet on Saturday, August 17, 2019 at noon at Dawn Stewart’s home. We will have a light lunch and plan our calendar for the upcoming year.

Prayer Focus

Our prayer focus for August is on the Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center in East Prairie, Missouri. Their mission is to build healthy families in the southeast Missouri area. The center began in 1992 as a pilot project of Epworth Children's Home in St. Louis, Missouri. The name Susanna Wesley was chosen because she is often referred to as one of the best examples of parenthood.

Today, their many programs include parenting classes, life skills classes, Christian mental health counseling, adult basic education, a formal victim services program, court advocacy, safe exchange and visitation, a 24 hour crisis line, and summer camp and after school activities for youth.

In April 2015, they were blessed to acquire two new buildings. They are being used to host many of their operations and outreach programs. They have also been able to double their emergency bed space and add additional rooms for therapy and counseling.

Birthday cards will be sent to missionaries Ginny Moore in Ohio and Amanda Mountain in New York.
We are all storytellers—all engaged, as the anthropologist Mary Catherine Bateson puts it, in an “act of creation” of the “composition of our lives.” Yet unlike most stories we’ve heard, our lives don’t follow a predefined arc. Our identities and experiences are constantly shifting, and storytelling is how we make sense of it. By taking the disparate pieces of our lives and placing them together into a narrative, we create a unified whole that allows us to understand our lives as coherent — and coherence, psychologists say, is a key source of meaning.

—Emily Esfahani Smith, author of *The Power of Meaning: Crafting a Life That Matters*

Stories are important.

In this our 150th year we’ve been researching, telling stories, writing and studying about our history. We will have a wonderful opportunity to do this at Mission u this summer. Of course, there are way too many stories to tell them all, so we are forced to choose stories that help us make sense of our history, just as we do when we tell personal and family stories.

We illustrate the dimensions of the women’s mission movement, of which United Methodist Women is a part. Rural and urban mission, foreign and home mission, ministries of compassion and justice, work that is nearby and work that is far away.

As we share the history, we also interpret it and frame why this organization and its work provides us with so much meaning. We choose whether we tell the stories in ways that show how the different aspects of our identity seem to be in tension or are mutually reinforcing. We choose whether we tell about the resistance that we have faced from our earliest days to the present time. We choose whether we address the struggles and the effort required to do the work or if we focus only on the achievements that resonate with our own experience.

Including the challenges as well as the successes in our storytelling is important. It tells us about our identity as a movement and shapes our understanding as we face challenges of our own.

While it seems inevitable to focus on the women whose names we know, this is also a choice. Granted, we may know the most about named leaders, about the women who were sent and those who built and continued substantial institutions. However, the membership of our movement is far larger than the number of women who are featured by name. These sisters are not nameless, but they are often unnamed. These unnamed women represent the movement too. They are the women who prayed, corresponded, gave of their funds and their service and invited other women to participate.

What if each of us connected our own stories with our unnamed predecessors as we tell the story? Just as we see ourselves in the unnamed women in the Bible, we can see ourselves in the unnamed women in our history. We stand on their shoulders as we press on in our own ways of working together: loving, serving, speaking up for women, children and youth and generous giving. Like them we can invite others to journey with us and to respond to the call of God in this time turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.
The warehouse in Atlanta tells me that they expect to have the Program Books for 2020 available by our upcoming Fall District Meeting to be held on Saturday, September 21. Therefore, if you will call or text me at 864-630-7985 NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2019, I will be happy to order the Program Books your unit will need for next year and have them available for you at our Fall District Meeting. Each book will cost $10.00 plus .25 postage for a total of $10.25. Ordering through the District will save on postage since we will be ordering a large number probably. Ordering in small numbers gets to be quite expensive. When you pick up your Program Books at the meeting, checks should be made payable to Greenville District UMW. We cannot return any unsold books, so please order exactly what your unit needs.
Since the Atlanta warehouse is no longer stocking books for our Reading Program, I plan for Aldersgate, my home unit, to order our books early through Amazon and have them available for review, BUT NOT FOR SALE, at the Fall District Meeting. This will at least give members an opportunity to see the new selections for 2020. Units can then decide what they want to order on their own through Amazon or through local book sellers. I will have several photo stated copies of the 2020 Reading Program Catalog (one per unit) and Reading Program Records available as well at the meeting. You can print additional ones from the United Methodist Women's website. Nationals are not printing any of these items anymore.

Thank you for being so prompt with submitting your 2019 Reading Program Records. I look forward to awarding your Reading Certificates at our upcoming Fall Meeting.

Ruth McAllister, District Program Resources Chair
Don’t forget to wear your Greenville District T-Shirt to the SCUMW Annual Conference on Friday, October 25, 2019 at Buncombe Street UMC, Greenville SC.

Someone recently asked what happens to our used stamps: They are sent to the Marion Mission Storehouse in Marion, Indiana. This non-profit organization acts as a distribution center to ship needed items to our Christian workers in Africa. The Mission is a vital connection in the life and work of the UMC in Africa. Their purpose is to empower the African church to become self-sustaining in its work and ministry. Saving used postage stamps helps to defray the cost of shipping (Collectors buy the stamps). No prepaid stamps can be used. Please trim stamps to one-fourth inch around the perforation.

As always, remember you have excellent program resources in the Prayer Calendar and Response Magazines to learn about missions and mission personnel.

Please contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Thank you,

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This year 2019, we celebrate our 150th Year of the United Methodist Women in mission speaking out for social justice in all walks of life. We are truly excited about this year as we celebrate United Methodist Women on a mission to serve Christ. We are also ecstatic that this year our home town of Greenville will be hosting our South Carolina conference and that Buncombe Street UMC Family has agreed to be our host.

In order for this to be a great success we need your help. **We are asking all of our local units an district churches to give a love donation in the amount of $150.00.** The monies raised will help with all the expenses and souvenir welcome bags that will be given out at the convention. If your organization is able to give more please feel free to do so in which any and all amounts are greatly appreciative. Please make your checks out to the Greenville District United Methodist Women.

We look forward to seeing all of you there and please keep us in your prayers as we work toward this wonderful event.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Markylena Tolbert-Wydman

Membership Nurture Outreach Coordinator, Greenville District

(864) 346-9932 mobile

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“Don’t walk behind me; I may not lead. Don’t walk in front of me, I may not follow. Just walk beside me and be my friend. *Unknown*

**District Social Action Project**

At our Annual Meeting on September 21, 2019, we will be collecting items for Freedom Bags to be donated to Switch in Greenville County. Switch has led the effort to fight human trafficking and sexual exploitation in the Upstate of South Carolina since 2012.

Freedom Bags are given by Switch to their allies throughout the Upstate, such as Law Enforcement Victim Advocates, as well as their very own care coordinators to give to women they meet in crisis.

Freedom Bags should include:

- backpack-style bag
- shampoo / conditioner
- toothbrush / toothpaste
- body wash / soap
- lotion
- hair brush
- hair ties
- feminine hygiene products
- blanket
- underwear, socks, sports bra, sweatpants, t-shirt (consistent sizes for bag)

*Please try to limit the presence of logos on the backpack / clothing. Also, avoid mouthwash, hand sanitizer, anything aerosol, nail clippers, tweezers, perfume, and razors.*
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 Laurie Fite, District Social Action Coordinator by August 15 in order to be recognized at our District Annual Meeting and receive the Diamond Unit certificate.

Name of Church: ______________________________________________________________

Contact Person & Phone: __________________________________________________________

Send completed form by August 15 to Laurie Fite, District Social Action Coordinator at Laurie@Fite.com or to 202 Brushy Creek Road, Taylors, SC 29687
Please report the names, district and church name of our beloved United Methodist Sisters that have passed away last year (August 15, 2018 thru August 15, 2019)

**Deceased Members Form 2019**

Church:

Name(s):

Give to Anne-Marie F. Wallace at amnfailor@bellsouth.net or 651 Sulphur Springs Rd, Greenville, SC 29617.

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I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH THE ANNUAL MEETING. I AM AVAILABLE TO HELP DURING THE FOLLOWING TIME AS GREETERS OR HOSTESS AND REGISTRATION TABLE

Thursday, October 24th 10:00 a.m. until noon (help set up)_____________________________________

Thursday, October 24th noon until 2:00 pm (help set up)_____________________________________

Thursday, October 24th 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm (help set up)_____________________________________

Friday, October 25th from 9:00 a.m. until noon:_______________________________________________

Friday, October 25th from noon until 3 p.m._________________________________________________

Friday, October 26th from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m._______________________________________________

Friday, October 25th from 6 p.m. Until 10 pm________________________________________________

Saturday, October 26th from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m.____________________________________________

Saturday, October 26th from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.___________________________________________

I CAN HELP SERVE DINNER /LUNCH

FRIDAY DINNER: _________________________________________________________________

SATURDAY LUNCH: _______________________________________________________________

Volunteer Name:_____________________________________________________________________

Volunteer Address:___________________________________________________________________

Volunteer Phone Number:_____________________________________________________________

Volunteer e-mail:__________________________________________________________________

Please return this form to Vickie Failor, Vice President Greenville District UMW – 1208 Cedar Lane Rd., Greenville, SC 29617 or vfailor@bellsouth.net – you can contact me at 354-8842, if you have questions.
The Greenville District United Methodist Women

Slate of Officers 2018-2019

First Year of Second Term
Education and Interpretation Coordinator  Winifred Simpson

First Year of First Term
Social Action Coordinator  Laurie Fite

Second Year of First Term
President  Sylvia Marie Clinkscales
Vice-President  Vickie Failor
Secretary  Joan Davis
Treasurer  Diane Talley
Spiritual Growth Coordinator  Ann-Marie Failor
Membership/Nurture/Outreach  Markylena Tolbert-Wydman
Secretary of Program Resource  Ruth McAllister
Communication Coordinator  Barbara Castro
Chairperson on Committee of Nomination  Deloris Johnson
Susan Smith
Elinda Downs

Appointees
Historian  Carolyn Hamby
Cluster Leader 1  Jennifer Cheatham
Cluster Leader 2  Mary Blue
Cluster Leader 3  Deborah Brown
Cluster Leader 4  Juanita Bowens
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Cluster Leader 4: Juanita Bowens, 601 New Dunham Bridge Rd. Greenville, SC 29611 Phone: 864-640-9761  
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Historian: Carolyn Hamby, 1023 West Vaughn Rd, Greer, SC 29651  Phone: 864-877-4634  E-mail: hambyc@live.com

Nominations Committee Members: Dee Johnson, P.O. Box 9202 Greenville, SC 29604, Phone: 864-603-1236  
E-mail: deloris.johnson@gmail.com

Elinda Downs, 14 Floral Wood Way, Pelzer, SC 29669, Phone: 864-243-6010  
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South Carolina Mission Projects
Emphasis Months

April
Bethlehem Community Center - Columbia

September
Killingsworth

October
Bethlehem Center
Spartanburg

GREENVILLE DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
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