A Christian’s Christmas

Christmas isn't showy gifts
Or glittering decoration;
It's honoring our Savior, Jesus Christ
In humble adoration.

It's serving those less fortunate,
Meeting their needs before our own;
It's making sure at Christmas time
That no one is alone.

It's taking what we would have spent
On things that no one needs,
And using it to help someone
With service and good deeds.

Our Savior showed us how to live
With charity, faith and service.
It makes the holidays a joy,
More peaceful, and less nervous.

So let's remember Christmas is
About our Savior's birth;
That's the way to happiness,
The way to peace on earth.

By Joanna Fuchs
Thank you so much for our wonderful 47th Annual Meeting in Greenville. It was a spirit filled, love filled, memory making time together. Each of you made it so! My prayer is for our sisterhood to continue to share in each other’s spiritual growth, learn of important issues in our world today, remember our past, and go boldly together into 2020. I thank each of you for your special place in my journey. God bless our SCCUMW!

Peace,
Cathy Ford
A Call For Action
On December 6, young people across the U.S. are leading a #ClimateStrike for action on the climate crisis, the biggest threat to our collective future. We’ve been invited to join. Let’s continue to support young people demanding climate justice.

***See insert on next page for ways to help.***

Important Date To Remember

Officers’ Training
Saturday, January 11, 2020
Murray UM Church
864 Old Orangeburg Road, Summerville
9:00am
WHAT YOU CAN DO:

• Ground your actions in Bible study, worship and prayer. Use the Climate Justice: A Call to Faith, Hope and Love in Action mission study to deepen your understanding of how caring for God’s creation is fundamental to our faith.

• Find out the energy sources used for electricity and transportation in your home, church, municipality, city and state. How much comes from fossil fuels? What are the health and environmental impacts? How does this impact women, children, youth and marginalized members in your communities?

• Find out about local and state efforts to move to clean, renewable energy, starting with city hall, utilities and bus companies for example. Create a climate justice team within your unit, district and conference. Use your unique United Methodist Women voice to protect God’s earth and people and push for clean, renewable energy that is just and fair.

• Join United Methodist Women’s national efforts to move companies and the country to energy that is just.
  ○ Urge Chevron to #CutMethane waste (www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/chevron)
  ○ Join or organize a meeting with your local Ford dealership to urge them to support Clean Car Standards (www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/ford)

• Stay Connected
  ○ Receive updates from UMW (www.bit.ly/UMWgreenroup)
  ○ Contact us to resource you and celebrate your work! climatejustice@unitedmethodistwomen.org
  ○ Connect with us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/bejustbegreen

LEARN MORE TO MOBILIZE: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/climate-justice

Sources:
RE100, there100.org.
Social Action

Our Sickle Cell Walk was held at Park Circle on September 28, 2019. There were over 200 walkers. Jeanette Alston thanked all of the United Methodist Women Units for participating and supporting the walk for the past five years. Novella Smith Larkins and Martha Sass recognized some of the people with the Sickle Cell traits and some that have gained their heavenly wings because of having the sickle cell trait. Family members released balloons for their family members that are no longer with them.

October 1, 2019 Grace United Methodist Church, Charleston, SC hosted a “Pack the Purse” function with speaker Sue Hanshaw from Tri-county Family Ministries; Over 200 purses were filled donated to Tricounty Family Ministries.

October 12, 2019 ladies participated in a Domestic Violence Awareness program sponsored by The Life Center Cathedral Church. Many organizations spoke on domestic violence and where to go to get help. Places for help include My Sister’s House, and the North Charleston Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Sass
Social Action, CDUMW
Legislative Advocacy Day

Our upcoming Legislative Advocacy Day is scheduled for February 11, 2020 with a weather make up day of March 3, 2020. The theme is “Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. The cause for fatherless; Plead the case of the widow.” SC Representative & Education Committee Chair Rita Allison will speak in the morning and Soteria Founder Jerry Blassingame will be our Keynote Luncheon Speaker. Space is limited to 400 attendees.

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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