COLUMBIA DISTRICT OFFICER TRAINING

JANUARY 11, 2020

UNION UMC
WOODROW STREET
IRMO, SC 29063

NEWS WATCH...

- LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY DAY  EPWORTH CHILDREN HOME  FEBRUARY 11, 2020
- CELEBRATION DAY HOSTED BY LIMITLESS LADIES  LEBANON UMC  FEBRUARY 29, 2020
- DAYS APART RETREAT  GRACE UMC  MARCH 7, 2020
- MISSION U  SPARTANBURG METHODIST COLLEGE  JULY 16-18, 2020
2020 Columbia District
Officer Training
Saturday, January 11, 2020
Union United Methodist Church
Woodrow Street
Irmo, SC  29063

Registration: 8:45am – 9:15am
Gathering 9:15am – 9:30am
Program: 9:30am – 10:30am
Training Sessions: 10:30am – Noon

All officers are asked to attend.
President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Communications Coordinator, Spiritual Growth Coordinator, Social Action Coordinator, Membership Nurture & Outreach Coordinator, Education and Interpretation Coordinator, Reading Resource Manager, Historian, Nominations and Circle Leaders

District officers will meet following training.
Message From Your President...

We’ve come this far by Faith… Leaning on the Lord!!

Another year is slowly ending.

I want to begin by thanking Mt. Hebron United Methodist Women for hosting the 47th annual meeting on September 21. There were 165 ladies registered. The theme was “Anchored in Christ”! Our guest speaker was the fantastic and spirit filled Dr. Evelyn Fulmore, Spiritual Growth Coordinator in the Florence District. She reminded us to stay anchored in Christ, continue to put our Faith Hope and Love into Action, and all will be well.

The Columbia District paid $58,361.70 toward our pledge of $65,000 to the conference. This amount equates to 89% of our pledge of $65,000. Of the 58 churches in our district, there are 30 churches with active UMW units. We are $6,638.30 away from meeting our pledge. I am hoping your units will get their remaining pledge commitments turned in to our treasurer before not later than December 5.

Mission u was held July 18-20 at Spartanburg Methodist College. There were 22 registered from Columbia District. This year’s theme: Mission u: United Methodist Women: Radical Disciples—Then and Now. The Spiritual Growth study: Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship. This lesson study was led by Rev. Angela Ford Nelson. She was dynamic. I think everyone enjoyed her teaching. The Geographic Study: Women United for Change, 150 Years in Mission lead by several teachers. My class was led by our own Jane Scott from Northeast United Methodist. She did a fantastic job bringing us from then to now. The Social Issue Study: What About Our Money: A Faith Perspective led by several teachers. The Youth Study: Who Do You Say That I AM? “Meeting Jesus through the Eyes of Mark” led by our Vice President Debra Schooler. She is also the Conference leader with the Limitless Team. February 29, 2020 at Lebanon UMC in Columbia is the place to be to see the talent, excitement and enthusiasm in the Limitless team. Plan to join all of the teams from around the state on Saturday, February 29, 2020. More details to follow.

It is always a wonderful feeling of pride to see ladies from Columbia District taking leadership roles in our Conference events. I am proud to announce that Vanessa Key will serve as Assistant Dean and Vicki Hill will serve as Assistant Registrar of Mission u. Debra Schooler will be the new Limitless Coordinator for the Conference.

The ladies of Brookland UMC took the lead on the Native American Blanket project. Thank the ladies for getting all 50 blankets completed. The blankets will be distributed to homeless shelters and children’s home in the area.

Thank you to Caroline Harrelson and the ladies of Ashland United Methodist for hosting this year’s SC Conference United Methodist District Training which was held on Saturday, November 9. Our District team were there!!! I think we are ready to bring it home to you our local unit officers training on January 11, 2020 at Union.

Presidents please get your list of officers for 2020 submitted to our Secretary, Carrie Murray before our officer training on January 11.

Happy Holidays!!

Be safe and God bless!!!

Sandra Love
Columbia District President

**ATTENTION:**

The conference has decided to hold conference officer training every year in Columbia because Columbia is centrally located in the state. The conference officer training is usually held second Saturday in November. Chapin will host in 2020. Please contact Sandra Love at 803-414-7323 if you will host conference officer training in 2021. It would be great to get commitments through 2023.
**News From The Vice President**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!! What a blessed year we have had in our UMW groups. I hear stories of growth, shared love, inspiration and new beginnings. God is good, all the time. UMW sisters make a difference in lives with our pledges, our service, our giving and our commitment to help the fragile families we serve. I am so proud to be a servant in our district, state and world. Every time I read “Response” magazine, I am proud. Although, I feel I don’t do enough to support our community, especially after seeing the stories of struggle and hardship all around me. My goal is the new year is to “Step Up and Step Out”. I challenge you ladies to stretch a little further and even if you can’t physically do more, a financial donation is important tooo!! I am praying that we make our pledge goal this year so we can know we did it - we stretched and did not break!!!

Hope this new year brings many blessings to each of you.

In Christ,

**Debra Schooler**  
Columbia District Vice President
Greetings UMW Sisters:

By the time you receive these minutes, Thanksgiving will have passed, and we will be anxiously awaiting the celebration of our Savior’s birth. I want to seize this moment to say how thankful and grateful I am to be among women of faith, hope and love. Let us give THANKS to God for the many opportunities He has given us to serve others. Let us be in the spirit of GIVING, not out of our abundance, but out of the depths of a joyful heart.

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- Review of Columbia District Annual Meeting/Evaluation: Participants gave all positive feedback.
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From the Secretary's Desk

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Officer Reports were received from the following persons: President-Sandra Love; Vice President and Interim Treasurer- Debra Schooler; Communications - Rhonda Washington; Spiritual Growth - Bridgette Gruber; Social Action –Patricia Armstrong; Membership Nurture and Outreach- Maeward Belk; Education and Interpretation –Mary Mason; Program Resources- Vanessa Key; Nominations: Connie Branham.

Details from the reports will appear in Gleanings and are available upon request.

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| 1 Robin Andrews | 1. Gilbert UMW  
                 | 2. Lexington UMW           |
| 2 Evelyn Neal by Mary Nell Trussell | 1. Mt. Hebron UMW |
| 3 Mary Mason/Vanessa Key | None |
| 4 Faye Love | 1. Asbury UMW  
               | 2. Trenholm Road UMW  
               | 3. Whaley Street UMW |
| 5 Tiffany Phillips | 1. Francis Burns UMW  
                      | 2. Northeast UMW  
                      | 3. Rehoboth UMW  
                      | 4. Windsor WMW |
| 6 Laura Mitchell | None |

Listed below are some of the activities that units across the district completed during the third quarter, 2019. This info was retrieved from Cluster Reports.

**Supportive Community/Fellowship**
1. Served lunch to youth and adult Salkehatchie Camp workers
2. Served meals to children, youth and adults in Vacation Bible School
3. Donated school supplies
4. Sponsored Pumpkin Patch event
5. Donated to Teen Challenge charity
6. Donated baked goods to Kairo Ministry

**Spiritual Growth**
1. Participated in Vacation Bible School
2. Participated in Call to Prayer and Self-Denial service
3. Attended Mission u
4. Conducted Women’s Bible Study: Women Speaking Truth from the Ground UP

**Social Action**
1. Presented program from *Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission*
Education and Development

1. Hosted Columbia District Annual Meeting (Mt. Hebron)
2. Participated in the UMW Reading Program
3. Attended the Columbia District Annual Meeting
4. Distributed articles from *response* magazine
5. Hosted Beth Moore Simulcast
6. Held Local Unit Leadership Training

Guest Speakers

1. Representative from LeVie Pregnancy Center
2. Senator Shane Massey: Education and Immigration
3. Dr. April Barns: A Call to Mission

Service / Mission Projects

1. Served barbecue meal and visited the homeless children at Palmetto Place
2. Made sanitary napkins for third-world women
3. Volunteered at Cooperative Ministries
4. Made Christmas shoe boxes for Navajo Indians
5. Collected peanut butter for soup kitchen
6. Hosted Salad Social with free-will offering to support mission trip to Kentucky

Monetary Donations

1. Riverbank Elementary School for families in need
2. Mt. Hebron Day School
3. Pledge to Mission
4. Killingsworth
5. Bethlehem Center-Spartanburg
6. Columbia Bethlehem Center
7. Alston Wilkes Society
8. LICS
9. Meals on Wheels
10. SEEDS
11. Epworth Children’s Home
12. Harvest Hope Food Bank

Fundraisers for Missions

1. Intergenerational Bingo and BBQ
2. Pecans for Missions
3. Garage Sale
Old Business

Native American Blanket Project: Fifty blankets were completed by the ladies at Brookland UMC. The blankets will be distributed to homeless shelters and children’s homes in the area on behalf of Columbia District UMW.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50PM with closing prayer by Bridgett Gruber.

Thanks for all you do on behalf of women, children and youth. Thanks also to all unit presidents who provide updated contact information for your local unit officers. Enjoy your holidays, and be blessed.

Carrie R. Murray
Secretary, Columbia District, UMW
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Columbia District Local Unit Officers
Print or Type

Contact Person __________________________

Name of Church __________________________

Please provide the **name, address, phone number(s) and email address** of each officer in your local UMW unit that is listed below. If I have already received your information, please accept my thanks.

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Send info to
Carrie R. Murray
6509 David Street
Columbia, SC 29203
cmrmurra@bellsouth.net
News From Acting Treasurer:

All remittances for 2019 must be submitted to me by December 5, 2019 to be counted for the 2019 year. Please make sure your 4th quarter remittances, especially, are to me by December 5, so that I can send my reports and funds to the Conference Treasurer by her deadline of December 15.

We are not yet at our pledge goal and hope that our units can dig deep and get their pledges in by December 5th. Let’s make it happen!!!!

Don’t forget our District Officer training on January 11, 2020 at Union United Methodist Church. Please encourage all of your officers to attend. It is important that we know what is expected of us in our jobs!!! Even if you have been to training before, there is always something new to learn. I hope to see all of you there!!!!

I pray all of you have a blessed and happy Christmas and a wonderful new year.

Debra Schooler
Acting Treasurer
Columbia District UMW
Social Action Coordinator Report

Greetings My UMW Sisters

For as long as I can remember this time of the year has been the most wonderful time of the year for me. Now the reasons for that has changed as the years have gone by and my faith has increased. There are many days I wonder if I'm doing what God wants me to do? There are just as many days I question what does God want me to do! I have concluded that whatever it is He expects me to do my best.

I say thank you to all of our Charter for Racial Justice Diamond Award Units. Please continue to do your best. And to all of you who are fulfilling the requirements to be recognized as a Diamond Unit (I know they’re plenty) keep up the good work and remember to send in your information. I look forward to seeing you in January at officers training where more information will be shared.

It’s not too late to take action see social action opportunities below. Do your best and don’t forget to share the information with others.

Give a Christmas Gift to the victims of sex trafficking, It will only cost a stamp and a single phone call but the benefits will be huge. Bob Healy Public Policy Director Lighthouse for Life is asking for help with legislation to stop human trafficking,

The money sex-buyers pay for illicit sex is the sole source of revenue that creates and supports the underground sex economy. Currently the penalty for a first offense of solicitation is a fine "up to $200". This ranks South Carolina 47 out of 50 states. It has no deterrent value and sends a message to law enforcement that it is a low priority crime. Our bill would raise that fine to "up to $1,000". The bill, S194, passed the Senate in January and the House Judiciary Committee in May. It will become law if it passes the House of Representatives when the General Assembly reconvenes in January. South Carolina would become the 12th state to amend its criminal code to provide harsher penalties for the sex-buyer than the victim. It will focus the attention of law enforcement on the buyer. We need your help.

We need you to call Speaker of the House Jay Lucas and ask him to post S194 for a vote. Also send a post card to your representatives asking them to vote for the bill. Contact Debra Schooler For post cards. Note: This is not an adversarial act. Speaker Lucas and the representatives are friends who need to know we care about this.

Gilbert UMW would like to invite Columbia District UMW members to submit recipes for a booklet about “comfort foods,” which have been adapted to be more healthy. For example, a tasty recipe for baked chicken could mimic fried chicken or whole grain bread could replace white flour biscuits. Once the booklet is completed, it will be made available digitally to any UMW group which would like to print and donate copies to local obstetricians serving expectant mothers. Physicians can then pass them on to low-income and other patients who could benefit from changing their eating habits. Please submit your original recipe to Sara Damewood at saraofsc@yahoo.com by January 1. It’s okay to “tweek” recipes that you find. Include estimated cost and nutritional information. Ideal foods are lower in fat, sugar and sodium as well as easy to prepare and low cost. Check out the Dietary Guidelines for Americans at choosemyplate.gov for basic information on healthy food choices. Also, keep in mind the special nutritional needs of pregnant and nursing mothers; they need extra folic acid, iron, calcium and Vitamin D. Call Sara with any questions: 803-730-4987.

Please save the date Legislative Advocacy Day hosted at Epworth February 11, 2020, back up day March 3, 2020. Excellent program planned for all ages. You do not have to be a UMW to attend. More information to follow.

Merry Christmas, see you soon

Patricia Armstrong
Social Action Coordinator
Membership, Nurture, and Outreach Report

Greetings my Sisters in Christ,

Alas, the time has come to bid you farewell. It has been a pleasure working with all of you. Thank you for all you have done to support me over the years. Please welcome Mary Anne DeWitt your incoming MN&O Coordinator. I have no doubt that you will give the same cooperation to Mary Ann that you have given me. Wishing you all the best in the future.

My last assignment is to remind you of the 2019 census reporting as follows:

**URGENT: Local Presidents and MN&O Coordinators Please Read Carefully**

It’s the launch of the 2019 census. This year’s census is focused on giving information and sharing ideas for sustainability and growth! Your full participation and count are needed!

The 2019 Census Submission Deadline is **Monday, March 30, 2020.**

I want to thank all the district local UMW persons who were diligent in completing and making sure that 2018 census was completed. We must continue our great reporting for census 2019. Our goal for 2019 is to have 100 percent of our local units represented in the census.

Listed below for your convenience is the link to the instructional video for the 2019 Census. Local Presidents and/or MN&O Coordinators are encouraged to view this video. If there are any questions or if you need additional information, please contact Mary Ann DeWitt by email at maryannedewitt1017@gmail.com or by phone at (803)917-2884.

The 2019 Census internet link: [https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census2019](https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census2019)

*I look forward to seeing you at the District Officer Training January 11, at Union UMC.*

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Maeward S. Belk

Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator
224 Meadowbury Drive, Columbia, SC 29203
E-mail: mbelk@sc.rr.com Phone: (803) 786-5659
# Program Resource Manager

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The program books calendars and UMW items are available at this website - https://www.umwmissionresources.org.

Above is the new 2020 reading list. This new procedure is in an effort to save money on processing and shipping charges for the UMW conference. Some titles can be found in your local library. You can purchase online through Amazon Prime or from some of the online websites including: https://www.biblio.com, bookfinder.com, and DoverEditors@e.doverpublishing.com. Some titles are available for ebooks, and some are available on audible.com.

Please continue to let me know your recommendations so I can share this with others. and your helpful hints are always welcome.

Mary Nell Trussell
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Greetings and Salutations to My United Methodist Sisters!

I am your newly elected Education and Interpretation Representative for Columbia District UMW. I do not have an official report for our four Missions, (Bethlehem Spartanburg Center, Killingsworth, Bethlehem Community Center Columbia, and Wallace Community Center), however; I am in the process of scheduling in-person visits to all four Missions by the end of the year! I have contacted all four Missions to schedule a visit in the very near future.

I did have the opportunity to visit the Ronald McDonald House on Tuesday, November 19, 2019. The tour was phenomenal! The house is beautiful and the Service to families is Superlative! They too collect “Pop Tabs” for financial support, so please continue to collect your “Pop Tabs” for the Ronald McDonald House!

I have an appointment to meet with Kay Hughes on Friday, November 22, 2019 @ 4 pm for a tour and information on their upcoming Community Events. I also plan to spend a day with the Food Preparer at Killingsworth to help prepare her weekend meals and collect information on their upcoming events!

I AM EXCITED AND READY TO SERVE!

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Anna Mason

Yours in Christ! Shalom! Peace! Joy! Grace to ALL!
News from your Limitless Team:

Please invite the young ladies from your churches, ages 14-30, to our first annual Limitless Christmas party. It will be held at Francs Burns United Methodist Church from 10:00 am -12:30 pm. We will have games, food, prizes and all we ask is that you bring a toy for the shoeboxes we are packing to be delivered on Christmas Day.

Save the Date: February 29, 2020

Limitless is hosting a statewide UMW event on February 29th, 2020 at Lebanon UMC, 10220 Garners Ferry Road, Eastover, SC 29044. A fun celebration for all our UMW sisters all over the state!! We will fellowship, eat and enjoy some Limitless young ladies and their talents!!!! More info to come!!!!

Blessings to all!!

Debra Schooler
Limitless Co-leader
Legislative Advocacy Day 2020

Tuesday, February 11, 2020     (Weather make up day March 3, 2020)

“Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed.
Take up the cause of the fatherless; Plead the case of the widow.”      Isaiah 1:17

Epworth Children’s Home  2900 Millwood Avenue, Columbia, SC 29205  (803)256-7394

8am – 9am    Registration (No On-site Registration) Continental Breakfast
9am        Welcome, Greetings, and Invocation
9:30am       Morning Legislative Speaker
10:30am    Workshops
Noon      Lunch
           Guest Keynote Speaker – Mr. Jerry Blassingame
           ‘Reclaiming the Previously Incarcerated’
1:30pm  Break
1:45pm    Optional Special Program – Active Shooter Presentation
1:45pm    Walking/ Riding Tours of Epworth

Space is limited to 400 attendees.  Please remember to bring your water bottle, water stations available!

**Registration Fee $20** - Includes materials, Continental Breakfast, Lunch, Free Child Care, Parking
Deadline January 30th.  **Late Registration is $30** with postmark deadline by February 4th!  Substitutions, certainly, but no refunds!

Make checks payable to SCCUMW.  Send form and fee to:  Rebecca W. Eleazer, 5116 Burke Avenue, Columbia SC 29203  phone (803) 754-0942  email:  rweleazer@gmail.com

Name:_____________________________________________________________________________
Address: ___________________________________________City:_____________________________________
Phone: ________________________            Email:____________________________________

Please check and complete all that applies to you:

_____     UMW Member, Church and District    ________________________________            
_____ Non-UMW Member
_____  Special Dietary Needs:  Vegetarian _____Gluten-Free _____ Diabetic _____ Other _____________
Child Care Needed    Child’s Name & Age  ________________________________________________
(Please bring lunch and snack for your child)

ONLY if your invited State Legislator plans to attend, please list his/her name for Introduction:
___________________________________________________________________________________

Please Number your First and Second Workshop choices:
Ex-Offender Rehabilitation      The Economics of Poverty in SC       Voter Registration & Advocacy
Climate Justice at a Personal Level       Infant Mortality & Childhood Health
Mark your calendars!!

Columbia District Day Apart Retreat

When: Saturday, March 4, 2020

Where: Grace UMC
410 Harbison Blvd
Columbia, SC 29212
803-732-1899

Registration – 8:45-9:30am

Program starts: 9:30am

Lunch will be: 12:00 noon  Cost: $15.00

Make checks payable to: Columbia District UMW.

Mail to: Debra Schooler
113 Meadow Lane
Eastover, SC 29044

Name: 

Church:

Is this your first time attending: _______ yes _______ no.
“Am I My Sister’s Keeper, The Honor of Serving” was the theme for the 2019 South Carolina State Church Women United (CWU) Assembly annual meeting. Women from cities across the Carolinas traveled to the beautiful farming community near Neeses to gather at the New Light United Methodist Church. Our host, the Orangeburg unit’s Church Women United, greeted their sisters in Christ with wonderful smiles in a beautifully decorated fellowship center. The Assembly began with greeting and welcome from presidents Shelagh Wirth of South Carolina CWU State assembly, Cynthia M Jamison, CWU Orangeburg unit, and Brenda Wills, CWU Southeast Regional Coordinator from Clemmons, North Carolina. The program proceeded with scripture readings, a litany of remembrance, and a special music selection by Regina Simon. Helen C. Schumpert of Columbia and Sara Funderburk of Orangeburg shared a summary of one ecumenical action project sponsored by their unit during the year. Our heart and mission are to serve the poor by donating hygiene products and supplies, stable food items to local food banks and provides benevolence contributions to local charity organizations that are providing hope and love to all who come seeking help and solving problems in their community.
Domestic violence was the topic for our educational session. Domestic violence is defined as willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or other abusive behavior as part of a systematic pattern of power and control perpetrated by one’s intimate partner against another. Did You Know that 41% of women and 17% of men in South Carolina experience intimate partner physical violence by a spouse or partner? In 2011, South Carolina had the highest rate of women murdered by men in the US, more than double the national average. In 2012, 71% of women killed by men in South Carolina were killed with a gun. The more you know, the more you can do to help stop violence against women and men.

Our guest speaker was Chelsea Steward, a Community Educator with CASA Family Systems. She shared CASA’s mission to break the cycle of sexual and domestic violence through advocacy, supportive services and awareness. Currently, CASA provides Sexual Assault Services, Community Domestic Violence Services, Emergency Shelter for Battered Women and their children, Batterer Intervention Program for Perpetrators of Domestic Violence, Community Advocacy Program, and Edisto Children Center a children advocacy service. We pray for God’s blessing on this ministry and on all who come seeking help. CASA’s hotline telephone number are (803) 531-6211 or (800) 728-7228. Mailing address for donation: CASA Family Systems Attention: Chelsea Steward POB 1568 Orangeburg, SC 29115-1568

The State Assembly Executive Board voted to recognize twelve individuals with an Ecumenical Award for her service to the church, community, and the Church Women United ecumenical movement. The honorees were:

- **Ruth H. Black** (Chappell Memorial AME Church) and **Joyce H Lybrand** (Ebenezer Lutheran Church), given a Legacy Award.
- Orangeburg unit’s member **Margaret E. Johnson** (Gethsemane Baptist Church) presented with a Key Woman award. Nine members of the Columbia unit **Joann Grant** (James AME Church), **Randi Ann Olsen Olafson** (Lady of the Hills Catholic Church), **Barbara Kovacs** (Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Church), **Mary Estella Justice-Conner** (Community CME Church), **Nadine Anderson** (Jones AME-Zion Church), **Lou Reatha Lawson Pittman** (Zion Capel Baptist Church #1), **Jane Mason** (Redeemer Lutheran Church), **Rowena Nylund** (Shandon Presbyterian Church) and **Maeward Elizabeth Suber Belk** (Francis Burns United Methodist Church) received a Key Woman award.

In 1941 Church Women United (CWU) organized a national volunteer Christian ecumenical women’s movement involving Protestant, Roman Catholic, and other Christian denominations. Whose mission is to celebrate unity in diversity and to work for peace and justice in the world, specifically for women and children.

Pam Thomas
CWU Treasurer
West Metro Salkehatchie

Ladies of the United Methodist Women,

West Metro Salkehatchie needs your help! We are a reboot camp and 2020 is our first year back with youth campers. We need help in finding youth and adults to join us on our mission to help people in the West Columbia, Cayce, and Gaston area.

How can I or my church help?

- Prayers
- Encourage your youth 14 years old or older to attend Salkehatchie
- Convince your adult mission workers, skilled construction workers, ERT trained, CPR Certified personnel to join us in our mission
- Provide me the contact information for your youth leaders, who are interested in sending youth to a Salkehatchie camp
- Reach out to your neighboring non-Methodist churches to see if they have youth that may be interested in participating. Please email me their contact information so that I can reach out to them as well.

All are welcome with or without construction skills. We have jobs for everyone, we can always use you! Registration begins in January, now is the time to start spreading the word!

Contact Information
Director: Jessica Jones
Email: jonesjs1.jj@gmail.com
Check out the website: https://salkehatchie.org/
You Are Invited To

WHEN: DECEMBER 7, 2019
WHERE: FRANCIS BURNS UMC
5616 FARROW ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29203

LIMITLESS CHRISTMAS PARTY

WE WILL PACK CHRISTMAS BOXES FOR CHILDREN THAT ARE IN NEED TO BE DELIVERED CHRISTMAS DAY

WE WILL HAVE CHRISTMAS GAMES AND PRIZES FOR EVERYONE.

AND OF COURSE, WE WILL HAVE FOOD!!!!!!

OUR PARTY WILL START AT 10:00 AM AND WE WILL PARTY UNTIL AT 12:30!!!!!

COME AND BRING A TOY FOR THE SHOEBOXES!!!!!!

Ladies:

Please share with the youth in your church and come and have fun with us!!!

Your Limitless Team!!!!
Francis Burns United Methodist Women

Invites you to our

Annual Women’s Weekend Celebration

Theme: Ignite and Inspire

Saturday, March 14, 2020

Women’s Prayer Brunch

The Gathering ~ 8:45AM
Prayer/ Brunch/ Entertainment ~ 9:00AM – 11:30AM

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Angela Ford Nelson

RSVP to Linda Kennedy @lhkhome@sc.rr.com by March 7, 2020.

Sunday, March 15, 2020

Worship Service

10:00AM

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Regina Henderson Moore

Francis Burns United Methodist Church

5616 Farrow Road
Columbia, SC 29203

Rev. Geneva Stafford, Pastor
Mt. Hebron UMW

Mt. Hebron UMW, West Columbia will sponsor the Spiritual Growth Ministry Study with Reverend Angela Ford Nelson. She was a dynamic speaker at Mission U, 2019. She will be sharing the Gospel of Mark.

Please join the UMW at Mt. Hebron UMC on Saturday, March 21, 2020.
3050 Leaphart Road, West Columbia, SC 29169.
9:30AM - 12:00PM

9:30AM - Enjoy morning refreshments
10:00AM - 12:00PM - "The Gospel of Mark" presented by Rev. Angela Ford Nelson
Participants should bring their Bible and a friend!

Unit presidents should email Patty Rainwater at ptrainwater@bellsouth.com by March 14th with an approximate number of attendees.
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Columbia District United Methodist Women
2020 Calendar of Events

January 11  District Officers Training / District Executive Committee  Union UMC

February:

Wallace Family Life Center Special Emphasis

February 11  Legislative Advocacy Day  Epworth

February 29th  Celebration Day hosted by Limitless ladies.  Lebanon UMC

March 3rd  Make-up Day for Legislative Advocacy Day (if needed)

March 2nd  Day Apart Retreat  Grace UMC

April:

Columbia Bethlehem Center Special Emphasis

April 17-19th.  Southeastern Jurisdiction  Mobile, Alabama

April 21st  District Executive Committee meeting  Chapin UMC

May 1-3  Spiritual Growth Retreat  Lake Junaluska, NC

June 7-10  SC UMC Conference  Florence, SC

June 16th  District Executive Committee Meeting  Francis Burns UMC

May 16th  Come Together Be Together  TBA

July 16th – 18th  Mission u  Spartanburg Methodist College

September:

Killingsworth Special Emphasis

September 19th  District Annual Meeting  Francis Burns UMC

October:

Bethlehem Center Spartanburg Special Emphasis

October 20th  District Executive Team  Virginia Wingard UMC

October 23-24th  SCCUMW Annual Meeting  Main Street UMC (Greenwood)

November 7th  Conference Officer Training  Chapin UMC
... “Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.” Proverbs 31:30