From the President:

Greetings Marion District UMW,

Acts 1:8: **When you receive the Holy Spirit, you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."**
What better way to carry out Jesus's command than being a United Methodist Woman! Through our Pledge to Mission and our other special giving, we are there - locally, conference, U.S. and around the world. Thanks be to God!

Shout Out to Linda Eichenbaum! Legislative Day was great! If you missed it, talk with someone who was there.

**Things still to come:**
- Cluster meetings
- Day Apart
- Spiritual Growth Retreat at Junaluska
- Get Together, Be Together
- Mission U

I would like to visit each local unit. Please let me know when it would be convenient for me to visit your unit.

"It may well be the greatest tragedy...... is not the glaring noisiness of the so-called bad people, but the appalling silence of the so-called good people" Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Barbara Brooks**
brooks_32@hotmail.com

---

**Local Officers Training**

---

**United Methodist Women Membership Nurture and Outreach**

Report from interim chairpersons, Jane Crawford & Sarah Woods

*Information taken from the UMW website for 2019 Census Report*

The 2019 Census Report
Local unit presidents are asked to complete this 2019 Census report. This year’s census report is focused on giving information and sharing ideas for sustainability and growth. The form is actually shorter this time with less detailed responses.

After imputing your demographics, there are only eight questions to answer. Prior to answering these questions you should meet with your unit to ensure that you are providing information that would be the consensus on the entire unit. For example, “Please tell us which of the social actions campaigns your United Methodist Women unit will engage in for 2020?” Your unit should make the decision.

This is the URL address to use to report your 2019 Census Report:  
www.unitedmethodistwomen.org

This address will take you to the homepage for UMW. Once you reach the homepage page click on Census 2019. This will take you directly to the page for reporting your 2019 Census report. Included on page you will find data highlights and feedback from you. In addition, there is a very informative video about upcoming events and resources with the United Methodist Women.

Finally, after you submit your Census report you will receive a confirmation letter, providing you with contact information for Maria Rodriquez and means for locating other valuable information for your unit.

Census Submission Deadline:  Monday, March 30, 2020

myUMW Application

New members will still have the opportunity to receive the UMW membership card by completing the online application under myUMW located on the homepage. I have submitted the question about removing a member’s name from the UMW data bank. You will receive the answer as soon as I know.

Thank you for your continued support and your willingness to work. Jane Crawford and I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming cluster meetings.

Proverbs 31:17 “She is energetic and strong, a hard worker.”

A Day Apart

Theme: Have Faith: Let Your Light Shine  
Featured Speaker: Mrs. Phyllis Richardson  
Saturday, 04 April 2020  
Trinity United Methodist Church  
1058 Hwy. 38, Bennettsville, SC 29512

9:30 a.m.----- Registration, Refreshments, Resource Room
9:45 a.m.----- Gathering
10:00 a.m.----- Program
Lunch & Resource Room following the Program
Registration: $13.00 (Lunch included, $5.00 (without lunch)

----------------------------------------------- (cut here and mail with payment)-----------------------------------------------

Day Apart Registration Form

Name(s): ________________________________________________

-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ik=5f558a4b10&view=pt&search=all&permthid=thread-f%3A1659103837263694401&simpl=msg-f%3A1659103837...
From Social Action:

Micah 6:8 – “He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

This scripture was the theme for the 2020 South Carolina UMW Legislative Advocacy Day held on February 11th at the Epworth Children’s Home in Columbia. The following is a synopsis of the program:

The morning speaker, the Honorable Rita Allison, Chairman of the SC House Education and Public Works Committee, focused on the pending legislation aimed at both increasing teacher retention and educational improvements such as decreased testing and paperwork, limited class sizes, and more opportunity for teacher planning.

The workshop that I attended was entitled “Poor Peoples’ Moral Budget: a SC View of the Economics of Poverty” and was conducted by Rev. Amiri Hooker, pastor of the Wesley Chapel UMC in Lake City. The Poor Peoples’ Moral Budget is designed as a redirection of federal funds obtained primarily from a reduction in military spending and increased taxation of the wealthy and corporations to resources aimed at the nation’s general welfare.

The keynote speaker was Jerry Blassingame, founder and CEO of Soteria Community Development Corporation, who began his presentation with his powerful testimony. With the murder of his mother as a young child and having never known his father, he was raised by an alcoholic grandmother which eventually led to a prison sentence due to his crime of drug sales. After turning his life over to the Lord, he received an early parole and subsequently began Soteria CDC with the purpose of empowering individuals who have been previously incarcerated to reach self-sufficiency.

Speaking at the conclusion of the program was Tyrone Void from the Security Department of Orangeburg Regional Health Center. Having experienced an active shooting in the emergency room of their facility in April, 2019, he advised us to be both constantly aware of our surroundings and cognizant of a possible escape route. He shared an educational film teaching “Run, Hide, Fight” in the event that we are confronted by an active shooter.

Kudos to Linda Eichenbaum, SCUMW State Social Action Coordinator, her committee, and the staff of Epworth Children’s Home for this successful, informative Legislative Advocacy Day. I also wish to thank my Marion District UMW sisters who attended this event – we doubled our number of attendees from the previous year!
Attached is the updated form for the 2020 "Charter for Racial Justice Diamond Unit" award. The "Charter for Racial Justice" (action choice number four) may be located at the following: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/racialjusticecharter. Though we experienced an increase in the number of local units that achieved this award in 2019 in comparison to 2018, the Marion District fell short of the successful completion numbers of other districts in the state. If you have any questions regarding the completion requirements for this award, please feel free to contact me at wflemingsbu@gmail.com.

Wendy Fleming
wflemingsbu@gmail.com

---

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 by September 1, 2020 in order to be recognized at the Marion District Annual Meeting and receive the Diamond Unit certificate. Please mail form to: District Social Action Coordinator Wendy Fleming, 760 Rambler Court, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

Name of Church and address: ____________________________________________________________

Contact Person & Phone: ________________________________________________________________

DATE COMPLETED     ACTION CHOICES

____________________ 1. Watch a video related to the Charter for Racial Justice

____________________ 2. Give a book report on a Reading Program Book selected from the Social
Action area

____________________ 3. Share articles from Response and New World Outlook or UMW Action Alerts
relating to racism

____________________ 4. Supply each member with a copy of the Charter for Racial Justice

____________________ 5. Present a program using the Charter for Racial Justice

____________________ 6. Use a program on racial justice/human rights from the UMW Program Book

or Mini Mission U

____________________ 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. Send at least one member to UMW Legislative Day

10. Participate in postcard-writing or e-mailing your legislator that encourages legislation favorable to the economically deprived or challenged

11. Experience worship, Bible study, or UMW unit program/activity with an ethnic group different from your own

12. Attend or host an international tasting party, culture fair, or other international event

13. Participate in a Bible Study on Racism

14. Celebrate Black History Month in February

15. Suggest and plan with your pastor a pulpit exchange with a pastor of another race

16. Plan an event with a unit of a different race or ethnic background (a celebration, worship, Vacation Bible School, etc.

17. Other ________________________________

SCCUMW Marion District Social Action Coordinator Wendy Fleming  Wflemingsbu@gmail.com

From the Secretary

I am requesting every president of local units to list their ongoing activities of each circle meeting so that Cluster Leaders can report to our Executive Board each time we have a meeting.

Sandra Springs  Sandrasprings@msn.com

From Chair of Nominations:

The Nomination Committee wants you and needs you! We at Marion District of United Methodist Women are in need of your help, opinion and advice for this Committee.

We welcome our new Membership, Nurture and Outreach chairperson, Linda Sanders (HL_sanders@yahoo.com). Thank you so much for joining the district team!
BEING A PART OF THE MARION DISTRICT EXECUTIVE TEAM IS BOTH REWARDING AND WONDERFUL.

Jane Hodges  
janehodges72@yahoo.com

---

**INFORMATION ON PROSPECTIVE LEADERSHIP**

(To be completed by prospective leader)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type or Print (attach additional sheets as necessary).</th>
<th>Date:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Address:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Telephone:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Email:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Local Church:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Age Group: 20s  30s.  40s.  50s.  60s.  70s.  80s+</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Languages Spoken:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Racial/Ethnic Group:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Employed: Yes____. No_____. Full-time______. Part-time______</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Professional skills, job experience:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Office(s) held in United Methodist Women</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Office(s)</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Office(s)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Local Church:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>District:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Conference:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jurisdiction:</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Additional Experience on the local, district, conference or general church level (other than United Methodist Women) or in the community:

Special Talents or Skills:

Areas of Special Interest or Concern: Circle all that apply.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Secretarial</th>
<th>recruiting members</th>
<th>publicity</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Communication</td>
<td>social issues</td>
<td>workshops</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ik=5f558a4b10&view=pt&search=all&permthid=thread-f%3A1659103837263694401&simpl=msg-f%3A1659103837
Which office(s) on Conference/District United Methodist Women’s Team would you most like to hold given the opportunity to serve?

___ President  ___ Membership Nurture & Outreach
___ Vice President  ___ Social Action
___ Secretary  ___ Spiritual Growth
___ Treasurer  ___ Program Resources
___ Chair of Nominations  ___ Communications
___ Education & Interpretation

Why are you interested in this position and what qualifications do you feel you have for your office(s) of choice?

Would you be able to use your gifts and talents to uphold and strengthen United Methodist Women through the PURPOSE of the organization?

Is it possible for you to be away from your home or employment for:
Full day: Yes or No  Weekend: Yes or No  Extended Time: Yes or No

_____ I am sorry but I am unable to accept an office this year. Please keep my name on file and contact me in _______ (year).

Please give any other information you feel is pertinent:

Send to:
Jane R. Hodges
1420 St. Thomas Circle
Myrtle Beach, SC. 29577

Mission Today Action Form

Unit President ______________________________ Date ___________________
Unit Name & Location_______________________ Number of members in unit_____

Units, which include all circles, must complete at least 10 of the following items. All units must complete #1.

___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 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 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.

Send form by September 11, 2020 to:

Ruthann Wooten, District E&I Coordinator
116 N. Dew Street
Latta, SC 29565
wootenra@att.net
You are invited to our annual fundraiser
Trinity-North Myrtle Beach UMW
Festival of Tables
on March 21 at 11 a.m.

Tickets are $20 each. Gail Bliss will be our entertainer again and is an amazing talent. After a light lunch we will wrap up our silent auction.

Contact Debbie Snow (DSNOW10@sc.rr.com) for ticket information if you would like to attend.

Scholarship Applications Due March 1

SC United Methodist Women is offering a scholarship to future leaders of United Methodist Women. Packets are available from District Presidents and members of the conference UMW Scholarship Committee and on the conference website, www.umcsc.org/umw. Applications must be postmarked no later than March 1.

Marion District United Methodist Women
2020 Calendar of Events

March 3 – Legislative Advocacy Day (bad weather makeup day, if needed)
March 6 – World Day of Prayer
March 7 – Horry Cluster Meeting, TBD, 9:30
March 14 – Bennettsville Cluster Meeting, Wallace Family Life Center, 9:30
April (Columbia Bethlehem Community Center Special Emphasis Month)
April 4 – Day Apart, Trinity-Bennettsville, 9:30
District Executive Board Meeting
April 17-19 – Southeastern Jurisdiction, Mobile, AL
May 1-3 – Spiritual Growth Retreat, Lake Junaluska, NC
May 16 – Come Together, Be Together, TBD, Walterboro
June 7-10 – SC UMC Annual Conference, Florence Center, Florence
July 16-18 – Mission u, Spartanburg Methodist College
August 8 – District Executive Meeting, Aynor UMC, Aynor, 9:45
September (Killingsworth Special Emphasis Month)
October (Bethlehem Center – Spartanburg Special Emphasis Month)
October 10 – Annual District Meeting, Pisgah UMC, Aynor, 9:45
District Executive Meeting
October 23-24 – SCCUMW Annual Meeting, Main Street UMC, Greenwood
November 7 – District Officers’ Training, Chapin UMC, Columbia, 8:30-2:00

2020 Marion District UMW Officers

President: Barbara Brooks, brooksie32@hotmail.com
Vice Pres: Shirley Wiggins, wshirley33@yahoo.com
Secretary: Sandra Springs, sandrasprings@msn.com
Treasurer: Beth Davis, bedavis@sccoast.net
Communications: Janice Lentz, jlentz@hotmail.com
Program Resources: Christine McCoy, fchristine399@yahoo.com
Social Action: Wendy Fleming, wflemingsbu@gmail.com
Spiritual Growth: Druscilla Leach, druzenileach@aol.com
MNO: Linda Sanders, HL_sanders@yahoo.com
E & I: Ruthann Wooten, wootenra@att.net
Chair, CON: Jane Hodges, janhodges72@yahoo.com
CON-Bennettsville Cluster: Katie Harrington, ladykd43@yahoo.com
CON-Dillon Cluster: Ja-Novice Richardson, gj221@bellsouth.net
CON-Georgetown Cluster: Helen Smith, yayahelen@aol.com
CON-Grand Strand Cluster:
CON-Horry Cluster:
CON-Marion Cluster:
Cluster Leader Bennettsville: Helen Jenkins, HelenJenkins7@aol.com
Cluster Leader Dillon: Kay Summerlin, mikeandkay0233@gmail.com
Cluster Leader Georgetown: Pam King, pamwking@yahoo.com
Cluster Leader Grand Strand: Rae Faires, tfaires@atmc.net
Cluster Leader Horry:
Cluster Leader Marion: Alicia Graves, alediakismar@yahoo.com
Historian: Miranda Page, memo3@bellsouth.net
Dean Mini Mission u: Jane Crawford, crawford@dillonk12.sc.us
District Superintendent: Rev. Tim Rogers, madist@umcsc.org
The organized unit of 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.

Look for the Mission Echo and other information on the Conference website www.umcsc.org/umw

Like Marion District UMW on Facebook

Want to change how you receive these emails? You can update your preferences or unsubscribe from this list.