Membership, Nurture and Outreach

On a bright and sun shiny day the women of the SCCUMW came out for our annual fun day, Come Together Be Together in Rock Hill, on June 23rd. Women of all ages and stages dressed in all shades of purple, to highlight our theme, “Neighbors Together in Prayer”. We enjoyed a great day of fellowship, fun and finding out new things through the ten workshops offered. The Rock Hill UMW led by their president, Emily Tenney, were wonderful hosts and made us all feel welcome.

We had a change of keynote speaker due to the illness of Khia Shaw, but the Lord always provides for a ram in the bush and Sarah Brockus, also of the Women’s Division, was a willing and very able substitute. Her message to us was to keep pressing our way forward that the work before us is too important to sit on the sideline. She gave us important information about the next steps for UMW and the necessity of meeting our Legacy goals for the future of our organization.

Our Limitless Team, led by Selena Ruth Smith organized our Umbutu mission project for that day to collect items for the Rock Hill after school programs and our women were more than generous in their giving. Thanks to all who brought items and helped to carry them back to the after school centers.

I am pleased to announce that our 2017 Census numbers did an about face from what has been reported in past years. It seems that finally we have figured out how to collect and submit the data on-line. We increased our 2016 numbers of 6,752 to 10,548 for 2017. I am happy to report that all 12 districts increased their membership’s numbers from the previous year. Let us continue making sure that all our women are included in the on-line Census count in the years ahead.

The South Carolina Conference of UMW has been serving and working throughout the conference year to create a world in which all women, children and youth can thrive. We have cared for the neglected, advocated for social justice issues and supported economic opportunities to strengthen our neighborhoods. The women of the South Carolina Conference have been seeking to bring all to the table. We are the women’s ministry of the United Methodist Church and, as a global organization, we seek the transformation of lives around the world. Any woman who commits herself to the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women and engages in mission, study, personal growth and social action can join. You don’t have to be United Methodist to join, we are inclusive.

Our members are encouraged to reach out to others—welcoming all women— to invite them to join United Methodist Women, a place to nurture faith, experience and community and to engage in mission.

The PURPOSE provides the foundation for the work and witness of UMW. Our vision sharpens and energizes our PURPOSE to remain strong and vital in the years to come. In our local units, district units and conference organizations we are committed to turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.

by Gladys Lemon — Membership, Nurture, and Outreach Chairperson
Characteristics of “Bold” United Methodist Women

Purple was the color for the day.
Killingsworth Boatload of Fun
Saluda River
July 21, 2018

Mission u
Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg
July 26-28, 2018

Fun Legacy Fundraiser
Grace UMC, Columbia
September 8, 2018

SCCUMW Annual Meeting
Central UMC,
Florence October 26-27, 2018

Killingsworth Gala
Seawells, Columbia
Nov. 8, 2018

Special Message and Thanks from the Wallace Family
Life Center

I want to thank everyone and every unit who sent donations
for replacing the A/C. We received enough to cover the total cost of
the one just installed and have some in fund for replacing the last
old one, which we know is probably on its last leg. Please pass this
on in your Districts. God is truly being served by your generous
hearts.

Blessings,
Garvin Gilley
Correction — September 7 and 8, 2018
Fruits of the Spirit

“Greenville District, Bethlehem United Methodist Women’s President Juanita Bowens leads the women in their program “The Fruit of the Spirit”, nine Bible attributes.”
Please be making your plans for the Annual Meeting which will be at Central UMC in Florence — October 26-27, 2018. Information, hotels, and registration forms are all in the June Mission Echo which is online at www.umcsc.org.

Additional information for you to use in naming your delegates is as follows:

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copied from the SCCUMW standing rules

The voting delegates of the Annual Meeting of the conference organization shall be representatives from the local church organizations as follows: each local organization will be represented by its President or her duly elected alternate. In addition, local organizations with membership under 100 may elect one additional delegate and those with over 100 may elect two.

Also serving as delegates are: members of District and Conference Executive Committees; the President’s appointees to mission boards; past Conference Presidents; past Secretaries of the Wesleyan Service Guild; nominees for conference offices; members of the Conference Committee on Nominations; and deaconesses, members of United Methodist Women national Board of Directors, and officers of the Jurisdiction organization who reside within the bounds of the conference.
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*see pictures on following pages
Have a Great Rest of the Summer!