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.

2018

- December 1st – December Airwaves Published
- December 5th – 1st Quarter Remittance Due
- December 9th – Greenville District Executive Board Meeting, Lee Road UMC, Greenville. 3:00pm – 5:00pm

2019

- January 12th – Greenville District Officers Training @ Aldersgate UMC, Greenville 8:30-12noon
- February – Mission Emphasis: Wallace Family Life Center
- February 12th Legislative Advocacy Day @ Epworth Children’s Home, Columbia SC (Rain Date – March 5th)
- February 15th – Airwaves deadline for March Edition
- March – Mission Emphasis: Rural Mission
- March 1st – Airwaves Published
- March 1st – World Day of Prayer @ St. Mark UMC Taylors, Noon – 1pm
- March 10th - 1st Quarter Remittance Due
Greetings Ladies,

We are fast approaching the end of the fiscal year. My sincere thanks to everyone who attended the Greenville District Annual Meeting and South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Women Annual Meeting in Florence this pass October.

We will soon begin the Holiday Season and I hope everyone will have a festive time with friends and family. Remember to make God the center of your life in your celebrations because He is the Reason for the Season.

This is the beginning of an excited and full year for our District; we are hosting the 2019 South Carolina Annual Meeting. The South Carolina United Methodist Women Conference will celebrate 150 years of Women in Mission and Buncombe Street United Methodist Church will graciously host this event. Harriet Olson, the National President of United Methodist Women will be the keynote speaker on Friday October 25, 2019 at the Evening Worship Service.

The District is depending on everyone for their all-round support and commitment.

I will continue to keep everyone fully involved in what is going on during the coming months. We are trying to reach a goal of 300 people in attendance from the Greenville District. This is the one and only time in history that the South Carolina of United Methodist Women will celebrate 150 years in Mission. HELLO, United Methodist Women let’s make this be one of the best celebrations that we will have in our lifetime.

Ladies, please feel free to call upon for any assistance you might need.

Your sister in Christ,
Sylvia Marie Clinkscales
Greetings from the Vice President

The holidays are fast approaching. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

We have had a great year in 2018 and are looking forward to an awesome year in 2019. We will have a very busy year in 2019. The Greenville District UMW will be hosting the SC Conference of United Methodist Women annual meeting on October 2019. The Greenville District is also responsible for providing snacks at Mission U in July 2019. We will be asking for help for the various units, via the cluster leaders to help with these things. As you can see it will be a very busy year.

We had a great annual meeting in September at Francis Asbury UMC. Thank you to the ladies of Francis Asbury for their gracious hospitality. Our next Annual Meeting will be September 21, 2019 at Salem United Methodist Church.

The 2019 Officers training will be on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at Aldersgate United Methodist Church. We will begin registration at 9:00 a.m. and the training will start at 9:45. All local unit officers should attend this training. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My contact information is located in the airwaves.

A complete copy of the 2019 Greenville District UMW events will be provided in the training packet at Officers training on January 12th.

The March Airwaves will contain a list for volunteers to help with the annual meeting in October 2019. We will need ladies and gentlemen to help be greeters, direct people, etc. We will also be asking for churches to volunteer their buses for shuttle services from the various hotels. Please watch the Airwaves for more information.

Please continue to pray for our sisters and help us to fulfil the purpose of the United Methodist Women.

Happy Holidays,

Vickie Failor
Vice President

Additional information on how to enter the church (Aldersgate UMC) you can use the doors under the canopy on the side of the church. These doors lead into the Commons where we will have registration set up. To get to this entrance, turn onto Shannon Drive from Edwards Road and take the second left into the church parking lot. There are plenty of parking spaces near this entrance as well as in the upper level parking lot opposite the canopied entrance.
At our January 12 Unit Officers’ Training meeting which will be held at Aldersgate, a good selection of 2019 Reading Program Books will be available. I will also have Prayer Calendars for purchase. It would be very helpful for units to let me know by Friday, December 14 how many program books and prayer calendars your unit will need. I will be leaving for Colorado mid-December and will have to place the book order for Officers’ Training before I leave in order to get the books in a timely manner. Due to a change in shipping costs, which the District covers, I will not be ordering program books and prayer calendars in the numbers I usually do so it is imperative to let me know your needs in advance.

Due to a cost cutting effort by our National Office, 2019 Reading Program Catalogs will not be printed and neither will the Reading Program Reporting Form which must be turned in to me each August. I do not like this adjustment in what is available to us in print and will complain loudly to the National Office as will each of our District Reading Program Chairs. However, no change can be made for the current year. This means that I will run off and provide Reading Program Reporting Forms which can be picked up at our various District Meetings. One of these must be filed by each member completing one of our reading programs and filed with me in August. Each unit will have to go on line and print its own catalog for the 2019 Reading Program. I ran off 4 for our District Fall Annual Meeting, but running off the catalog for each unit involves too much paper and expense for the District. Catalogs can be printed by going to www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram. Please do this as soon as possible. I will continue to place the write up about each book with an indication of its reading category: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action or Spiritual Growth, in each book. I will also indicate which books are Bonus Books. Keeping these inserts in the books you purchase will help you catalog the books appropriately in your church library.

Also, please continue to send suggestions for our Reading Program to bthompson@unitedmethodistwomen.org or mail your suggestions to Reading Program, United Methodist Women, 475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor, New York, NY 10115, Attention: Brenda Thompson. Be sure to include the title, author, publisher, date of publication and price of the book being suggested. I also think it is helpful to include the category into which you feel the book would best fit and a couple of sentences about the content of the book. We have managed to get some of our suggestions accepted in the past, and hopefully we can have good input in the 2020 selections. Looking forward to seeing you at Officers Training this coming January 12.

Ruth McAllister
Program Resources Chair
Well, we are back to the hustle and bustle of the Christmas Season. With decorating, shopping and celebrating let us not forget the real meaning to the season. Remember that the United Methodist Women are all about missions. If your unit has not donated, this is an excellent time to give to our five South Carolina Missions.

Also keep in mind that you have resources to help you understand and grown in knowledge of the people and places that the United Methodist Women support: Prayer Calendar, Response Magazine and our Program Book, etc.

I look forward to the New Year and celebrating our 150 years in Mission with the United Methodist Women.

The Greenville District United Methodist Women will sponsor another T-shirt sale for new members and those who did not have a chance to order last year. The shirts are the same as before, royal blue with the UMW logo and our district name written on it.

Order forms are in this issue of Air Waves and will also be available at our Annual District Training.

For more info contact: Winifred Simpson @(864)973-2138

Winifred Simpson
Greenville District
E & I Coordinator
Greenville District United Methodist Women  
T Shirt Order form

The Greenville District UMW is selling District T-shirts – The shirts are a Gildan 50/50 dry blend shirt. The shirt will be royal blue with the UMW logo and Greenville District UMW written on it.

Cost of the shirts are:
- $10.00 for S-XL
- $12.00 for 2XL,
- $13.00 or 3XL

Deadline to order shirts: February 28, 2019
Shirts will be distributed to units at Day Apart on April 6, 2019

Mail order form with payment to:
Diane Talley, District Treasurer, 47 Jones Creek Circle, Greer, SC 29650

PLEASE SEND ONE ORDER FORM PER UNIT WITH PAYMENT

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Dear Everyone,

I pray all of you had a wonderful summer and are excited as I am for cooler weather and to see the hands of God at work as he began to paint another beautiful autumn/winter picture.

I am excited to share the following two things with you.

First of all it’s time for us to stand up and be counted as we launch the 2018 Census. We are excited this year as we have taken the findings from the 2017 census report and applied that knowledge in shaping the questions and information shared on the NEW 2018 census. The questions are designed to inform our decision making at the national, conference and district levels.

The census will be open from **October 9, 2018 to March 30, 2019** and we are asking (ALL) of our units to go online and enter their information to be counted. You can access the link by going to the website at: [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census2018](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census2018) and follow the directions. If you do not have a computer or access to a computer, please contact me at (864) 346-9932. **Please do not wait till March 2019 to enter your information we want to be early this year and for everyone/unit to be counted.**

Secondly if you do not have a copy of your charter and would like one, please contact Maria Rodriguez at MRodriguez@unitedmethodistwomen.org or give her a call at (212) 870-3725. She was very pleasant and helpful as she gathered our unit information and within just a few days we received our new charter!!!!

Let’s be inspired to share our rich legacy of mission and all that United Methodist Women has to offer, so that we can celebrate another 150 years of turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world!!!!

Be blessed, enjoy the season, and paint a few pictures for yourself and others.

Markylena Tolbert-Wydman

Membership Nurture & Outreach

(864) 346-9932 mobile

(864) 455-1544 office
Greenville District ladies,

During this holiday season, we need to remain thankful for all the wonderful gifts we have received from our Heavenly Father. I have been blessed in many ways this past year. One of these blessings was being asked to be the S.C. Conference Spiritual Growth Coordinator. Although I felt that there were so many more deserving women that should hold this office, I am glad that I accepted this position. For though I did not think I was equipped to be a Spiritual leader, I have “survived” my first year. And with each passing day, my spirit swells as I feel God showing me the path that He has set out for me.

Indeed it is the times when we feel the most uncomfortable that we should turn to our Heavenly Father and feel the love and strength that He freely gives to each of us. Despite my feeling that I am not where I want to be as your Spiritual Growth leader, I know as long as I faithfully follow God’s lead, I will learn from my missteps and most importantly become the Methodist Woman whose purpose is doing that which would please God. Faithfully following our Lord is a big assignment for me, but I know with God all things are possible.

Love and blessings to all of you, my Methodist sisters,
Caron Cooper
SCCUMW Spiritual Growth Coordinator
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
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- Committee on Nomination: Deloris Johnson
- Susan Smith
- Elinda Downs

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- Cluster Leader 1: Jennifer Cheatham
- Cluster Leader 2: Mary Blue
- Cluster Leader 3: Deborah Brown
- Cluster Leader 4: Juanita Bowens
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South Carolina Mission Projects Emphasis Months

**February**
Wallace Family Life Center

**March**
Rural Mission

**April**
Bethlehem Community Center - Columbia

**September**
Killingsworth

**October**
Bethlehem Center Spartanburg

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