Gleanings News

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COLUMBIA DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

FRANCIS BURNS UMC
5616 FARROW RD, COLUMBIA, SC 29203

SEPTEMBER 19, 2020

NEWS WATCH…

- COLUMBIA DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING FRANICS BURNS UMC SEPTEMBER 19, 2020
- SCCUMW ANNUAL MEETING MAIN STREET UMC (GREENWOOD) OCTOBER 23RD-24TH, 2020

Message From Your President…

My prayer is that you are all staying safe and protecting yourself and family from COVID-19. The pass three months have been very quiet and lots of cancellations. We missed our time at Lake Junaluska and our SEJ conference in Mobile, AL both cancelled due to the COVID-19. Also Come Together Be Together at Sandhills UMC in Ridgeland and Mission u have been cancelled.

I do want to thank the 98 ladies who registered and came to our annual Day Apart on March 7 at Grace United Methodist. Rev. Schrendria Robinson, our excellent speaker, encouraged us to let our light shine so that others may see our good works. The theme was "Why can't it be Christmas everyday". Some of the ladies wore there ugly Christmas sweaters. It was a fun day. Gifts were given to the oldest person attending and the youngest person attending. Prizes were awarded to the person with the ugliest sweater. Overall, I thought it was a fun time had by all. Lots of food, fun and fellowship. We are looking for a Unit to host Day Apart for 2021! Please call myself or Debra Schooler.

Our Executive Committee will meet on June 16 at Frances Burns to plan our September 19 annual meeting. If the state is still on shutdown we will meet virtually. Hopefully, we will be in the clear of any fears of COVID-19 by September.

The Conference E & I Coordinator, Eunice White, is pulling all of the South Carolina Conference Units together to host a statewide indoor yard sale on Saturday, October 3, 2020 at Grace on Harbison Blvd. This will be the fundraiser of the year! Please mark your calendars and begin packing your items to donate to the yard sale. Folk will come in on Friday, October 2 to begin setting up for the BIG day! Doors will open to the public on Saturday at 7am. We would like to have a "UMW Boutique" for the fine jewelry, dressy clothes, shoes and purses. So set those things aside to be include in the "UMW Boutique". We would like for you to bring those items you were planning to bring to Mission u for the craft store. All the handmade items and canned goods ie: relish, pickles, jams and jellies. You are welcome to bring your sleeping bags to spend Friday night at Grace! We will rise and shine early on Saturday morning to greet our customers at 7am on Saturday morning.

Our Chef Mary Mason has announced that she will be relocating back to her home state of New Jersey, so unless things change for her, we will be without the delicious quiche for breakfast. (Unless we have another Chef among us!)

Looking forward to a Grande time. Please plan to come and participate.

It's time to begin thinking about your reports that will be due in August to prepare for our Annual Meeting on September 19 at Frances Burns. A copy of all the reports will be included in this issue of Gleanings. Please work to get them completed and submitted to the appropriate person by requested due date.

Thank you for all you do to support our Purpose and Mission as United Methodist Women.

Stay well and Be Blessed!

In His Service.

Sandra Love
Columbia District President

News From The Vice President

Wow!! What a time we are living in today!!! I have never been through any time like this, have you? I pray everyone is staying safe and wearing their masks as we go out. I know I am doing all I can to stay protected. My new perfume smell is hand sanitizer!!!

We are going to miss a lot during this summer, Mission U, Day Apart, Annual Conference and many of our meetings. I want to encourage you to still support our UMW sisters and agencies as we all are in this together. While, I am not attending Mission u, I am still studying the books and while I am not at Day Apart, I am calling my UMW sisters to check in and support them. I want to make sure I keep up my energy and support for our UMW!!! I challenge you to do the same!!! We are all in this together and I pray this will make us stronger and more committed to our mission.

We are still planning our Annual meeting in September and we are praying that it will be a time to be together and reconnect!!! I miss everyone and especially our hugs!!!

We will keep you posted about our events!!! Please be in prayer for all of our leaders as we navigate through this crazy time.

Sending everyone a virtual hug!!!!

Special blessings to all you ladies!!!!

Debra Schooler
Columbia District Vice President

From the Secretary's Desk

Greetings UMW Sisters:

I hope your Mother's Day was one to remember and one to cherish for as long as life lasts.

What a blessing it is to honor our UMW foremothers who left a legacy of nurturing, caring, and supporting agencies that advocate for women, children and youth. May we continue the struggle!!

The Columbia District United Methodist Women Executive Committee met April 21, 2020 via conference call.

Members present included: Sandra Love; Debra Schooler; Carrie Murray, Rhonda Washington, Sharee Washington, Patricia Armstrong, Mary Ann DeWitt, Mary mason, Mary Nell Trussell, Connie Branham, Pat Hoesly, Christine Porter, Linda Kennedy, Jessica Jones, Robin Andrews, Venessa Key, Tiffany Phillips, Faye Love, Flo Johnson, and Betty Void.

Members unable to attend included Laura Mitchell.

President Sandra Love greeted everyone, thanked them for their attendance and called the meeting to order at 6:01PM.

Bridgette Gruber conducted the devotional. Emphasis: Stand, as Job did, on the firm foundation of God as we work our way through this COVID-19 pandemic.

Secretary Carrie Murray read highlights from the minutes of the January 11, 2020 Executive Meeting. After a motion by Bridget Gruber and a second by Mary mason, the body voted to accept the minutes as information.

Old Business

- The Spiritual Growth Retreat has been cancelled. Registrants will receive a refund.
- The South Eastern Jurisdiction Conference has been cancelled. Registrants will not receive a refund, but will have the option to use funds for the rescheduled event or sponsor someone else for the conference.
- Sandra Love reported that forty two (42) ladies from the Columbia District attended Legislative Advocacy Day, which was a great success.
- Debra Schooler reported that over seventy five (75+) persons registered for the Limitless Celebration hosted at Lebanon UMC. Approximately ten churches sponsored a youth. The event was very successful. Excess food from the event was donated to Teen Challenge. Next meeting is scheduled for May.

New Business included the following:

- May Friendship Day is cancelled. Churches are asked to make monetary donations in lieu of health kits.

- Killingsworth is asking for monetary donations to assist with residents' rent and household necessities.
- District Annual meeting will be held at Francis Burns UMC. Continental breakfast and lunch will be served. More information is forthcoming.
- Conference-wide Garage Sale will be held October 3, 2020 at Grace UMC. More info is forthcoming.
- Volunteers are needed to submit "I" stories to appear in *Gleanings*.

Officer Reports were received from the following: President, Sandra Love; Vice President and Acting Treasurer, Debra Schooler; Communications Coordinators, Rhonda and Sharee Washington; Spiritual Growth, Bridget Gruber; Social Action, Patricia Armstrong; Membership Nurture and Outreach, Mary Ann DeWitt; Education and Interpretation, Mary Mason; Program Resources, Mary Nell Trussell; Nominations, Connie Branham; Historian, Pat Hoesly.
Detailed information from officers' reports is available upon request and will appear in the bi-monthly edition of *Gleanings*.

Cluster leader Reports

Churches / Units Reporting

Cluster Leader 1 Robin Andrews	**1. Lexington, UMW** **2. Rehoboth UMW Gilbert**
Cluster Leader 2 Evelyn Neal **Reports submitted by Cornelia Smith, Mary Trussell**	**1. Brookland UMW OK** **2. Chapin UMW OK** **3. Mt. Hebron UMW by Mary Nell Trussell OK** **4. Platt Springs UMW**
Cluster Leader 3 Vanessa Key	**1. Grace UMW** **2. Virginia Wingard UMW**
Cluster Leader 4 Faye Love	**1. Bluff Road UMW OK** **2. Lebanon UMW** **3. Trenholm Road UMW OK**
Cluster Leader 5 Tiffany Phillips	**1. Bethel UMW** **2. Francis Burns UMW** **3. Northeast UMW** **4. Rehoboth UMW** **5. Windsor UMW**
Cluster Leader 6 Laura Mitchell	**None**

Listed below are **some** of the activities that units across the district completed during the first quarter, 2020. This info was retrieved from Cluster Reports.

Spiritual Growth

1. Held Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Event in local units
2. Attended Day Apart Retreat at Grace UMC
3. Hosted Day Apart (Grace UMW)
4. Attended Church Women United World Day of Prayer at Platt Springs UMC
5. Used program from 2019-2020 Program Book: *Raise Your Light: Taking the Unexpected Path*
6. Conducted Spiritual New Year's Resolution Event

7. Participated in weekly church-wide Bible Study
8. Sponsored Women's Prayer Brunch
9. Sponsored Women's Day Sunday Worship Service as a part of Women's Weekend Celebration
10. Attended CWU Brunch and Bible Study hosted by Bethel UMC

Social Action

1. Attended Legislative Advocacy Day at Epworth
2. Traveled to Africa University and visited with children at Fairfield Orphanage at the Old Mutare Mission
3. Mailed post cards to local representatives asking for support of bill S194 re: Sex Trafficking
4. Distributed *Charter for Racial Justice* brochures to local unit members
5. Made and transported hundreds of dresses to young girls in Africa
6. Donated stamps to the Marion Project in Marion, IN
7. Received information on SC Primary Election and the importance of voting / Everyone encouraged to vote
8. Presented information on the importance of filling out the 2019 Census

Supportive Community/Fellowship

1. Attended CWU Annual Meeting and Luncheon at Brookland Banquet Center
2. Sponsored CWU Young Woman of the Year
3. Sponsored Ladies Spring Tea
4. Worshiped with and provided supper for the Methodist Student Network at UofSC
5. Joined the Men's Club for Valentine Dinner
6. Sponsored Ladies Winter Tea
7. Used Prayer Calendar to send birthday cards to Missionaries and Deaconesses
8. Attended Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Program hosted by Mt. Hebron UMW
9. Attended Ladies Appreciation meal prepared by UMM

Membership Nurture and Outreach

1. Helped sponsor Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper for local church
2. Planned meals for bereaved families of local unit members
3. Participated in Secret Sister Program
4. Mentored Children and Youth in local church/sent cards for birthday, Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day
5. Participated in bereavement Ministry at local church
6. Made gift bags for shut-ins and church members in nursing homes
7. Participated in Church-Wide Mission Fair

Education and Interpretation / Leadership Development

1. Attended District Officer Training at Union UMC
2. Held Reading Program Book Club Meetings
3. Conducted local unit planning meeting and outlined activities for the year
4. Attended Seminar on Aging Gracefully sponsored by Rehoboth UMC Columbia
5. Invited Guest Speakers
    a. Anita Way, United Methodist missionary to Brazil
    b. Rev. Sharon Long reflected on her trip to Israel
    c. Sharendria Robinson, Director of Killingsworth Home
    d. Lisa Comer, Lexington County Clerk of Court

e. Clifton Harrington, Interim Director at Wallace Family Life
f. Jeff Armstrong, Executive Director of Family Promise
g. Jan Smith – reflected on trip to Chili
h. Rev. Angela Ford-Nelson, Preacher and Motivational Speaker
i. Ms. Betty Mack – Retired Educator and Advocate for women, children and youth
j. Mrs. Anita Betts Way, retired missionary
k. Sandra Love, President CD UMW
l. Debra Schooler, Vice President CD UMW

Service Projects

1. Donated toiletries and candy to the Woman's Shelter on North Main Street
2. Donated cross and clock to local church
3. Donated food to We Care in Chapin
4. Delivered snack packs to Cayce Elementary School
5. Provided food for Church Blessing Box
6. Sewing Club made sanitary pads, bags and dresses
7. Made cookies for Stephens Ministry Training
8. Donated Gift Cards and Household supplies to Killingsworth
9. Prepared and donated New Resident Basket to incoming resident at Epworth
10. Donated food to local church Food Pantry
11. Collected and donated socks for infants, children, youth and adults at SC Dept. of Mental Health
12. Prepared meals and fellowshipped with participants in Family Promise
13. Provided volunteer services at Jubilee Academy
14. Volunteered to serve lunch at Traditions
15. Donated personal hygiene items to the young ladies in the Limitless program

Monetary Donations

1. Killingsworth
2. Lighthouse for Life
3. Gift to Mission
4. Jamil Shrine Circus
5. Wallace Family Life Center
6. Awarded scholarships
7. Epworth Alumni Association (Cookout for Kids)
8. UMW Legacy Fund
9. God's Helping Hands
10. Prisma Children's Hospital
11. UMCOR Hurricane Relief
12. Bethlehem Community Center Columbia

Thanks for all you do on behalf of women, children and youth,

To God be the Glory!

Carrie R. Murray

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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.

Office	Name	Address	Phone Number(s) Home and Cell	Email Address
President				
Vice President				
Secretary				
Treasurer				
Chair of Nominations				

Send info to
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News From Acting Treasurer:

During this crazy pandemic, the UMW are still at work and the agencies we support, Killingsworth, Wallace Family Life, Bethlehem Center Cola and Bethlehem Center Spartanburg are still at work. It may be different now and the doors may be closed, but the work still continues and the bills still need to be paid. At this time, we need to continue to support our agencies and encourage our ladies to support them. As our communities open up, our agencies need to be ready! Our agencies are still operating and helping, just in a different way.

So, continue to support and send in those pledges and remittances to me so that we can continue to help our families in need. I love our UMW ladies who are always there to help. Remember, we are the difference in many lives in our communities.

The remittances for second quarter are due by June 15th!! Please send your remittances to me at 113 Meadow Lane, Eastover, SC 29044.

Stay safe and keep on going!!!!

Love and blessings!!

Debra Schooler
Acting Treasurer
Columbia District

Social Action Coordinator Report

Greetings My UMW Sisters,

Over the past several weeks I'm willing to bet you have heard the phase 'during these unprecedented times' more times than you can count. It is true that these are unprecedented times as well as uncertain, frightening, confusing, painful, sad, hopeful and joyous. Through all that we have experienced directly and indirectly hope and joy still prevails. We have come through much and likely have even more to go through and we will. For our safety and the safety of others we are unable to carry out our mission activities in many of the ways we have in the past. Yet being the dynamic United Methodist Women that we are we continue in the work. The need for food items is great. Perhaps your food pantry is temporarily closed if you haven't done so please think about contributing to Harvest Hope. Harvest Hope has alternate drop off sites such as many of the Goodwill stores. Have you considered Killingsworth lately. Many of the residence have been unable to work due to the pandemic. Monetary donation is needed to assist with rent. They are also in need of household cleaning products, paper products etc. Give them a call for more details, 803-771-6359. Have you completed the census. If you haven't please do so and remind everyone you know and meet to do the same. Information from the census helps to decide funding for schools, hospitals, roads etc. Reminder call to complete the 2020 census sounds like a worthy UMW project that can be done safely from home. Sitting the quilting squares aside just for a bit to make face mask for church members, family, friends, grocery store workers, teachers etc is another worthy project. Please don't forget to vote. Encourage others to vote. All voters can vote absentee in the June Primaries, Runoffs. Now is the time to contact your legislator regarding the November election and the need to ensure everyone gets an opportunity to vote and to do so safely.

A we ease into Summer now is a good time to see how you're doing with meeting the criteria for Diamond Unit Charter for Racial Justice Award. We do great work ladies, there's nothing wrong with letting it be known.
I hope all of you will have a relaxing and safe Summer. This has been tough. It's been mind boggling. Through it all God has been with us. He will not leave us nor forsake us. I leave you with the Serenity Prayer-

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference

Peace and blessing

Patricia Armstrong
Social Action Coordinator

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 **August 19th** in order to be recognized at your district annual meeting and receive the Diamond Unit certificate.

Name of Church: _____

Contact Person & Phone: _____

DATE COMPLETED	ACTION CHOICES
1. _____	1. ◇ Watch a video related to the Charter for Racial Justice
2.	2. ◇ Give a book report on a Reading Program Book selected from the Social Action area
3. _____	3. ◇ Share articles from *Response* and *New World Outlook* or *UMW Action Alerts* relating to racism
4. _____	4. ◇ Supply each member with a copy of the *Charter for Racial Justice*
5. _____	5. ◇ Present a program using the Charter for Racial Justice
6. _____	6. Use a program on racial justice/human rights from the UMW Program Book
7. _____	7. Participate in a UMW Social Action/Human Rights Mission Study
8. _____	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. _____	9. Send at least one member to Capital Day (Legislative Day)
10. _____	10. Participate in postcard-writing which encourages legislation favorable to the economically deprived or challenged (or email)
11. _____	11. Experience worship, Bible study, or UMW unit program/activity with an ethnic group different from your own
12. _____	12. Attend or host an international tasting party, culture fair, or other international event
13. _____	13. Participate in a Bible Study on Racism
14. _____	14. Celebrate Black History Month in February
15. _____	15. Suggest and plan with your pastor a pulpit (or Choir) exchange with a pastor of another race
16. _____	16. Plan an event with a unit of a different race or ethnic background (a celebration, worship, Vacation Bible School, Service of Prayer and Self Denial)
17. _____	17. Other – (Collect Items/funds for UMCOR Kits -- Collect items for other community social welfare/educational purposes)

Send completed form by August 15th to Patricia Armstrong, 2515 Banner Hill Road, Columbia, SC 29209 or email to Aggie8711@aol.com Phone 803 783-3001

Program Resource Manager

I hope everyone has had time to read and have had books available during this time at home. We still have two months left to complete the Reading Programs before the deadline. Circle presidents, please make these lists of books from the Reading Program available to your members. We may read books from 2015-2020. I need to know the participants' names and which program they completed on or before August 15. Please send this information to Mary Nell Trussell at mntrussell83@gmail.com. Thank you.

Reading Program Books at the Richland County Library

2020 Leadership Development
Vital Voices: The Power of Women Leading Change Around the World by Alyse Nelson
Which Way Lord? by Robert Fuquay ebook

2020 Nurturing For Community
Glory Happening: Finding the Divine in Everyday Places By Kaitlin B Curtice
Tilly and the Crazy Eights by Monique Grey Smith ebook

2020 Social Action
Loaded: Disarming the Second Amendment by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz ebook
Storming the Wall: Climate Change, Migration and Homeland Security by Todd Miller ebook
So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo Bonus Book
The Water Walker by Joanne Robertson
What Comes with the Dust by Gharbi M. Mustafa ebook
Where Will I Live by Rosemary McCarney ebook

2020 Spiritual Growth
God Unbound: Wisdom From Galatians by Elaine Heath ebook
The Magnificent Story: Uncovering a Gospel of Beauty, Goodness and Truth by James Bryan Smith ebook

Reading Program Books in the Lexington County Library

2020 Nurturing for Community
Owen and Eleanor Move In by H.M.Bouwman

2020 Social Action
Midnight Teacher by Janet Halfmann
So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo
Where Will I Live? By Rosemary McCarney

2020 Spiritual Growth
The Watcher by Nikki Grimes

2019 Education for Mission
Threading My Prayer Rug by Sabeeha Rehman

2019 Nurturing for Community
The Same Sky: A Novel by Amanda Eyre Ward Audio and ebook

2019 Social Action
Where Do We Go From Here by Martin Luther King
The Feathered Bone: A Novel by Julie Cantrell (Large Print)

2019 Leadership Development
Hands on the Freedom Plow edited by Faith L. Hosaert

2018 Education for Mission
A House in the Sky by Amanda Lindhout & Sara Corbett
Without you, There is No Us by Suki Kim

2018 Nurturing for Community
An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz
The Book of Joy by Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu

2018 Spiritual Growth
Adventure of Ascent by Luci Shaw
Tattered and Mended by Cynthia Ruchti

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READING PROGRAM 2020

CATEGORY*	TITLE	AUTHOR(S)	PUBLISHER	YEAR	MSRP PRICE
EFM	**When Others Shuddered:** Eight Women Who Refused to Give Up	*Jamie Janosz*	Moody Publishers	2014	$13.99
EFM	**The Pilgrim Journey:** A History of Pilgrimage in the Western World	*James Harpur*	BlueBridge	2016	$14.95
LD	**Teaching Outside the Box:** Five Approaches to Opening the Bible with Youth	*Andrew Zirschky*	Abingdon Press	2017	$16.99
LD	**Which Way Lord?**	*Robert Fuquay*	Upper Room Books	2017	$9.99
LD	**Vital Voices:** The Power of Women Leading Change Around the World	*Alyse Nelson*	Jossey-Bass	2012	$15.99
NFC	**#RU Hooked:** Teens & Social Media, For Teens and the People Who Care About Them	*Jonathan Smith*	Tristan Publishing	2017	$6.99
NFC	**The Aging of Aquarius:** Igniting Passion and Purpose as an Elder	*Helen Wilkes*	New Society Publishers	2018	$17.99
NFC	**The Life sand Ministry of Mary Webster**	*Anne Mathews-Younes*	E. Stanley Jones Foundation	2017	$17.99
NFC	**Glory Happening:** Finding the Divine in Everyday Places	*Kaitlin B. Curtice*	Paraclete Press	2017	$16.99
NFC	**Heartbeat of a Mother:** Encouragement for the Lifelong Journey	*Jane Rubietta*	Wesleyan Publishing House	2016	$ 12.99
NFC	**Tilly and the Crazy Eights**	*Monique Grey Smith*	Second Story Press	1968 / 2018	$19.99
NFC	**How the Woman at the Well Became the Well Woman**	*Donna Rhoades*	Memoir By Donna Rhoades	2016	$16.95
NFC	**The End of the Island:** Finding Life in the Movements of Human Suffering, Pain, and Loss	*Jeffrey C. Tuck*	Resource Publications	2016	$18.00
SA	**Who Lynched Willie Earle?**	*Will Willimon*	Abingdon Press	2017	$17.99
SA	**6 X 10: Stories from Solitary**	*Mateo Koke and Taylor Pendergrass*	Haymarket Books	2018	$17.99
SA	**Immigration and Justice for Our Neighbors**	*Jennifer Clarke and Mariam Downey*	Celery City Books	2017	$10.00
SA	**They Will Inherit the Earth:** Peace and Nonviolence in a Time of Climate Change	*John Dear*	Orbis	2018	$20.00
SA	**What Comes with the Dust**	*Gharbi M. Mustafa*	Arcade Publishing	2018	$16.99
SA	**Loaded:** Disarming the Second Amendment	*Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz*	City Lights Books	2018	$16.99
SA	**Holding Up Your Corner, Talking About Race in Your Community**	*F. Willis Johnson*	Abingdon Press	2017	$12.95
SA	**Storming the Wall:** Climate Change, Migration and Homeland Security	*Todd Miller*	City Lights Books	2017	$16.99
SA	**The Fig Tree Revolution:** Unleashing Local Churches into the Mission of Justice	*Bill Medford*	Cascade Books	2017	$18.00
SA	**Midnight Teacher:** Lilly Ann Granderson and Her Secret School	*Janet Halfmann*	Lee and Low Books	2018	$18.95
SG	**Writings of John Wesley**	*Keith Beasley-Topliff*	Upper Room Books	1997	$7.99
SG	**Raising World Changers in a Changing World**	*Kristen Welch*	BakerBooks	2018	$14.99
SG	**We Pray With Her:** Encouragement for All Women Who Lead	*Emily Peck-McClain, Danyelle Trexler, Jen Tyler, J. Paige Boyer, Shannon Sullivan*	Abingdon Press	2018	$17.99
SG	**If I should Die Before I Live:** Senior Meditation	*Richard Renwick Smyth*	Logos Books	I2017	$14.95
SG	**Resist and Persist**	*Erin Wathern*	Westminister John Knox Press	2018	$16.00
SG	**Working Class Rage**	*Tex Sample*	Abingdon Press	2018	$17.99
SG	**God Unbound:** Wisdom From Galatians	*Elaine Heath*	Upper Room Books	2016	$9.99

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CATEGORY*	TITLE	AUTHOR(S)	PUBLISHER	YEAR	MSRP PRICE
SG	**The Magnificent Story:** Uncovering A Gospel of Beauty, Goodness and Truth	*James Bryan Smith*	IVP Books	2017	$22.00
SG	**40 Days with Wesley:** A Daily Devotional Journey	*Rueben P. Job*	Abingdon Press	2017	$14.99
SG	**Easter Stories:** Classic Tales for the Holy Season	*Multi-authors including: C. S. Lewis, Leo Tolstoy, Oscar Wilde, etc.*	Plough	2015	$18.00
CH	**Owen and Eleanor Move In**	*H. M. Bouwman*	Sparkhouse Family Press	2018	$7.99
CH	**The Watcher**	*Nikki Grimes*	Second Story Press	2018	$16.95
CH	**The Water Walker**	*Joanne Robertson*	Second Story Press	2018	$16.99
CH	**Who is My Neighbor**	*Angela Levine and Sandy Isanberg Sasso*	FlyAway Books	2019	$17.00
CH	**Where Will I Live**	*Rosemary McCarney*	Second Story Press	2017	$19.95
YT	**We Kiss Them with Rain**	*Futhi Ntshingila*	Catalyst Press	2018	$14. 95
YT	**A Cage without Bars**	*Anne Dublin*	Second Story Press	2014	$10.95
YT	**El Pueblo Seguira**	*Simon Ortez*	Lee and Low	2017	$9.95
KO-SG	**Killing Kryptonite**	*Sungmook Chung*	Messenger International	2018	
KO-EFM	**Public Faith in Action:** How to Think Carefully, Engage Wisely, and Vote with Integrity	*Miroslav Volf and Ryan Meannally-Linz*	Brazos Press	2016	
KO-SA	**Refugee:** Continuous Journey for Hope	*Youngsik Ha*	Four Seasons	2017	
KO-LD	**Spiritual Leadership**	*Jaehyuk Jin*	Durano	2015	
KO-NFC	**Befriend:** Create Belonging in an Age of Judgment, Isolation, and Fear	*Scott Sauls*	Tindale House Publishers	2016	

BONUS BOOKS—MISSION STUDIES & OTHER (These can count in two categories)

SG	**Practicing Resurrection:** The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship	*Janet Wolf*	United Methodist Women	2019	$10.00
SA	**So you want to talk about race**	*Ijeoma Oluo*	Seal Press	2018	$27.00
SP	**Women United for Change:** 150 Years in Mission	*Ellen Blue*	United Methodist Women	2019	$10.00
IS	**What About Our Money?** A Faith Response	*Susan Taylor*	United Methodist Women	2018	$10.00

***LEGEND:**

EFM	Education for Mission
CH	Children
IS	Issue Study
KO	Korean titles
LD	Leadership Development
NFC	Nurturing for Community
SA	Social Action
SG	Spiritual Growth
SP	Special Publication
YT	Youth

Education and Interpretation

Greetings in the Name of Christ Jesus!

I pray that all of you and your families are well and have not been affected by this COVID-19 Pandemic! My report is short. I have put in calls to the 4 Missions that we support. I have not heard back from them. However; I do have an abbreviated report from the Columbia Bethlehem Community Center, Director, Kay Hughes. A Zoom meeting was conducted on May 1, 2020. A decision was made to move their meetings to Quarterly meetings, versus monthly. The CBCC will issue a calendar of their upcoming events in August, 2020. They have not yet discussed the upcoming School year activities for Community Youths and community Seniors.

I contacted Killingworth last month, via the telephone, and their needs have changed somewhat, due to this COVID-19 Pandemic. Their needs are: Cleaning Supplies, Gift Certificates, Water, Personal Hygiene items, and more.

Our Mission continues! Please continue to pray for our UMW Circles, our Missions, our Women and Children throughout the World! May we continue to pray for the creation of a Vaccine to combat this COVID-19 Virus!

Note: Please continue collecting the Pull Tabs and Stamps!

Respectfully Submitted:

Mary Mason

Education and Interpretation
UMW Columbia District

MY "I" Story

My UMW Story – March 22, 2019

Tomorrow, March 23, 2019, United Methodist Women (and its predecessor organizations) turns 150 Years Strong!

In January 1979, as I was exiting church one Sunday, the first lady of Francis Burns at the time, Mrs. Edna Stokes, casually invited me to attend the UMW Spiritual Life Retreat at Lake Junaluska, NC. I didn't have a clue what a Spiritual Life Retreat was, but I had heard of Lake Junaluska. I asked "How can I sign up?" I was so excited about going to Lake Junaluska, all I remembered was that we were going to travel in a "M" month. In March, I was geared up and ready to go to Junaluska…. then it was brought to my attention that we were going in May…. how disappointing!

At some time along the way, I went to a regular UMW meeting at Francis Burns and the treasurer at the time, Mrs. Earth Ella Grate, told me that I was the new treasurer and handed me the book….my response was - "Yes Mam".

Throughout the years, I was invited to and gladly attend Capitol Day (currently Legislative Advocacy Day); School of Christian Mission (currently Mission u); Days Apart – yes it was an overnight retreat at White Oak Retreat Center; Columbia District and SC Conference UMW Annual Meetings; local, district, and conference officer trainings; Quadrennial Meetings; and my first Assembly in Anaheim, California in 1986 - my first trip to California.

While attending my first Spiritual Life Retreat, I experienced first hand the meaning of UMW Supportive Community. The Sunday before the retreat was Mother's Day. As usual, I went home to be with my mother and family. While driving back to Columbia that Sunday afternoon, I was involved in a single car accident and totaled my car. With bumps and bruises, I came back to Columbia on Thursday, two days before the retreat. I called Corrine Cheeks and she came over to check on me. I shared that I was having doubts about going to Junaluska. Corrine assured me that I would be ok if I went….it didn't take much to convince me.

Francis Burns UMW traveled to Junaluska in a rental van, early Saturday morning. The ride was fairly uneventful, no pain. If you've ever been to Junaluska, you know how hilly it is. Well, I walked around on Saturday evening, but come Sunday morning, my leg was so swollen and painful, I could hardly get out of bed. Reluctantly, I stayed in the room while the others went to the sessions. They brought me food to the room. When it was time to get in the van, Maxine Truesdale and Vernita Cobb locked hands, palm up to make a swing, and carried me to the van. On Monday morning, I called my Dr. and scheduled an office visit. Karol Rembert left her job, took me to my appointment and came back to take me home. With that experience, I knew without a doubt – and still to this day, that Francis Burns UMC, particularly the UMW, IS my family.

This is a glimpse of my engagement with UMW. I was invited, I accepted the invitation, I've been hopelessly hooked for four decades and counting. I have invited a Limitless young woman [she doesn't know she is a "Limitless UMW" yet] to attend our District Legacy celebration tomorrow. Have you invited someone to become actively engaged in UMW? Let's tell our story and keep the legacy alive and growing strong!

In Sisterhood and love,

Rebecca Washington Eleazer

We thank you Rebecca Washington Eleazer for sharing her story. We invite others to share your walk with Jesus. Email your "I" story to our Communications Coordinators. rhondawashington@hotmail.com and shareewash@hotmail.com.

S C C U M W
POTENTIAL LEADER'S INFORMATION FORM
TO BE COMPLETED BY POTENTIAL LEADER

Type or print (attach additional sheets as needed)

Date _____

Name:				
Address:				
Phone:	Home	Work		
E-Mail:				
District:				
Age:	20's___ 30's___ 40's___ 50's___ 60's___ 70's___ 80's___			
Race / Ethnicity:		Employed:	Yes:___	No:___
Languages Spoken:				

Professional Skills, Job Experience _____

Office(s) held in United Methodist Women:

	Office:	Date:
Local:		
District:		
Conference:		
Jurisdiction:		

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

_____

Ladies,

Officers are needed to serve on the conference level. If there is a person of interest in your Unit, please complete the nomination form and return to Mary Cabaniss. The position of Secretary is open. They are looking for someone to fill this position beginning 2021.

Thank you
Sandra love

AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST "I" AND/OR CONCERN "C"

	Secretarial		Recruiting members		Publicity
	Community		Social issues		Workshops
	Computer		Creativity		Newsletters
	Accounting/bookkeeping		Recording minutes		Retreats
	Organization of details		Public policy		Music
	Nominations		Public relations		Youth
	Program planning		Community building		Children
	Administration		Inclusiveness/pluralism		Other

Other talents or skills specify:_____

Which office on the Conference United Methodist Women's Team would you most like to hold if given the opportunity to serve?

	President		Chair of Nominations		Social Action
	Vice President		Education & Interpretation		Spritual Growth
	Secretary		MNO		Program Resources
	Treasurer		Communications		Nominating Committee

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

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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 _____ Weekend _____ Extended time _____
Yes of No Yes of No 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: _____

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Please mail this form to Nominations Committee to attention of: **Email: Mary Cabaniss**
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Woman of the Year

Name

Church

Send to Mary Anne DeWitt 668 Westwood Drive, Lexington SC 29073 or email to maryannedewitt1017@gmail.com not later than August 15, 2020

Campaign for Children

List of volunteer hours working with children

List activities with total hours for each activity

Send along with your President's report to

Sandra Love 107 Hexham Cir. Irmo, SC 29063 or email: slgtar@aol.com not later September 1

Support Campaign for Children

(Reporting period September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2020)

Church:_____

President: _____

Contact: (email or phone) _____

School District for your unit: _____

Total hours: _____

List your Activities:

Mail or email to: **Sandra Love**
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Irmo, SC 29063

Email: **slgtar@aol.com**

Local President's Report for 2020

For Period September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2020

Due September 1, 2020

UNIT: _____ **PRESIDENT:** _____

I. Membership:

Number of Members in Unit: _____
Number of Deceased Members: ____
Number of Members pledging $5.00 for Wallace Family Life Center: ____

II. Contributions:

Actual Amount Sent for the 5 Star Requirements:

Pledge to Missions: _____ **World Thank Offering:** _____
Gift to Memory: _____ **Gift to Mission:** _____
Special Mission Recognition: _____ **Call to Prayer & Self Denial:** _____

Actual Amount Sent for the Gold Seal Requirements:

Killingsworth: _____ **Wallace Family Life Center:** _____
Columbia Bethlehem Community Center: _____
Bethlehem Center – Spartanburg: _____ **Rural Mission (John's island):** _____

III. Participation:

District Events: (Number of persons from your unit attending each meeting)

Annual Meeting (September 2019): _____ **Day Apart (March 2020):** _____
Local Officer's Training (January 2020): _____

Conference Events: (Number of persons from your unit attending each meeting)

Annual Meeting (October 2019): ___ **Officer's Training (November 2019):** ____
Come Together Be Together (June 2020): __ **Mission u (July 2020):** ___
Legislative Day (February 2020): _____**Spiritual Growth Retreat (May 2020):** _____
Attended Events for the 5 Mission Projects (like Killingsworth Gala): _____
Mission Day (May 2019): _____

IV. Mission Education:

Reading Program: # of participants for 2020: _____
Subscriptions to Response: # of participants: _____
Program Book Used: _____ **Prayer Calendar Used:** ____
Diamond Unit (Charter for Racial Justice): ____ **Mission Today Unit:** _____

VI. Support Campaign for Children: ____ **School District for your unit:** _____
Send in your yearly report for Campaign for Children by September 1, 2020.

VII. Other: Send in your yearly report for the unit listing all activities by September 1, 2020.

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CHURCH WOMEN UNITED OF COLUMBIA

CALENDAR FOR 2020 CELEBRATIONS

OCTOBER 2	**HUMAN RIGHTS CELEBRATION**	**Shandon Presbyterian Church** **607 Woodrow Street** **Columbia, SC 29205**
NOVEMBER 6	**WORLD COMMUNITY DAY**	**St. Paul AME Church, Irmo** **835 Kennerly Rd.** **Irmo, SC 29063**

Celebrations: Registrations and refreshments begin at 10:30 with the program beginning at 11:00 for Bible Study, World Day of Prayer, May Friendship Day, and World Community Day. Registration for our Annual Meeting begins at 10:30 followed by lunch, business meeting, and program. Registration for the Human Rights Celebration begins at 11:30 followed by the program at 12:00 Noon. Executive Board meetings held when there is no Celebration begins at 10:00.

Cluster Reports

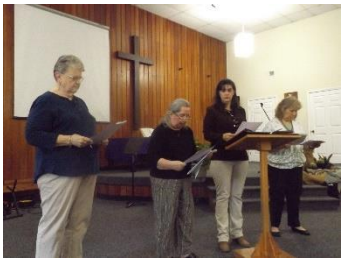
Tiffany Jones – Cluster 5

Windsor's UMW welcomed new members in January 2020: Pat Christiansen, Anita Schmidt, Judy Robertson (a member of another UMC in Lugoff, SC), and Jayne Varnes, During the month of January, we determined the programs and fundraising activities for this year, to include answering the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial (which we determined to carry through the months of February, March, and April) and organizing the annual yard sale on May 16, 2020, as well as the cookie sale in December 2020. We will continue to meet in the home of UMW President Joy Strange during the summer months to identify programs and fundraising ideas.

In February, we met and began to discuss ideas for what we might sacrifice to donate to the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial. Our UMW President gave an overview of what to expect in the coming months, including the mission and purpose of the program.

In March, we kicked off the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial with a program (see pictures below). New member Judy Robertson also introduced a list of UMW-supported missionaries for monthly prayer and communication.

The conclusion of the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial was scheduled for April 14, at which time we planned to provide an altar to include the biography of each mission supported and a plate to collect the offering. COVID-19 has prohibited conclusion of the program. Our UMW President is working on a possible solution and alternative way for concluding the program.



First Row of photos: The presenters (left to right: Becky Buie, Peggy Hill, Joy Strange, and Denise Lane) are in the last picture.

Cluster Report Continued…

Bluff Road UMC

Quarterly Report to District UMW Executive Committee
Bluff Road United Methodist Women's Activities
4/15/2020

February 16, 2020- Unit's **second** monthly meeting. Discussion about an upcoming Women's Day celebration was held. Mrs. Daisy Porter chaired the Women's Day committee quite ably. Unfortunately, it was necessary to cancel our Women's Day program due to the Coronavirus outbreak. During this meeting, the unit president also presented on her trip to Africa University where she was able to interact with children at the Fairfield Orphanage at the Old Mutare Mission. A couple of UMW units from South Carolina sent "pillow case" dresses for sharing with the children in Zimbabwe. These were presented to staff of the orphanage by Bishop Holston and one of the district superintendents on the trip.

February 29, 2020- Limitless Celebration, Lebanon United Methodist Church---Wanda Anderson, Dorwoah Counts, Sandra Hamlin, Ashley Hamlin, Michelle Pinkney, Olivia Pinkney, and Grace Counts represented the unit at this event. The praise dance group from the church performed. The members of Bluff Road church supported our unit and we were able to present personal hygiene items for girls at Limitless, as was requested. Wanda Anderson spearheaded the collection of these items. Please note the following pictures from the event.

<u>March 7, 2020</u> Day Apart Retreat, Grace United Methodist Church, 410 Harbison Blvd, Columbia, SC –"Why Can't It be Christmas Everyday"?—*Sandra Hamlin, president and Ashley Hamlin, secretary, represented the unit at this event. The director of Killingsworth was the speaker. Please note lady in red and green outfit.*

March 14 & 15, 2020, Francis Burns UMW Annual Women's Weekend Celebration--*Sandra Hamlin, president, represented the unit at both days of this event. Below is Hamlin pictured with Mrs. Betty Mack, who later served as keynote speaker for the Sunday morning worship service.*

March 29, 2020- Women's Day service was **cancelled** due to Coronavirus outbreak. Much work was nonetheless done in preparation for this event by Mrs. Daisy Porter and her committee. Please note the invitation flyer prepared by the church's First Lady, Mrs. Jenny Middleton. It is our hope that this event will be rescheduled at a later date.

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2020
Calendar of Events

June 16th	District Executive Committee Meeting	Virtual Meeting
September:	**Killingsworth Special Emphasis**	
September 19th	District Annual Meeting	Francis Burns UMC
October:	**Bethlehem Center Spartanburg Special Emphasis**	
October 20th	District Executive Committee Meeting	Virginia Wingard UMC
October 23-24th	SCCUMW Annual Meeting	Main Street UMC (Greenwood)
November 14th	Conference Officer Training	Chapin UMC

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… "Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised." Proverbs 31:30

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