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**NEWS WATCH...**

- DAY APART RETREAT  
  MARCH 2, 2019

- LEGACY DAY CELEBRATION  
  MARCH 23, 2019
Columbia District Legacy Day

150th Birthday Party

When: Saturday, March 23rd
Time: 10 am to 12 pm
Where: Platt Springs UMC
3215 Platt Springs Road, West Columbia

Who: All Columbia District UMW members and their guests.

Invite your Pastor and their spouse, new members to your church, women who are interested in understanding what the UMW is, invite your youth (they are our future).

There will be birthday cake, fellowship and entertainment…it is a party after all!

Each unit is asked to bring a donation of $150.00 to place in the birthday box for the Legacy Fund in honor of the 150 years of service to women and children.

Please RSVP to your Unit leaders by March 15th
So that they may RSVP to our District President, Sandra Love, by March 15th
A Message From Your Humbled Servant

Greetings my Sisters!

Happy New Year!!!

We are off to a great start in 2019!!!

Thanks to Asbury Memorial United Methodist Women for hosting this year’s officers training. Special thanks to Martha Jones for organizing and getting things in order. It was well attended. Thank you to all who attended.

We are looking for a church to host the District 2020 local officer training. Please let me know if your church will host on January 11, 2020.

Day Apart retreat is planned for March 2 at Lexington UMC. Our speaker will be Rev. Kempie Shepard from Anderson District. Please get registered to attend. It will be another spirit filled fun time together.

March 23 is the 150th birthday of United Methodist Women! We are planning a great celebration! Mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

Who: United Methodist Women
What: Birthday Celebration
When: March 23, 2019 10am -12noon
Where: Platt Springs UMC 3215 Platt Springs Rd West Columbia
Why: To celebrate the 150 years of service to women and children
Please RSVP to Sandra Love no later than March 15.
You may email me at slgtar@aol.com or call 803-414-7323

This will be a time of fun, fellowship, cake and ice cream. There will be a skit depicting the beginning of Women in Mission as well as the history of Columbia District UMW. We will have a time of sharing that ladies may want to share their most unforgettable time at UMW events or special things that your unit has done that made a difference the life of others. If you prefer to write about it, there will be opportunities to write.

We are asking each Unit to donate $150.00 to honor the 150 years of service. We will have Legacy Fund envelopes for you to place your check. There will be a beautifully wrapped box to place your donation. You may make your check payable to Columbia District UMW and place Legacy Day Gift on the memo line. Be sure that your Unit’s name is on the check and envelope so that our treasurer will have proper accounting.
So what is Legacy Fund?????
United Methodist Women continues to build upon the foundation set forth by our founders almost 150 years ago. Yet the difficulties encountered by women, children and youth around the world continue to sustain separation from life affirming compassionate care and support that heals, restores and empowers. Imagine what is achievable, what is possible, if United Methodist Women had the resources to deepen and expand its mission to transform lives and ignite change in places near and far.
In 2014, the Board of Directors launched the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign, setting a goal to raise $60 million. The Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign is both historic and unprecedented, with the campaign's theme, Together, we are building our legacy, celebrating the legacy of the courageous women who founded this mission movement, as well as the legacy that today's members will leave for future generations of United Methodist women, to create their legacy to carry the mission of faith, hope, love in action forward in the world for years to come.

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Let’s fill the fellowship hall at Platt Springs!!
See you first at Day Apart and then at the March 23 Legacy Day 150-year celebration!

Blessings to you all!

In His Service,

Sandra Love
Columbia District President
News From The Vice President

Happy New Year! We have a brand new year to serve our Lord and our sisters in this wonderful Columbia District. We have lots of work to do to serve women, children and the marginalized in our world. We, also, have new opportunities to learn and grow in our faith. Check out the list of events in this issue of the “Gleanings”. Lots of opportunities to serve and events that can inspire and grow us up in our faith. Plan to attend as many as you can this year and see how you can be a part of our UMW community.

We will be celebrating LEGACY DAY on March 23rd, 2019 at Platt Springs UMC from 10:00 am to 12:00!!!! Come help us celebrate 150 years of United Methodist Women in action. Wow!!! 150 years of women who have helped women, children and those in need all over our world. 150 years of leaders who advocated for the needs of the marginalized, 150 years of women working to improve legislation impacting all of us and 150 years of women making a difference!!!!

Come, celebrate and help us honor this incredible legacy we all share. We will have cake, ice cream, skits, songs and opportunities to fellowship together, share our memories and think about our future.

As you plan your calendars this year, remember our Church Women United celebrations!! A list of events are in this issue of the “Gleanings”, starting with our Spring Luncheon on April 13th, 2019 at Brookline Baptist Banquet Center. This will be such a special celebration; we will have “Salads, Sweets and Sisterhood”, with very special entertainment. The registration form is attached. All of these celebrations are opportunities to honor people in our communities and fellowship with women in all faiths and all walks of life. I invite you to come to the table!!!!

My prayer this year is that we will become stronger in our faith and our service to God as we carry on the incredible “Legacy” of United Methodist Women. Join me on the journey and I promise, you will not be disappointed.

Blessings to each of you and may this new year be full of new opportunities to serve our Lord.

Respectfully,

Debra Schooler
Columbia District Vice President

ATTENTION:
The conference has decided to hold conference officer training every year in Columbia because Columbia is centrally located in the state. Ashland UMC will host in 2019 and Chapin UMC will host in 2020. The conference officer training is usually held second Saturday in November. 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.
Greetings UMW Sisters:

What an awesome privilege it is to serve as Secretary of the Columbia District United Methodist Women! I am delighted to be a part of such a dynamic team of women dedicated to mission work on behalf of women, children and youth.

Thanks to United Methodist Women across the district for your confidence in my ability to serve as custodian of district records and to Pat Gundler for her assistance in making this new direction in my life a smooth transition.

The Columbia District United Methodist Women Executive Meeting was held January 12, 2019 immediately after the District Officer Training at Asbury Memorial UMC.

Members present included Sandra Love; Debra Schooler; Carrie Murray, Pam Thomas, Bridgette Gruber, Patricia Armstrong, Maeward Belk, Meredith Dreibelbis, Vanessa Key, Pat Hoesly, Sandra Harrison, Connie Brabham, Linda Kennedy, Lula Stroman, Robin Andrews, Faye Love, Tiffany Phillips, Laura Mitchell and Flo Johnson.

Members with excused absences included Rhonda Washington, Sharee Washington, Jessica Jones, Evelyn Ann Neal and Mary Mason.

The meeting was called to order by President Sandra Love, followed by an inspirational devotion from Spiritual Growth Coordinator, Bridgette Gruber.

Carrie Murray read the minutes from the October 16, 2018 Executive Meeting. Minutes were approved and received as information.

New Business included the following items:

- Revised SCCUMW Presidential Scholarship application can be found at www.umccsc.org/umw.
- Legacy Day is March 23, 2019. Place: TBD Suggestion: (1) Recognize the oldest and the youngest unit in the Columbia District; (2) Serve ice cream and cake at the celebration.
- Response Magazine will be distributed six (6) times per year.
- SCCUMW Mission Trip to Northern Kentucky is scheduled for April 1-5, 2019. Trip Coordinator is Ann Alexander; The three (3) pickup sites are Columbia, Charleston and Spartanburg.

Reports were received from the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Communications, Spiritual Growth, Social Action, Membership Nurture and Outreach, Education and Interpretation, Program Resource Manager, Historian, Nominations and the 6 Cluster Leaders. Detailed reports appear elsewhere in this edition of Gleanings.

Listed below are some of the activities that units across the district completed during the fourth quarter, 2018.

Fundraisers for Missions
1. Church-wide Holiday Market  
2. Bake Sale  
3. Yard Sale  
4. Pecan Sale  
5. Big Grab  
6. Holiday Sale / Christmas items

Supportive Community/Fellowship

1. Christmas Tea  
2. Intergenerational Tea  
3. Church Annual Christmas Supper  
4. Killingsworth Gala  
5. New Members Banquet  
6. Special Mission Recognition Dinner (awards and pins given to retiring officers, Woman of the Year and Reading Program Participants)  
7. Special recognition for UMW members who have lost loved ones and special remembrance of those deceased  
8. District President, Sandra Love invited to install local officers  
9. Decorated pumpkins for Halloween with the boys at Epworth and donated gift cards for Christmas  
10. Sponsored a Bingo Party and provided prizes for senior citizens at Crooked Creek Park in Chapin  
11. Supported Children’s Fall Festival / Falloween  
12. Small-group meeting at member’s home

Spiritual Growth

1. The Sacred Space of Rest and Self Care (2018 Program Book)  
2. Sacred Spaces with God and Neighbor (2018 Program Book)  
3. World Thank Offering and Pledge Service (2018 Program Book)  
4. Church-wide Bible Study and Fellowship

Education and Development

1. Guest Speakers:
   1. Lexington County Sheriff’s Department  
   2. Rev. Wayne Fields, director of Oliver Gospel Mission  
2. Tutor 3rd graders  
3. Attend Local, District and Conference Meetings/Events  
4. Breast Cancer Awareness

Service Projects

1. Made reusable sanitary napkins for girls in Africa  
2. Cut out patterns from denim and plastic milk jugs to assemble shoes that were donated to Soul Hope to be distributed to children in Uganda  
3. Distributed bags of toiletries to nursing homes / families in need  
4. Solicited donations from Bi Lo to benefit Snack Pack program for schools in Richland, Lexington and Newberry Counties
5. Participated in Adopt a Family, Angle Tree and Sistercare for Christmas
6. Collected peanut butter for God’s Store House
7. Donated shoes of all kinds that are sent to Kenya where they are sold to buy drills for water
8. Redecorated bedrooms for local DDSN Group Home
9. Provided blessing baskets for shut-ins
10. Sponsored Card Ministry (sent cards to 50 residents at The Brooks-Howell Home Retired Missionaries)
11. Sponsored Visitation Ministry
12. Sponsored Travel / Transport Ministry

Monetary Donations

1. Soul Hope
2. Johns Island
3. Killingsworth
4. Epworth
5. Aldersgate
6. Fairfield County Red Cross
7. Cooperative Ministries
8. Lighthouse for Light
9. Harvest Hope
10. Samaritans Purse
11. Book for Children’s Library
12. Bethlehem Community Center Spartanburg
13. Pledge to Mission
14. Gift to Mission
15. Gift in Memory
16. Met Mission Giving goals

Columbia District UMW, are women with a PURPOSE. We are indeed putting Faith, Hope and Love in Action!

To God be the glory.

Carrie R. Murray
Secretary, Columbia District, UMW
(803) 754-1895 cmrmurra@bellsouth.net

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131 Hawk’s Nest Court
Columbia, South Carolina 29212
803-749-1744 (hm) 803-414-4232 (Sharee’s cell) 803-629-4503 (Rhonda’s cell)
shareewash@hotmail.com
Rhondawashington@hotmail.com
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Please complete and return to Carrie Murray, Secretary, Columbia District UMW, 6509 David St., Columbia, SC 29203 or email cmrmurra@bellsouth.net
The light of the world! Jesus had already declared, “I am the light of the world” in John 8:12 and challenged them to “let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”

Our Pledges are important! We give thanks for United Methodist Women members whose gifts, big and small, help make mission possible in local communities and around the world, and for mission partners whose tireless efforts improve the lives of the most vulnerable.


District 2018 Annual Pledge Goal: $65,000.00
Actual Remittance for Mission reported: $64,556.50
Percentage of District 2018 Goal met: 99.3% Thank You!

Bits & Pieces "Save the Dates"

For Local Treasurer, submit the completed Remittance report forms with your check to the district treasurer as follows: The 2019 Remittance reports are due on March 15, 2019, June 17, 2019, September 5, 2019, and December 5, 2019. Any Remittance report received after the due date will be included in the next conference report transmitted.

DISTRICT 2020 MISSION GIVING – The combined Columbia District goal for 2019 annual pledge to mission is $65,000.00.

Planning Cycle: To begin the SC Conference UMW 2020 budget process, we will need the local treasurer to estimate their unit's pledge goal for 2020. Please submit your 2020 Pledge to Mission Form to the District Treasurer by March 8, 2019.

Financial Review (audit): The UMW local unit's treasurer is responsible for having the unit books reviewed annually by an accountant or individual with a business degree. To ensure consistency in reviewing accounting documents a new form Schedule of Cash Activities is enclosed. Send a copy of the signed Schedule of Cash Activities form to the UMW District Treasurer by April 30, 2019. Retain the original signed form with your records.

Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign on March 23, 2019: Include donation for the Legacy Endowment on the March 15th Remittance Form in order to be counted with the Fun Legacy Fundraiser Party collection on Saturday, March 23, 2019.

REMINDER: The Day Apart Retreat registration will be handled by Debra Schooler.

Thank You for all you do for the Kingdom! My contact information for submitting a communication, Remittance Form, and all other requested forms:

Pamela W. Thomas, Columbia District Treasurer- P. O. Box 23067, Columbia, SC 29224
Jesus' Business E-mail: pantJCbiz@gmail.com; Personal E-mail: chase4market@gmail.com
Home: 803-782-5422; Cellular: 803-629-0246.
Pam Thomas
Columbia District Treasurer
COLUMBIA DISTRICT UMW TREASURERS PLANNING CYCLE FOR 2019

January 2019
Local Treasurer- Close and reconcile 2018 Financial records. Projects 2020 Pledge to Mission contributions for Local Unit.

February:

March:
March 2
March 8
March 15
March 16

April:
April 16

June 17

June 18

August 3

September:
September 5
September 14

October:
October 15
October 25-26

December 5

Wallace Family Life Center Special Emphasis

Rural Mission Special Emphasis
Day Apart Retreat – Debra Schooler, Registrar
Submit the projected Pledge to Mission form for 2020
1st Quarter Remittance due to District from Local Treas.
   a. Pledge to Mission contributions - submit quarterly
   b. SCC-UMW Finance Meeting

Columbia Bethlehem Center Special Emphasis
District Executive Committee Meeting – 2020
Columbia District combined Pledge for Missions

June 17
2nd Quarter Remittance due to District from Local Treas.
   a. Special Mission Recognition (order pin)
   b. Call to Prayer & Self Denial offering

June 18
District Executive Committee Meeting – 2020- A & MD District budget review

August 3

SCC-UMW Finance Meeting

Killingsworth Special Emphasis
3rd Quarter Remittance due to District from Local Treas.
   a. Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory contributions
   b. Five UMW Mission Projects contributions

District Annual Meeting – Finalize Five Stars awards
And Five Star & Gold Seal awards presentations

Bethlehem Center Spartanburg Special Emphasis
District Executive Committee Meeting
SCC-UMW Annual Meeting–Approve 2020 SC Pledge

4th Quarter Remittance due to District from Local Treas.
   a. World Thank offering

Ordering Gift to Mission cards and Gift in Memory cards:
You no longer need to prepare the Order Form for Gift to Mission cards and submit to the district treasurers. The cards for Gift to Mission and Gift in Memory are available to download or send as an Ecard at the United Methodist Women website. The Local Unit/Cluster will be responsible for downloading and printing their cards.
Goto: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/donate/cards
THE REMITTANCE FORM FOR ALL TREASURERS

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United Methodist Women
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

Form 2
PLEDGE TO MISSION FORM
JANUARY_2020_____ TO DECEMBER_2020

NAME OF UNIT/CHURCH__________________________________________

TREASURER’S NAME:____________________________________________

TREASURER’S ADDRESS AND EMAIL

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LOCAL UNIT ANNUAL PLEDGE GOAL ESTIMATED FOR 2020

Pledge to Mission $__________________________________________

This is your Local Unit’s annual pledge goal that will be submitted to the SC Conference Treasurer for calendar year 2020.

Submit to District Treasurer by March 8, 2019.

Pamela W. Thomas, Columbia District Treasurer
PO Box 23067, Columbia, SC 29224
E-mail: pamtjcbiz@gmail.com

Revised (January, 2019)
Schedule of Cash Activities

______________________________
Name of District

______________________________
Name of Conference

______________________________
(period of time covered)

CASH
Beginning Balance, January 1, 20__  $____________________
Plus Receipts  $____________________
TOTAL  $____________________
Minus Disbursements  $____________________
Balance, December 31, 20__  $____________________

I have performed the procedures numerated below with respect to the schedule of cash activities for the year ended December 31, 20__ for the United Methodist Women of ________________________ District.

1. Traced selected local unit remittances into receipts (stubs or carbon copies) and deposits recorded on checkbook stubs (or record) into a cash receipt record.
2. Ascertained that vouchers are made for all expenditures, that these expenses are properly signed by authorized persons and that these expenditures are provided for in the budget or have been authorized by the Executive Committee as recorded in the minutes.
3. Determined that checks written agree with the vouchers and are properly recorded in some form of cash disbursement record.
4. Made sure that bank statements are reconciled monthly to agree with checkbook balance and the balance as reflected in the cash receipt and disbursement record.
5. Checked the year-end balance as shown on the year-statements, to determine that it agrees with that shown on the checkbook and the reconciled year-end statements. The year-end balance should reflect any difference between cash received and cash disbursed as recorded in the cash records.

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Date

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Signature

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Greetings My Sisters;

Seems the New Year just came in and it is well on the way to being not so new. I am new to my position as social action coordinator for the Columbia District but not to United Methodist Women and the work that we do. I look forward to meeting more and more of you as the year goes by. Social Action, where to begin. At our officer's training in January I had an opportunity to hear some of the awesome work being done by our churches and of course United Method Women play a major role. The South Carolina Conference UMW has adopted 5 social action goals. (1) Identify a local social action focus; (2) Inform, advocate and distribute information on at least one of our Conference issues; (3) support public schools; (4) practice Ubuntu and (5) share positive news. Six issues were chosen to be primary focus for UMW. (1) mass incarceration/ criminal justice; (2) income inequality; (3) climate change; (4) public education; (5) maternal health and (6) school, church, home safety. The Columbia District has decided to make Maternal Health our social action focus. This does not mean it needs to be your only focus, keep up the excellent job your already doing. Maternal and Child Health was one of the workshops presented at Legislative Advocacy Day, February 12, 2019. Kimberly Seals, Director of the Bureau of Maternal and Child Health, DHEC shared information on some emerging issues. I would like to share a few of those topics with you in hopes that it will help guide you in deciding how you will approach the issue of Maternal Heath. Emerging issues- infant mortality, premature birth, safe sleep, birth defects, breastfeeding initiative, Zika, immunization, chronic disease, smoking, substance exposed mother-infant, maternal mortality and teen suicide.

So social action. Where to begin? What can we do? What should we do? Here are some food for thought.

Connect with a pregnant mom- Be a shoulder for her to lean on. Be a shoulder for her to cry on. Encourage and support her. Offer to escort her to her appointments. Remind her of her appointments. Support organizations and programs that provide needed services to pregnant women. Be intentional in seeking out teen mothers and organizations that supports them. Be an advocate. Contact your legislator and let him/her know you support laws, policies and leaders that recognizes the need and takes need action to reduce infant mortality, premature birth and maternal mortality.

Support breastfeeding- take a look around your church facilities, is it breastfeeding friendly. What about your work site and businesses you regularly support. Is there opportunity for you to make a difference?

Promote immunization- encourage caregivers to seek advice from qualified healthcare worker. Make sure your immunization is up to date so that you can protect those around you. Consider immunization promotion during back to school activities. Is there opportunity in your newsletter, social media page, during programs?

Social action where to begin. What can we do? What should we do? Get to know your legislator. Be aware of bills that's being considered and work collectively with others to ensure passage or denial. Visit www.scstatehouse.gov

May God bless your plans! May God bless our plans!

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

IMPORTANT REMINDER

The 2018 local unit Membership Census data is to be submitted electronically to the UMW National Office by March 30, 2019. If you have not entered your data, please do so as soon as possible.

The links for entering Membership Census data are:

The 2018 Census Internet Link is: https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census2018

The Census Instructional Video Link is: https://youtu.be/yjwpVaC0u_8

The Final deadline for the 2018 Census reporting is March 30, 2019.

Further, individual members of local UMW units are invited to complete the “myUMW” Membership Log, which is designed to capture each member’s demographic information to customize their experience as a UMW member. Once the membership log is completed, you will be able to print a personalized membership card. United Methodist Women will never share your contact information without your permission.

The instructional video link for completing the My UMW Membership Log is:

https://youtu.be/HyfhJ9CDp4g

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me and I will be more than happy to assist you.

Blessings to all and thank you for your continued support and service to UMW.

Maeward S. Belk

Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator
224 Meadowbury Drive, Columbia, SC 29203
E-mail: mbelk@sc.rr.com Phone: (803) 786-5659
Look around you, dear Ladies. Just look around you.

WHO is that person sitting next to you?

The person sitting next to you is the greatest miracle and the greatest mystery, the greatest book you may ever read.

The person sitting next to you is an inexhaustible reservoir of possibility, with potentialities that have been only partially touched.

The person next to you is a unique universe of experience, seething with necessity, possibility, dread and desire. She has smiles and frowns. Laughter, tears, fears and hopes, all struggling to find expression.

The person next to you is surging to become something in particular, to arrive at some destination, to add to her story, to have a new song, to be known and to know.

The person next to you believes in something, something precious, stands for something, counts for something, lives for something, labors for something and is waiting for something.

The person next to you has some things she can do well. Some things she can do better than anyone else in the world can do.

The person next to you can live with you, not just alongside. She can live not only for herself, but also for you? She can confront, encounter, understand you, if that is what you want; and in turn, she is to be understood also.

The person next to you can never be fully understood, she is more than a description or explanation; she can never be fully controlled nor should she be.

The person next to you is a mystery, a great miracle, a CHILD of GOD, created in God’s own image; loved and valued by God! If God loves this person next to you……can you and I do Less?

God Bless each of us, beautiful women of God!

Bridgette Gruber
Spiritual Growth
Mark your calendars!!

Columbia District Day Apart Retreat

Don’t want to miss this one!!!

Speaker: Kempie Shepard

When: Saturday, March 2, 2019

Where: Lexington United Methodist Church
409 East Main Street
Lexington, SC 29072

Registration – 8:45-9:30am
Program starts: 9:30am
Lunch will be: 12:00 noon
Cost: $12.00

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.
Education and Interpretation’s Report

Each mission has requested lots of prayers. They express their gratitude to the UMW for all the support that is given to them. Each of our missions has financial needs.

**Spartanburg Bethlehem Center** – Senior Wellness Program is in full swing. The After School program operates year round and is doing well in assisting students in life skills and readiness in academics. Food Pantry is three days a week. Ongoing needs are postage stamps, Walmart/Office Depot/Bilo gift cards, and non-perishable food items for their food pantry.

**Columbia Bethlehem Community Center** – The new board chair to the organization is Ms. Beth Ruffin. We are so excited to have her in leadership, and look forward to the promising direction she will lead us in. The beginning of 2019 the center is being used as a FREE tax filing site under the SC Thrive umbrella. This means, for no cost at all families making an accumulative gross income under $65,000 may come to the CBCC and have their taxes prepared. We are offering this service by appointment only every Monday and, every second, and forth Saturday. They are continuing to partner with EE Taylor Elementary school and the Village at Rivers Edge Community. Recently the Columbia Housing Authority experienced an incident that turned their worlds upside down. The Center was offered to CHA to use as one of their hub sites. Though they did not use the location, snacks and drinks were donated to the residents of Allen Benedict Court who had been affected.

No afterschool program was held this school year because of funding. Please be in prayer that they will receive a large grant from Head Start. In partnership with Healthy Columbia quarterly FREE health screenings are offered to the Community. The next screening will be Tuesday, March 26, 10:30 am – 4:30 pm.

**Rural Missions** – Need of lots of Prayers and financial need. Operations have been suspended at this time until further notice.

**Wallace Family Life Center** – At this time there is no after school program. Currently the Center is undertaking a needs assessment of the Wallace area to determine how to fulfill its mission to Wallace and the surrounding areas. They are exploring ways they can make improvements to their existing programs and the creation of new programs. The facility has had lots of improvements done in 2018. (heating/air units replaced; now has county water; replacement of some windows and rotted boards; painting and a new sign). They need a new bus which costs $35,000. All help would greatly be appreciated.

**Killingsworth** – It is with regret that the announcement of Donna Lollis had resigned as Executive Director effective January 31. They are currently searching for an Interim Director. The Board will continue to keep Killingsworth functioning as smoothly and efficiently as needed. Thanks to Jeri Mckie serving as the Chair of the board. The Board is in “fund mode” getting together the Golf fund raiser and the Boatload of Fun. Dates will be announced later. They are still requesting Gift cards form Walmart and Bus passes also new towel sets metal forks and spoons – please no knives.

Again, many thanks to all who serve on the Boards of our Five Missions. And Thank You to all who give in support of our Five Missions.

Serving Him Together

*Meredith Dreibelbis*

Columbia District E&I Coordinator
Program Resource Manager

Come be a part a wonderful tradition with fellowship, and learning at Mission U which is open to anyone in the church. According to Women United for Change 150 years of Mission, every year across the country 20,000 women, youth and children attend Mission U formerly known as the School of Christian Mission.

Please see the flyer included in the Gleanings for details.

If you are planning to attend Mission U, you can no longer purchase your books at Mission U. You will need to order them as soon as you send in your registration form to ensure you receive the books in time for the event.

Mission U books can be counted toward the Reading Program requirements.

You can order your UMW books from UMW Mission Resource, Amazon or Cokesbury.

Please contact me at any time with any questions or suggestions.

Jeremiah 33:3 And I want to show you great and marvelous things.

Vanessa Key

Reading Resource Manager
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South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women
Spiritual Growth Retreat Registration
April 26 to 28, 2019
Speaker: The Reverend Robin Dease
“Preserved by Power Divine: Keeping Faith in Changing Times”

PRINT NAME (as you wish it to appear on name tag)

ADDRESS_________________________ CITY_________________________ ZIP_________

PHONE#_________________________ DISTRICT_________________________ CHURCH_________________________

E-MAIL ADDRESS:__________________________________________________________

Check all of the following that apply:
☐ First time
☐ Under 40
☐ ARRIVING AFTER 6:00 pm Friday, April 26, 2019
☐ NOT staying at the Lake Junaluska Conference Center

SCCUMW Registration deadline is April 12, 2019. Registration FEE is $20.
If commuting (not staying at Lake Junaluska Conference Center) Registration FEE is $30.
Registrations postmarked after April 12, 2019: FEE is $25 staying at LJ and $35 for commuters

Send Registration, along with fee, payable to SCCUMW to:
Susan Smith 110 Shady Creek Court, Greer, SC 29650.
For questions, contact Susan at 864-268-6602 or 864-270-0598.

CUT HERE AND RETURN TOP PORTION TO REGISTRAR WITH CHECK

***** YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATION******

Call direct to Lake Junaluska at 800-222-4930 for hotel reservations
OR on-line reservations made at www.lakejunaluska.com use group code 17052

You may call starting on November 1, 2018 for reservations. A $100.00 deposit will be required with remainder being charged at check in on April 26, 2019. The room block held open by Lake Junaluska for UMW will expire on March 20, 2019. After, reservation subject to prevailing rate and availability.

The Room Rate (listed below) covers PER guest for 2 nights sleeping room costs, plus 5 meals (Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner, and Sunday breakfast), and includes service fees but is exclusive of applicable sales/room tax, currently eleven percent (11%). Housekeeping gratuities are at guest discretion.
Hotel **check in** time is from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at Bethea Welcome Center. After 6pm, will be at the hotel’s reception desks in lobbies. **Check out** will be by 11:00 am on Sunday, April 28. **Cancellations** up to 15 days before event will be made with a $15 forfeiture to LJ and no refunds after that.

**You must have picture identification and credit card when you check in on Friday, April 26, 2019.**

**ROOM RATES**

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**MEALS**

Five meals are included in the price of room rates. Your meal ticket is only for the dining area of where you are staying. There is no cross over between dining areas as food is purchased and provided based on who is staying where.

Commuters wishing to eat at Lake Junaluska, please call and make arrangements for your meal ticket by April 12, 2019.

Retreat Program will end Sunday at noon. If you wish to stay and have lunch at Lake Junaluska, you need to let them know when you make your reservation. Cost is $13 per person at the Terrace and $17 per person at Lambuth.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

**DIRECTIONS**

Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center 91 Lakeshore Drive, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745

- From I-40, take exit 27 onto US 19-23.
- Drive 3-4 miles. DO NOT take exit 104 -- it is easy to get lost.
- Take exit 103 and drive about 1 mile until you see Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center front entrance gates on the right.
- Bear right and follow the main road to the Bethea Welcome Center.

Visit [www.lakejunaluska.com/directions/](http://www.lakejunaluska.com/directions/) for more information

**FRIDAY: FIRST DAY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

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RADICAL DISCIPLESHIP–THEN AND NOW
Join United Methodist Women
at Mission u 2019!

Take a deep dive into the Gospel of Mark, the topic of money, and the inspiring story of women organized for mission.

THIS YEAR, OUR STUDIES ARE:

Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship by Janet Wolf (Additional studies on Mark for children and youth also available.)

Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission by Ellen Blue

What About Our Money? A Faith Response by Susan K. Taylor

Be inspired. Be challenged. Respond to God’s call.
Continue the powerful legacy of compassionate service and passionate advocacy.
All are welcome!

Location: Spartanburg Methodist College

Date: July 18-20, 2019
Wallace Family Life Center

A New Year (2019) Brings Many Changes to the Wallace Family Life Center.

The Wallace Family Life Center, located in the Wallace area of Marlboro County, S.C, is currently experiencing positive changes in 2019. After having many challenges in 2018 with physical building and heating and air unit problems, the Center has replaced and repaired to the point where the focus for 2019 is on revitalizing former programs and providing new programs.

A new adult Bible Study program started at the Center, on Wednesdays at 12:30, and is open to any adult over the age of 18. Currently the class has about 14 older adults enthusiastically participating. The instructor for the class is Mrs. Ethelyne Simmons, a member of Aaron Temple UMC in the Wallace area.

The Board for the Center met on Saturday, February 17, 2019 and voted to go ahead and begin working on the necessary requirements to get the After-School program back up and running at the Center by Monday, April 22, 2019.

The Center was forced to suspend the After-School program at the end of last year because of financial issues. The current Board Chair, Mrs. Sarah Pollard, indicated that “the United Methodist Women are very excited that the Wallace Family Life Center will be able to start the After-School Program again.”

Additionally, the WFLC will be starting a new five-week Summer Program for children in Marlboro County’s Wallace community, ages Pre-K through 7th grade. The program will start on Monday, June 17th and will run through Friday, July 26. The program will not operate the week of July 2, as a result of the Independence Day Holiday on July 4th, in keeping with the schedule of past years.

Applications for these and other programs can be downloaded from the Center’s webpage, WallaceFamilyLifeCenter.org. Simply scroll down the webpage to the section entitled “Registration and Other Downloads”, click on the relevant application and print it out. Once the application is filled out, drop it off at the Center, or mail it to the Center at the following address:

Wallace Family Life Center
PO Box 56
Wallace, SC 29596

Please refer to the website, WallaceFamilyLifeCenter.org, from time to time for updates regarding the programs offered at the Center.

Anyone planning a visit to the Center should always call ahead to schedule a visit. Hours of operation are subject to change from time to time as circumstances require.

The Center could use assistance in providing items necessary for current and new programs to function correctly. For example, the Bible Study Program needs some bibles. Any version will be fine - many who come to the class have no Bible of their own. As our inventory improves, we can settle in on the version best determined by the instructor, but for now any Bible donated would be appreciated.
The After School and Summer Programs scheduled to begin at the Center would greatly welcome such items as paper, pencils, erasers, glue sticks, scissors, colored paper, arts and crafts, and other school supplies. All donations would be greatly appreciated.

The success of these and all programs offered at the WFLC are supported by the generosity of the United Methodist Women. The WFLC is a mission project of the UMW, which provides the operational funds necessary to the run the Center and its programs.

The 2019 annual Budget for the Wallace Family Life Center is $104,000.00. It takes this amount per year to fully fund all Center programs. Currently, as of February 18, 2019, the WFLC Is ($21,397.35) underfunded. We really need additional financial help in the current year.

Additionally, the WFLC is working hard to replace a 19-year-old bus with many, many miles and many failing parts on it. We have raised over $11,834.15 to date. The WFLC Board has initiated the process of looking for a reliable replacement, and will determine the amount needed in addition to what we have now in order obtain an adequate replacement so we will have a more reliable bus at the Center.

If you have any questions about the information provided or would like to schedule a visit to the Center, please call the WFLC office number, 843-479-7991, and leave a message on the answering machine if no one is available. We will get back with you as soon as possible. If you need to speak with someone immediately, you can reach the Executive Director, Kevin A. Long, at cell number 843-858-0049.

Thank you for your generous support of the Wallace Family Life Center, and please check our web page from time to time to keep up with the changes taking place at the Center in 2019.
Francis Burns United Methodist Women cordially invites you to our
Women’s Day Weekend Celebration

Francis Burns United Methodist Church
5616 Farrow Road
Columbia, SC 29203

Saturday, March 16, 2019
UMW Birthday: Celebration 150 Years in Mission
9:30AM Fellowship Hall

Guest Speaker: Ariel Robinson, Christian Comedian
Attire: Bold Color Dressy Casual

Enjoy a delicious lunch and birthday cake.
Your donation to the UMW Legacy Fund will help support programs that advocate for women, children and youth for generations to come.

R.S.V.P. by March 12, 2019 to
Linda Kennedy, (803) 786-7671 or lhkhhome@sc.rr.com

Sunday, March 17, 2019
Morning Worship
10:00AM Church Sanctuary

Guest Speaker: Reverend Mary Johnson
Retired Elder in the SCCUMC
Attire: Pastel-Color Outfit with Hat or Fascinator!
2019 Church Women United of Columbia Celebrations/Events

January 25  
**Annual Meeting & Luncheon**  
Brookland Convention Center  
1066 Sunset Boulevard  
West Columbia 29169  
Registration 10:30 A.M./Program 11 A.M.

February 1  
**Bible Study & Board Meeting**  
Bethel UMC  
4600 Daniel Drive, 29206  
Registration 10:30 A.M./Program 11 A.M.

March 1  
**World Day of Prayer**  
Jones Memorial AME Zion  
2400 Barhamville Road, 29204  
Registration 10:30 A.M./Bible Study 11 A.M.

April 13  
**Spring Luncheon**  
Brookland Banquet Center  
1066 Sunset Boulevard  
West Columbia 29169  
11 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

May 3  
**May Friendship Day**  
Northminster Presbyterian (PCUSA)  
6717 David Street, 29203  
Registration 10:30 A.M./Program 11 A.M.

October 4  
**Human Rights Celebration**  
Bethel AME  
819 Woodrow Street, 29205  
Registration 11:30 A.M./Program 12 P.M.

November 1  
**World Community Day**  
Forest Lake Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)  
6500 North Trenholm Road, 29206  
Registration 10:30 A.M./Program 11 A.M.
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Virginia Wingard

Bethel (Winnsboro)
Beulah (Blythewood)
Fairlawn
First
Greenbrier
Gordon Memorial
Mt. Pleasant
St. Luke
Trinity (Blythewood)

2019
Calendar of Events

March:  **Rural Mission Special Emphasis**
March 2  Day Apart Retreat  Lexington UMC
March 23  Legacy Day Celebration  Platt Springs Road UMC

April:  **Columbia Bethlehem Center Special Emphasis**
April 1-5  SCCUMW Mission Trip  Northern Kentucky
April 16  District Executive Committee Meeting  Cayce UMC
April 26th – 28th  Spiritual Growth Retreat  Lake Junaluska, NC

May 18  Come Together Be Together  Trinity UMC Spartanburg
June 3-6  SC UMC Conference  TD Convention Center, Greenville
June 18  District Executive Committee Meeting  Mt. Hebron UMC
July 18-20th  Mission u  Spartanburg Methodist College

September:  **Killingsworth Special Emphasis**
September 21  District Annual Meeting  Mt. Hebron UMC

October:  **Bethlehem Center Spartanburg Special Emphasis**
October 15th  District Executive Committee Meeting  Washington Street UMC
October 25-26  SCCUMW Annual Meeting  Buncombe Street UMC (Greenville)
November 14  Killingsworth Gala  Seawells
November 9  Conference Officer Training  Ashland UMC
Rhonda & Sharee Washington, Columbia District Communications Coordinators

“...what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God”? Micah 6:8