The Network News
Anderson District United Methodist Women
South Carolina Conference
MARCH 2017

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Anderson District UMW
Day Apart
Saturday, April 1, 2017

Theme: “Peace, Prosperity, and Hope; Refreshing Ourselves for Mission”

What an inviting theme! As United Methodist Women we are to be Faith, Hope and Love in Action. The task can be challenging at times, but we can renew our call to the Lord’s service by surrounding ourselves with the fellowship of our sisters in Christ.

Make plans to attend the 45th Annual Day Apart.
Saturday, April 1, 2017 • 10:00am
Liberty Civic Auditorium in Liberty, SC.
Registration begins at 9:00am.
[see event details on page 7]

Take note of the opportunity to support Rural Mission, Inc., a National UMW Mission Project in SC and the special mission emphasis for the month of March.

In October 2016, Hurricane Matthew hit the southeast coast of the U.S., including South Carolina, and property and buildings at Rural Mission sustained major damage. Our support and prayers will help Rural Mission to carry on as they rebuild and faithfully serve the Sea Islands community.

Coordinate a collection of any of the items listed and bring or send them to this Day Apart gathering.
From the President ~
Kate Hyder

“Peace, Prosperity, and Hope” (Jeremiah 29:11)

I want to say WELCOME to our new officers this year.
• Secretary of Program Resources – Judith Polson
• Membership Nurture and Outreach – Donna Hopkins
• Chair of Committee on Nominations – Carrie Anderson

We are looking for a Social Action Chair and members to serve on the nominations committee. So, anyone that has a desire to serve please contact Carrie Anderson at (864)-843-6168.

Seven members of the Leadership Team attended the Conference Officer’s Training in Columbia in November to prepare for the new year. Our District Officer’s Training was held in January at St. Andrew UMC with 39 Unit officers present.

Plans have been finalized for our Day Apart (see registration form in this issue) and we are working on plans for our Annual Meeting.

In the past couple of months one word keeps popping up in meetings and conversations. That word is COMPASSION! Compassion is not “pity” nor is it “sympathy”. Compassion is a deeper concern for our suffering neighbor. In Mark 2:3 the paralytic’s need moved his friends to action, and they brought him to Jesus. When you recognize someone’s need do you act? Let us work harder this year in feeling the actual pain of others and putting aside the excessive preoccupation with our own well-being. Let us share with others the same compassion God shares with us.

Kate Hyder
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Mark your calendars - News to know and share.

### March 2017
- **RURAL MISSION, INC.** Special Mission Emphasis Month
  - Register to attend the **Anderson District UMW Day Apart** on April 1 at the Liberty Civic Auditorium in Liberty. See registration form and details on page 7.
  - March 3 - **World Day of Prayer** Theme: “Am I Being Unfair to You?” - written by the women of the Philippines. Look for a local observance in your area. Learn more at: www.wdp-usa.org
  - March 5 -- First Quarter Financial Report deadline.
  - Register to attend and make lodging reservations for **SC Conference UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat** at Lake Junaluska, NC on April 28-29. See form in the December Network News or Mission Echo.
  - **Men’s Kairos** - Donate Cookies, Agape Letters, $. Deliver to District office by March 14, 10AM.
  - Calling all **crafters!** Work on items to donate to the **Mission u Craft Room** in July.

### April 2017
- **Columbia Bethlehem Community Center** Special Mission Emphasis Month
  - April 1 - Attend the **Anderson District UMW Day Apart** in Liberty, SC.
  - April 3-6 - **SCCUMW Mission Trip to Washington, D.C.**
  - April 16 - **EASTER SUNDAY**
  - Register for **Come Together Be Together**. Early registration due by May 5; see page 10.
  - Make plans and register to attend **Mission u** at Spartanburg Methodist College, July 27-29. Find details and forms in the March issue of the Mission Echo at umcsc.org/umw
  - April 29-30 - Attend the **SCCUMW Spiritual Growth Retreat** at Lake Junaluska, NC.

### May 2017
- May 1 - Anderson District Executive Committee Meeting at New Harmony UMC, Seneca.
- Before May 16 - Write a short article / send pictures for the June issue of The Network News of your unit or circle in action in mission. Send to Communications Coordinator at adumwcc@aol.com.
- May 20 - Attend **Come Together Be Together** in Florence, SC; hosted by Cumberland UMC and Central UMC.
ATTENTION ALL TREASURERS -
Thank you, thank you, thank you!
You have made my work as District Treasurer so easy and I’m looking for another good year.

For those of you who attended Officers Training, thank you for your attendance. If you were not able to attend this year, please write me at joyfulsnooky@hotmail.com and I will send you the notes from the meeting.

TO NEW TREASURERS – If you have questions through this year, please contact me at the above email address and I will be glad to help.

Quick Reminder – any monies your unit collects for the Tracy Jackson Program of GIFT, please send your check (payable to Tracy Jackson Program of GIFT) directly to Deaconess Mary Lou Edens - TJP Director, PO Box 606, Abbeville, SC 29620. You may contact her at (864) 366-8517 or via email at marylouumd@yahoo.com. This ministry is the Anderson District Special Mission Emphasis for the month of June.

The Legacy Fund
United Methodist Women is celebrating its 150th anniversary by strengthening and passing on its mission inheritance with the Legacy Fund. The forward-looking permanent endowment will provide a firm foundation for generations of United Methodist Women to come as they engage in mission with the women, children, and youth of their day.

March 23rd will be our 3rd Annual Day of Giving for the Legacy Fund. Give during the month of March - or anytime. This special day celebrates the first day that our beloved work as an organized group of women began, back in 1869.

Gifts to the Legacy Fund can be made in several ways:
• Online: unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund
• By Phone: 800-278-7771 (Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. [EST])
• By Mobile Phone: Text LEGACY150 to 41444
• By Mail: Make checks payable to United Methodist Women

475 Riverside Drive, Treasurer’s Office | New York, NY 10115 Write “The Legacy Fund” in memo section.

ANDERSON DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM ♦ 2016-2017

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CLUSTER LEADERS - One year appointment TO BE ANNOUNCED

Abbeville
Anderson
Clemson/Seneca
Easley
Williamston

February 2017 (partial list)
Stir Up the Gift of God

St. Andrew United Methodist Women Ladies Tea

Guest Speaker: Pastor Deb Richardson-Moore
Director Triune Mercy Center

Saturday, April 22, 2017
2:00 p.m.
Family Life Center
309 Pelzer Highway
Easley, SC 29642
864-859-1567

Join us for an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship.

Tickets are $5.00 and are available by contacting the church office or email annellenbu@aol.com.

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You are invited to the 14th Annual JOURNEY TO THE RESURRECTION
MARCH 30-31 & April 1-2, 2017
A FREE TICKETED EVENT – RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
Presented by Trinity United Methodist Church
1809 N. Main Street | Anderson, SC  29621

“JOURNEY TO THE RESURRECTION” is an interactive biblical walk-thru Easter Drama depicting the events of Christ's life during His last week on earth prior to His resurrection. The Trinity gym is transformed into a Jerusalem marketplace with crafts, food, and live animals. Guests may enter the Marketplace at any time without a ticket. When Jesus and his disciples enter the Marketplace, the walk-thru begins. The Holy Week events that participants will experience are Judas betraying Jesus, the Upper Room, His arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane, Peter's denial in the Courtyard, His trial before Pilate, Judas' Remorse, Jesus' whipping, the Crucifixion, and the Resurrection. The walk-thru lasts 1 to 1 ½ hours.

Since 2004, a cast and crew of over 240 have offered this event as a gift to the community each year.

Reservations are being accepted now. Call 864-224-2531, email officetumc@bellsouth.net or go online to www.trinityanderson.com & click on Journey. Visit us on Facebook - Trinity United Methodist Church

Walk-Thru Times: Thursday, March 30 ~ 6:30, 6:55, 7:20, *7:45  Marketplace opens at 6:00pm
Friday, March 31 ~ 6:00, 6:25, 6:50, 7:15, 7:40, *8:05  Marketplace - 5:30pm
Saturday, April 1 ~ 4:30, 4:55, 5:20, 5:45, 6:10, 6:35, 7:00, *7:25  Marketplace - 4:00
Sunday, April 2 ~ 4:00, 4:25, 4:50, 5:15, 5:40, 6:05, 6:30, *6:55  Marketplace - 3:30

*The last walk-thru will feature interpreters who will translate the dialogue into Spanish.

Make plans to attend and help spread the word about our Easter interactive biblical walk-thru drama!
CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE DIAMOND UNIT AWARD

This form is to be completed by the unit President or Social Action Mission Coordinator. For a unit to receive a Diamond Unit certificate, the unit must complete three or more activities from a list of activities that promote racial justice. At least one of several specified activities must be included. The dates of the activities must be noted and reported to the district Social Action chairperson by September 1, 2017.

DIAMOND AWARD ACTIVITIES

A UNIT MUST COMPLETE ONE OF THE STARRED ACTIVITIES AND AT LEAST THREE ACTIVITIES TOTAL.

3. *Share articles from Response and New World Outlook or UMW Action Alerts relating to racism.
5. *Present a program on racial justice/human rights from the UMW Program Book.
7. Give a report to the unit about an experience of attending a musical or theatrical performance by persons of a different race, culture, or ethnic background.
8. Send at least one member to Legislative Day.
9. Participate in postcard writing to encourage legislation favorable to the economically deprived or challenged.
10. Experience worship, Bible study, or UMW unit program/activity with an ethnic group different from your own.
11. Attend or host an international hosting party, culture fair, or other international event.
12. Participate in a Bible study on racism.
13. Celebrate Black History month in February.
14. Suggest and plan with your pastor a pulpit exchange with a pastor of another race.
15. Plan an event with a unit of a different race or ethnic background (a celebration, worship, Vacation Bible School, etc.)

Other _____________________

* With the position of Social Action Mission Coordinator vacant at this time, please send this report to the district President; Kate Hyder | 106 Biltmore Court | Easley, SC 29642
Questions - call Kate at 864-360-7208 or email cappyhyder@yahoo.com.
MISSION TODAY ACTION FORM • 2016-2017

Unit President ________________________________ Date ____________

Unit Name __________________________ Number of members in unit ________

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

Your unit:

___ 1. Made and met its Pledge to Mission.
___ 2. Used the Prayer Calendar at each General Membership Meeting of the unit to pray for people in mission and for our mission work with women, children and youth.
___ 3. Added at least one or more members to its roll.
___ 4. Had at least one member who subscribes to Response Magazine.
___ 5. Had at least one member (other than a conference or district officer) attend Mission u and/or a district or local mission study.
___ 6. Had at least one member (other than a conference or district officer) attend the District Annual Meeting.
___ 7. Had at least one member (other than a conference or district officer) attend the Conference Annual Meeting.
___ 8. Had at least two members who wrote to at least five people listed in the Prayer Calendar at least once during the year.
___ 9. Participated in the Campaign for Children.
___ 10. Is a Five Star Unit, contributing to all five channels of Mission Giving.
___ 11. Had at least one person complete one of the plans in the Reading Program.
___ 12. Invited a district or conference officer, other than a member of the unit, to one unit meeting during the year.

Your unit, circle, or subgroup:

___ 13. Included a Response Moment where an article from Response Magazine was lifted up as a way to tell the mission story in at least three meetings.
___ 14. Had at least two programs from the Program Book.
___ 15. Implemented the Charter for Racial Justice Policies in at least two ways.

Send completed form to Education & Interpretation Mission Coordinator:

Brenda Davis
287 Ann Davis Street | Westminster, SC 29693
e-mail – foxclayd@yahoo.com
(864) 647-9725
Due by September 1, 2017
45th Annual Day Apart 2017
Anderson District United Methodist Women
Saturday, April 1, 2017 10:00am
Liberty Civic Auditorium
310 West Main Street, Liberty, SC 29657

Theme: “Peace, Prosperity, and Hope; Refreshing Ourselves for Mission”
Keynote Speaker: Reverend Cathy Joens, Anderson/Greenville Congregational Specialist

Registration fee is $7.00. There will be NO on-site lunch
Registration Deadline: March 25, 2017. Registration day of event: 9:00am-9:45am
Make checks payable to: Anderson District UMW
Please list all names from your church on one form
Registration Form and Monies to:
Donna Hopkins, 405 St Paul Rd, Easley, SC 29642
864-915-5872 / marcell405@bellsouth.net

We are asking each church to bring a food item for morning refreshments.
(either Fruit or a Pastry)

Please bring collections for Rural Mission, Inc.:
Paper products, plates, cups
Toilet tissues, Ivory soap,
Dawn Dish detergent, Bond
Paper, envelopes, postage
Stamps, janitorial supplies

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On pages 5 and 6 are forms that units may use to keep track of their actions and activities throughout the year to fulfill requirements of being a Diamond Unit and a Mission Today Unit; and being recognized as such at the Annual Meetings.

The purpose of promoting The Charter for Racial Justice: The United States—a nation of many peoples of different races, nationalities, languages and cultures—is challenged to make the Charter for Racial Justice a charter for everyone. The Charter for Racial Justice was created and adopted by the Women’s Division of the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries in 1978. In 1980 the division successfully recommended adoption of the charter by the whole denomination. General Conference has consecutively readopted it, every eight years since, most recently in 2008. The charter continues United Methodist Women’s urgent call for study and action on the principles and goals of its vision.

The purpose of promoting a Mission Today Unit is to:

- Energize United Methodist Women to be more involved in mission through prayer, study and action.
- Increase contacts between units and mission personnel and mission projects so the United Methodist Women understand where their money goes.
- Encourage the use of mission resources through United Methodist Women.
- Expand concepts of mission, including social justice as mission.

Kairos Prison Ministry - Anderson District UM Church
Anderson District United Methodist Women faithfully support Kairos through donations of cookies, Agape letters and monetary gifts. The collection for the Men’s Kairos Weekend is taking place the week of March 12. Contact your local church or unit representative for details. There will not be an April collection for the Women’s Kairos Ministry; however one is scheduled for the fall.

SCCUMW Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska - April 28-29, 2017
Registration is underway! Forms are in the December 2016 issues of the Mission Echo and The Network News. The theme is “One In Charity” and the key note speaker will be Rev. Pattie Gordon from Aiken, SC. Contact the Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center at 800-222-4930 to make hotel reservations.

Come Together Be Together - May 20, 2017
Theme: “Sisterhood of Community”
Plan to attend this inspirational and fun event to be held at Cumberland UMC and Central UMC in the Florence District. The speaker will be Kelly Snelgrove from Harleyville UMC. See the registration form (in this issue - page10) for details and a listing of the workshops. Participate in the Limitless Ubuntu project to benefit our five mission projects. A listing of the items requested is in the Mission Echo.

Mission u - July 27-29, 2017 at Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, SC
Theme: “Embracing The World With The Gospel”
Mission and learning is a way of life for United Methodist Women. The teaching and leading that will take place at Mission u for women and youth girls is an invaluable opportunity to learn about these themes and topics: Spiritual Growth study/Living As a Covenant Community; Social Issue study/Climate Justice; Geographic study/The Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States. The Youth Study is In Mission Together: A Youth Study on Missionary Conferences.
See the March Mission Echo (in print or online) for event details and registration forms. Interested persons can contact their unit president for information on available scholarships.

Craft Room at Mission u
All kinds of arts and crafts, and food items are needed for the Craft Room. Share your creative talents - and get ready to shop, too! Donations were down last year. A greater number of donations this year will help increase the proceeds which will benefit the five Mission Projects of the SCCUMW.
This is your Anderson District UMW newsletter!

** Any individual page of this newsletter can be sent separately via e-mail upon request.

The NETWORK NEWS is published quarterly; in March, June, September and December. The AD UMW qualifies for bulk mailing postage rates by mailing a minimum of 200 pieces. We order 215 copies from the print shop and those printed copies are to be mailed to the following:

- the District Leadership Team members,
- local unit presidents, treasurers, secretaries and/or communications coordinators, circle leaders,
- churches where no organized unit exists,
- and yearly subscribers.

Remaining copies are mailed to as many of the mission coordinators as possible.

For this March issue the mailing list has been updated to reflect new leadership within church units. Some persons who received a newsletter last time may not be on this new mailing list. Help keep the list current by communicating with the President, Secretary, and Communications Coordinator when there are any changes to the information.

Individual subscriptions (a printed copy) are available at a cost of $5 per year (4 issues) by sending a request to the District Treasurer. Include your name and address with a check made payable to: Anderson District UMW. She will then notify me and you will be added to the mailing list.

An e-mail distribution list exists and those on that list will receive this newsletter electronically (in PDF format). Anyone can receive the newsletter via e-mail. Contact me at any time to request to be added to (or removed from) the e-mail distribution list.

Contributions are welcome! Submit news stories and digital photos from your local membership, unit and church activities relating to Mission in ACTION! Space permitting, they will be included in future newsletters.

The Network News and The Mission Echo of the SCCUMW can be found online (in full color) at umcsc.org/umw. You can also visit unitedmethodistwomen.org to discover more about your United Methodist Women!

Submit items for the JUNE issue by May 16th

Send information to Cynthia Keesler at adumwcc@aol.com or call 864.276.4406
South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women

Membership Nurture and Outreach
Come Together Be Together
Saturday May 20, 2017
“Fun for all Ages and Stages of United Methodist Women”

Cumberland United Methodist Churches
163 S. Coit Street, Florence, SC 29501

Event Theme: Sisterhood of Community
9:00 – 9:50 Registration
9:55 – 10:05 Centering with Music
10:05 – 11:00 Greeting/Music/Speaker
11:15 – 12:30 Workshops
12:40 – 2:00 Lunch/Sending Forth at Central UMC

Registration of $20.00 postmarked by May 5, 2017. Fee includes lunch and materials.
Request for special dietary needs or child care must be received by May 5th.
Registration fee is $25.00 postmarked after May 5th. Final postmark deadline is May 15th.
Checks postmarked later than May 15th will be returned.

With regrets, no on-site registration will be available.

Come with your smiles, unique hats and blue accessories to enjoy beautiful Florence. Donations of certain items will be collected for the five mission projects, please see Mission Echo for specifics! If you bring items, Limitless will do the separating! Gift cards from Bi-Lo or Wal-Mart are also welcome.

Cut here and return bottom portion with check made payable to SCCUMW
Mail to Gladys Lemon: 304 Scotch Range Road, Summerville, SC 29483

Name________________________________________________________________________________________________
Address______________________________________________________________________________________________
Church________________________________________________ District:______________________________________
Home Phone: ______________________________________ Cell Phone: _____________________________________
Child Care: Number of Children_____ Ages____________________________

(Participants must bring a bag lunch for any child attending)

Please select first, second and third choice for your fun workshop!

Bible Study ____ Dirt, Pants, Orchids = Fun ____ Scarf Wrapping (head & neck) ____ Zumba ________
Health & Wellness_________ Ministering to the Grieving___________ Witnessing as Faith Leaders _________
Planning for Retirement _____ Protestant Prayer Beads ______ Limitless Team (ages 14-30) ______
Have you heard? “The Power of Bold” is the theme of the 19th quadrennial Assembly of United Methodist Women.

There is so much to look forward to! Registration opens September 1, 2017. More information to come.

In the meantime, please be in prayer for all aspects of Assembly 2018.
The Purpose of United Methodist Women

The Purpose is adopted by the General Conference of The United Methodist Church as the official mission statement of 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.

Out of the Purpose are four mission foci that relate to the mission initiatives and priorities of United Methodist Women.

- To be a community of women
- To know God
- To develop a creative and supportive fellowship
- To expand concepts of mission