



News A Plenty

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Greenwood District UMW Annual Meeting Focuses on “Walking By Faith—Not By Sight”

Carol Marse, Greenwood District VP (left) and Harriet Creswell, Greenwood District President (right) chat with Deaconess Selena Ruth Smith (center), guest speaker at this year's Greenwood District Annual Meeting in September at Grace UMC in N. Augusta. Selena's mes-

sage challenged her listeners to seek God for strength and support in difficult times. Approximately 80 ladies attended. Grace United Methodist Women were indeed “ladies of grace” as they welcomed their fellow UMW members from the Greenwood District. Everyone enjoyed their display of delicious continental break-



fast foods. Thank you to the ladies shown at left for their wonderful Christian hospitality: (left to right) Peggie Ruben, Carolyn Dickson, Sue Jackson,

CJ Bigger, Ann Anderson, Harriett Day, Nikki Moore, Liz Pope, Sherry Smith, Linda Smith, Lauren Strange, Katie Atkins.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: This is the final printed edition of *News-a-Plenty*. Beginning January, 2018, this publication will be available **online only**. *News-a-Plenty* will then be sent electronically—a copy will be sent to each church in the Greenwood District by the District Office. Unit members who are not electronically connected can have the church office print them a copy. You may send your email address to Linda Kidd, Greenwood District UMW Communications Coordinator, to receive an electronic copy. (see page 9 for contact information)

MERRY
CHRISTMAS

News from District President

By Harriet Creswell, President

Greenwood District UMW

The Greenwood District United Methodist Women is part of an organization whose mission is to serve women, children, and families through the global missions of the United Methodist Church. I am proud to be its president and to witness the great work done by its members. The end-of year reports I received reflect a great amount of work done by the women of the church. Activities such as volunteer-

ing at Hospice and food banks, Good News Clubs, shawl ministries, Salkehatchie, making Easter baskets for foster children, and donations of back-to-school supplies are among the many worthy missions supported.

Our September Annual meeting was held at Grace, North Augusta. Eighty women attended and heard an inspirational message from Deaconess Selena Ruth Smith. Her insights into the theme of *Women Walking by Faith, Not by Sight* were timely and relevant. Selena is a firefighter and related how, on her job, she cannot always see, so she must depend on her coworkers for support. It made all those who heard her think how God can be our support in times of challenge and trouble. We appreciate the ladies of Grace for being such good hostesses and providing an excellent location for our Annual Meeting.

The October Conference Annual Meeting was held at Union UMC in Irmo, SC. This is always impressive, and this year was no different. If you have never attended a Conference Annual Meeting, put it on your calendar for next year.

Our Local Unit Officers Training will be held at Central UMC in Newberry on January 20. It is my hope that someone from each unit will be there to learn and draw support from other members. Mark your calendars for this training.

Remember that all you do as a unit reflects upon the organization of United Methodist Women. Continue to commit yourselves to putting faith, hope, and love in action.

Harriet



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Important Message From Greenwood District Secretary, Betty Swann

The Information Below Is Needed From Your Church As Soon Possible - Thank You!

Please Send This Completed Form To:

Betty Swann, 164 Ellie Drive, McCormick, SC 29835 or to baswann@wctel.net

2018 UMW Officers From _____ Church

President: _____ Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Number _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Vice President: _____ Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Number _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Secretary: _____ Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Number _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Treasurer: _____ Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Number _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Nominations Chair: _____ Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Number _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Spiritual Growth Coordinator: _____ Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Number _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Social Action Coordinator: _____ Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Number _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Education/Interpretation Coord.: _____ Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Number _____ E-Mail Address: _____

News from District Vice President

By Carol Marse, Vice President, Greenwood District UMW

Here's wishing all of you Joy this Christmas! Please note the important 2018 dates to remember on the calendar on page 6 of this newsletter. The first one in the new year will be the Local Unit Officers Training at **Central United Methodist Church in Newberry on January 20, 2018. Registration begins at 9:30 and the meeting begins at 10:00. The District Day Apart will be March 3, 2018 at Zion UMC in Prosperity.** Thank you to

Central UMC and Zion UMC for hosting these events!

Carol





More Smiling Faces from this year's Greenwood District UMW Annual Meeting at Grace United Methodist Church in September are shown here. Greeting guests as they arrived that day were (left to right) Ann Anderson, Sherry Smith, and Katie Atkins.



Grace UMW Completes Breast Cancer Pillow Project

Women from all five UMW circles of Grace United Methodist Church came together on August 26 to complete their third annual Pillow Ministry. Through this event, small pillows are sewn and given to local women going through breast cancer treatments. The pillows are small, soft and cheery and used to provide comfort for the patient by covering their port while riding in a vehicle. This small gift allows a sense of care and normalcy to the patient. A great deal of planning and love is sewn into each pillow.

The Pillow Ministry event began with a time of breakfast and fellowship, followed by personal stories of breast cancer survivors and a prayer over the work to be done. The work was divided up by station and everyone got to sewing, turning, stuffing, closing, bagging and tagging each pillow. In two short hours the group turned out over 200 finished pillows! This ministry is a great way to bring all circles of women together and build community while serving those around us to meet a need.



Retiring Officers Recognized at Greenwood District UMW Annual Meeting



Three Greenwood District UMW Officers were recognized for their faithful service at this year's Annual Meeting in September. Retiring their positions at the end of 2017 are (left to right) Sue Mitchell, Membership-Nurture-Outreach Chair; Cathy Trevino, Social Action Coordinator; and Sarah Deal, Treasurer. We thank these ladies for their excellent service. The Greenwood District UMW is blessed with great leadership.



Installation of New Officers

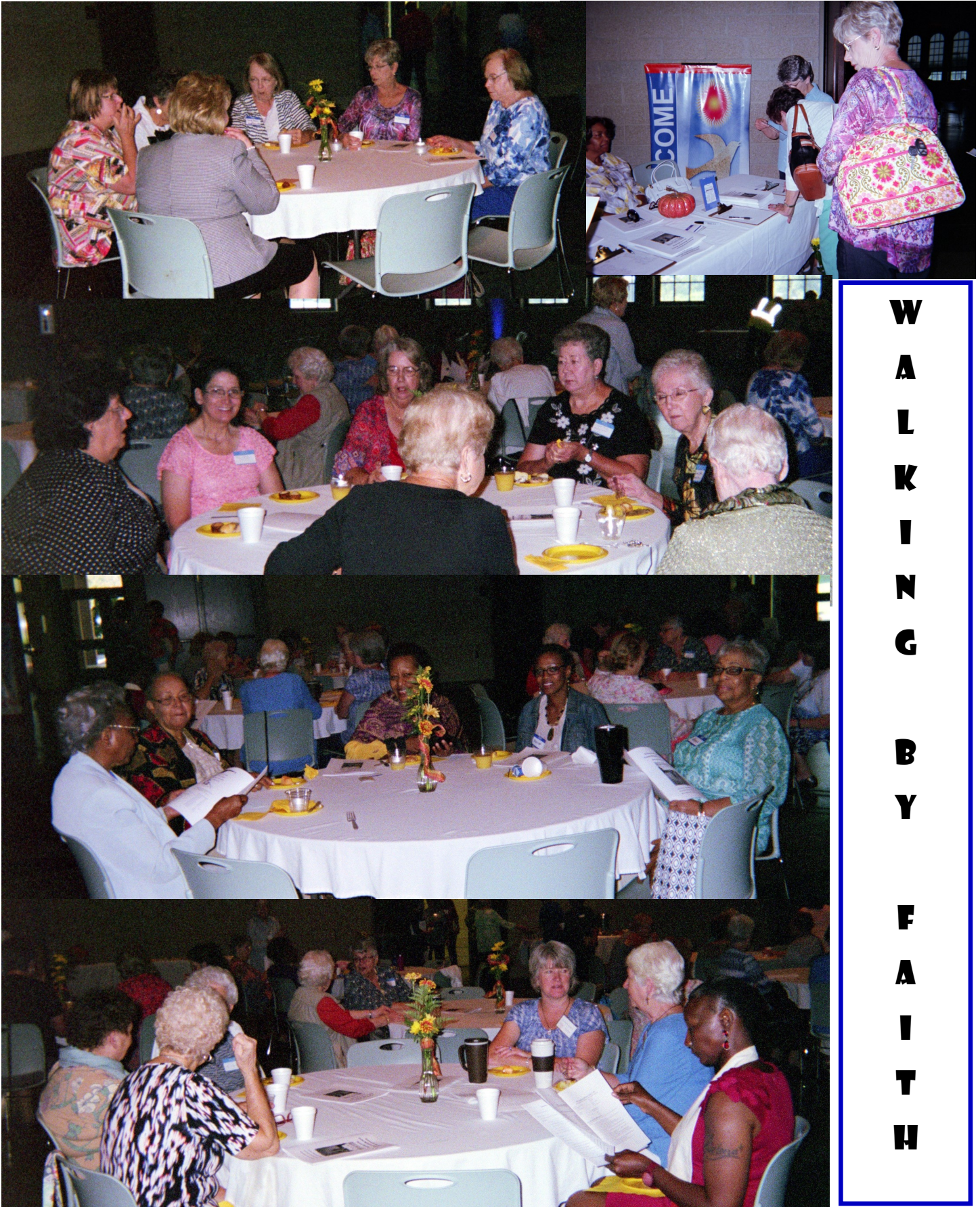
During the Business Meeting of this year's Annual Meeting, new officers for 2018 were installed. They are (1st row, left to right) Mary

Ann Bayer, Social Action; Carol Marse, Vice President; Brenda Bruner, Cluster 6 Leader; Wilma Doyle, Membership-Nurture-Outreach; Joyce Crouch, Cluster 4 Leader; Carolyn Cantrell, Nominations; Marcia Miller, Treasurer; Harriet Creswell, President; Zella Williams, Historian; on stairs (left to right) Linda Kidd, Communications; Betty Staples, Nominations; Mary Lynn Polk, Education/Interpretation; Betty Swann, Secretary; Cassandra Daniels, Cluster 3 Leader; Susan Botts Petty, Nominations Chair; and Barbara Gates, Program Resources. Contact information for all officers is found on page 9 of this newsletter. Congratulations, ladies, and thank you for your willingness to serve!



Give a Little Jesus This Christmas!

More Photos From 2017 District UMW Annual Meeting



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Greenwood District United Methodist Women

2018 Calendar of Events

January 20, 2018—Local Unit Officer's Training—Central UMC, Newberry, SC

February, 2018—News-A-Plenty Articles Due

February, 2018—Special Emphasis Month—Wallace Family Life Center

February 11, 2018, 2:30 p.m.—Executive Committee Meeting—Main St. UMC, Greenwood, SC

February 20, 2018—Legislative Advocacy Day—Epworth Children's Home, Columbia, SC

March, 2018—Special Emphasis Month—Rural Missions, John's Island, SC

March 3, 2018—Greenwood District Day Apart - Zion UMC, Prosperity, SC

April, 2018—Special Emphasis Month—Bethlehem Center, Columbia

April 27-28, 2018—Spiritual Growth Retreat, Lake Junaluska, NC

May 18-20, 2018—UMW National Assembly, Columbus, OH

June, 2018—News-A-Plenty Articles Due

June 23, 2018 —Come Together, Be Together—Woodland UMC, Rock Hill, SC

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

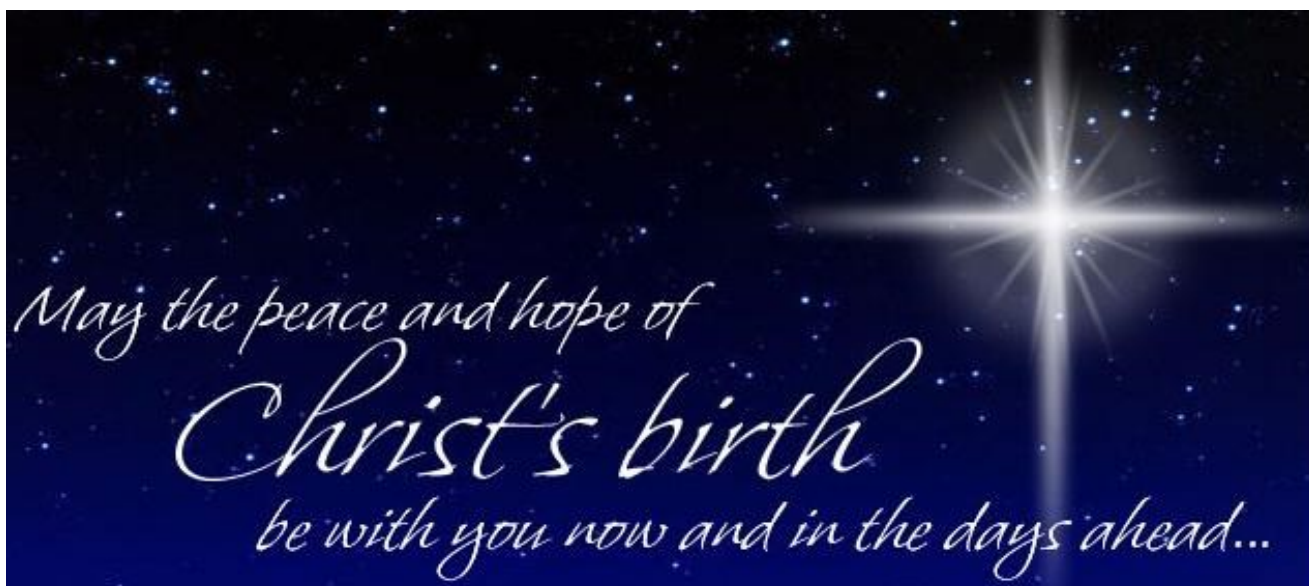
August, 2018—News-A-Plenty Articles Due

August 12, 2018, 2:30 p.m.—Executive Committee Meeting—Main St. UMC, Greenwood, SC

September, 2018—Special Emphasis Month—Killingsworth Home

September 22, 2018—Greenwood District UMW Annual Mtg-Wightman UMC, Prosperity, SC

October, 2018—Special Emphasis Month—Bethlehem Center, Spartanburg



Greenwood District UMW Local Unit Officers' Training



Building a Better World

Saturday, January 20, 2018

Central United Methodist Church

1005 College St., Newberry, SC 29108

Phone: (803) 276-3903

Who Should Attend: All 2018 Local UMW Unit Officers & Any Members
Who Want to Learn More About United Methodist Women

Speaker To Be Announced

9:30 A.M. – Registration Begins

10:00 A. M. – Worship Service Begins

10:30 A. M. – Breakout Training Sessions

12:00 Noon – Conclusion

Lunch On Your Own

All Local UMW Unit Officers Are Encouraged to Attend!

2018 Greenwood District UMW Officers

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Cluster 5 Leader	Bonnie Sawyer	(864) 445-7520	607 Waters Avenue Saluda, SC 29138-1234	besawyer1937@gmail.com
Cluster 6 Leader	Brenda Bruner	(803) 278-2293 (803) 270-7654	216 Border Drive Belvedere, SC 29841	brendabruner100@comcast.net

Greenwood District UMW Represented at SC Conference UMW Annual Meeting



Attending this year's **45th South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women Annual Meeting** at Union UMC in Irmo on October 27-28 were (left to right) Harriet Creswell, Harriet Mays, Marilyn Murphy, Kathy Fain, Carolyn Cantrell, Heather Crouch and Joyce Crouch. This year's annual meeting theme was **"Harvesting the Lord's Promises"**. (photo above)



In another photo of United Methodist Women of the Greenwood District at this year's SC Conference UMW Annual Meeting were Peggy Burley (seated left), Patsy Mays (seated right) and Heather Crouch (standing). (photo at left)

**Let us continue to prepare for our
150th Anniversary Celebration
on March 23, 2019
by giving to the
Legacy Fund!**



News From Wallace Family Life Center

December 6, 2017

Re: Bethel United Methodist Church Donates Sign to Wallace Family Life Center

Rev. Vaughn Chichester, Pastor of Bethel United Methodist Church located on Hwy # 9 in Bennettsville and the Bethel United Methodist Church Family donated a beautiful sign to Wallace Family Life Center. Because of their generosity, the center has a new sign with Wallace Family Life Center's new logo on it. Linda Sanders, Program Coordinator visited Bethel UMC this past summer and presented a PowerPoint presentation on the programs offered at the center and some of the needs of the center. Bethel UMC decided to take on the charge of replacing the center sign in front of the building with a new one (pictured). Wallace Family Life Center is very appreciative of Bethel United Methodist Church Family's hospitality and loves their new sign.



Submitted By:
Linda Sanders, WFLC Program Coordinator

Membership-Nurture-Outreach

By Wilma Doyle, Membership-Nurture-Outreach Coordinator

I would like to share with you the information below that was shared in the December *Mission Echo* by Gladys Lemon, Conference MNO Outreach Coordinator, regarding the 2016 on-line census:

"South Carolina has finally received the results of our 2016 on-line census count. We had only one opportunity to submit our numbers to the national office and while the final count was encouraging when compared to the first numbers, we know there were units who were not counted at all. I want to say thanks to all district MN&O coordinators as well as district presidents and local presidents for getting units to submit their count, however this year's numbers as represented, amounted to a drop of approximately 4,000 members and we all know that is not the case. South Carolina's final numbers were 6,752. We will continue to fine tune our efforts to make sure all are counted. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to reaching a true accounting of our membership."



Please notice on the calendar that this year's Come Together Be Together event is planned for June 23, 2018 at Woodland UMC in Rock Hill, SC. This event was moved from May to June for 2018 due to the 2018 Assembly. The speaker will be Khia Shaw, coordinator of membership development for UMW National.

I wish for you and yours a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Wilma

Program Resources

By Barbara Gates, Coordinator of Program Resources

As the calendar year comes to a close, I would like to report that our Greenwood District UMW had 12 churches reporting for the 2017 UMW Reading Program. There were 54 participants from those churches with the following reading plans completed:

Plan 1: 32 Plan 2: 13 Plan 3: 2 Plan 4: 7

Certificates were given out to church members attending the Greenwood District UMW Annual Meeting held on September, 23, at Grace United Methodist Church in North Augusta. If you have not yet received your certificate, call or email me at 864-378-0946 or

cbmrocky@aol.com

I am pleased to announce that three more churches have decided to participate in the UMW Reading Program. They are Grace United Methodist Church in North Augusta, Belvedere United Methodist Church in Belvedere, and Trinity United Methodist Church in Greenwood. The wonderful ladies at these three churches will be a great addition to our reading program!

If you have not already begun your reading for the upcoming year, it is never too early to start with a great new selection of books to read.

Remember that the books you will read for the upcoming years are those from and including 2013 -2018. I would also like to remind you that I have found the following 6 titles in our local Greenwood Library:

Without You, There is No Us Education for Mission category

On Pluto Nurturing for Community category

The Book of Joy Nurturing for Community category

Good Health, Good Life Nurturing for Community category

Born on Third Base Social Action category

One Well Children's book Social Action category

Happy Reading!

and Best wishes for a Happy and Blessed Holiday Season!!

Barbara Gates



**Reading
Is
Sooooooooo
Delicious!**

**HAVE YOU
TALKED
TO GOD
TODAY?**

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Legislative Advocacy Day 2018



“Can’t You Hear Their Cry”

“If a man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, he too will cry out and not be answered.” Proverbs 21:13

Tuesday, February 20, 2018 (Weather make-up day Feb. 27)

Epworth Children’s Home

2900 Millwood Ave., Columbia, SC 29205 803-256-7394

- 9:00-9:30 Registration (no on-site registration)
Coffee and fruit available
- 9:30 Welcome and Greetings
- 10:00 Invocation
- 10:10 Children’s First of SC - Ms. Sue Williams
Epworth Update – Rev. John E. Holler, Jr., President, Epworth
- 11:10-12:05 Workshops (Public Education, Poverty, Mass Incarceration, and Domestic Violence)
- 12:05-1:05 Lunch
- 1:05– 1:50 Guest Speaker (*to be confirmed*)
- 2:00 Tours of Epworth Children’s Home

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Registration Fee \$20 (includes material, lunch, nursery, parking)

Postmark deadline Feb. 12, 2018-Late registration \$30-space limited to 400 attendees

Make checks payable to SCCUMW. Send form and fee to Rebecca W. Eleazer, 5116 Burke Ave., Columbia SC, 29203 803-754-0942

Name_____Phone_____email_____

Address_____City_____Zip_____

Church_____District_____

Special Dietary Needs_____

Childcare needed_____ Child’s Age_____ (Please bring lunch and snack for your child.)

ONLY if you invited your state legislators to attend **AND** they are attending, please list their name(s) below:

Senator_____Representative_____

Please circle **ONE** Workshop option

Public Education Issues

How Poverty Affects our Children

Domestic Violence Prevention

Mass Incarceration and Criminal Justice



Dear Sisters in Christ,

It is my honor to serve you as your Spiritual Growth Coordinator for the South Carolina United Methodist Women's Conference. I am looking forward especially to the New Year and the fellowship we will have together in 2018. Over the years my time with this organization has grown my faith, taught me the power of the Methodist Women's voices while giving me the opportunity to meet others from different backgrounds. How fortunate we are to have each other knowing we will support and love one another as Christ has directed.

We Mighty Methodist Women have work to do in our state, in our country, and in our world. Our events throughout the year equip us to become part of the solution to the obstacles so many women, children, and youth face. One of my favorite United Methodist Women events is the **Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska**. This beautiful setting offers a chance to reflect, recharge, and open our minds and hearts to seek and hear God through our speakers' message, music, prayers, fellowship and nature. I am thankful to be part of the planning of this annual event. We extend this invitation to you and your friends and family to come experience this meeting at the lake **April 27-28th**.

Blessings to you and those you hold dear,

Caron Cooper

SCCUMW Spiritual Growth Retreat Coordinator

Colossians 3:15-17 The Message (MSG) *Let the peace of Christ keep you in tune with each other, in step with each other. None of this going off and doing your own thing. And cultivate thankfulness. Let the Word of Christ—the Message—have the run of the house. Give it plenty of room in your lives. Instruct and direct one another using good common sense. And sing, sing your hearts out to God! Let every detail in your lives—words, actions, whatever—be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way.*

NOTE: See 2018 Spiritual Growth Retreat Registration Form on Next Page (Page 15)



2018 Spiritual Growth Retreat Registration Form

South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women

April 27-28, 2018

Speaker: Rev. Fran Elrod

THEME: *"It's ALL About Grace"*

Name (please print name as you wish it to appear on nametag) _____

Address _____ City _____ zip _____

Phone # _____ District _____ Church _____

Email address _____

Check all of the following that apply:

☐ First time ☐ Under 40 ☐ NOT staying at the Lake Junaluska Conference Center

Registration deadline is April 15, 2018 **Registration FEE is \$10**

Registration fee is \$20 if commuting (not staying at Lake Junaluska Conference Center)

Registrations filed April 16 or later-**FEE is \$15 Make check out to: SCCUMW**

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

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

Call 800-222-4930 for hotel reservations

RATES	Single	Double	Triple	Quad
The Terrace	\$121	\$60.50	\$50.33	\$40.25
Lambuth Inn	\$ 97	\$48.50	\$36	\$29.25
Lakeside Lodge	\$ 75	\$43	\$33	\$27
Junaluska Apartments	\$ 75	\$44	\$34	\$27.50

** The Room Rate covers all guests sleeping room costs per night, including service fees but is exclusive of applicable sales/room tax, currently eleven percent (11%). Housekeeping gratuities will be at guest discretion

FRIDAY

APRIL 27

Registration in

Bethea Welcome Center from

1 pm—4 pm

After 4 pm

Registration in Stuart Auditorium

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 from entrance gates on the right.
- Bear right and follow the main road to the Bethea Welcome Center.

Visit www.lakejunaluska.com/directions/ for more info.

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www.umcsc.org/umw

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**District—A good place to find
forms when needed.**



The organized unit of 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.