Greenwood District Annual Meeting Hosted by McCormick UMW

Keeping the Faith in the Midst of Change

Guest speaker for this year’s Annual Meeting was Jessica Brodie, center, Editor of The SC United Methodist Advocate. In her presentation, she reminded the audience that, as United Methodists, our faith unites us in times of change.

Pictured (from left) are Mary Lynn Polk, Spiritual Growth Coordinator; Joyce Crouch, District President; Brodie; Carol Marse, District Vice President; and Jeanne Thornburg, McCormick UMW President.

Greenwood District UMW Officers elected and installed to serve for 2020 are (from left) Zella Williams, Historian; Wilma Doyle, Membership; Joyce Crouch, President; Marcia Miller, Treasurer; Carol Marse, Vice President; Betty Swann, Secretary; Mary Lynn Polk, Spiritual Growth; Rebecca McDonald, Social Action; Cassandra Daniels, Cluster 2 Leader; Betty Staples, Nominations; Linda Kidd, Communications; Mary Ann Bayer, Cluster 3 Leader; Barbara Barber, Education/Interpretation. Harriet Creswell, Past President (at podium) conducted the installation service.
News from District President
By Joyce Crouch, President, Greenwood District UMW

Ladies of UMW,

It is hard to believe we are nearing the end of another year. I am so amazed and thankful for all the work each of you have done for United Methodist Women!

Ladies, please take time to go online and complete the CENSUS FOR 2019. This needs to be done by March 30, 2020. If you need help in getting your information submitted, please contact me and I will make sure it gets in. If you would like, you can bring your information to the officer’s training on January 11, 2020 and we will get it submitted for you.

Our September district annual meeting was held at McCormick UMC on September 21, 2019. We had 77 in attendance. Our theme was Keeping Faith in the Midst of Change. We had a very inspiring message from our guest speaker, Jessica Brodie, the Editor of SC United Methodist Advocate. We thank the ladies of McCormick for providing us such a delicious breakfast and for the beautiful location for our annual meeting.

The Conference annual meeting was held in Greenville at Buncombe Street UMC on October 25-26, 2019. Greenwood District had 13 ladies in attendance. The theme was “Celebrating 150 Years of Limitless Possibilities”. We were so blessed to have Harriett Jane Olson as our guest speaker. Harriett is the UMW National General Secretary/CEO. We also had some great and informative workshops with wonderful leaders.

We (Greenwood District) will be hosting the Conference annual meeting next year, October 23-24, 2020 at Main St UMC in Greenwood. We will need a lot of help and will be calling on everyone to contribute in some way. Please be thinking of what you might like to do to help with this meeting and let me know. If you know of something you might like to do, please call me at 864-981-0942.

We will have our local unit officer’s training at Main St UMC in Greenwood on January 11, 2020. Please let all officers and members in your units know about this training and mark your calendars. The registration time for this event will be in this newsletter. Anyone in your unit, not just officers, can attend to learn more about UMW.

I do hope each of you has a wonderful Christmas. Please take time this holiday season to seek out someone that needs help and share with them in some way. I know that in doing so God will bless you. Let us all thank God for giving us the greatest gift of all—His son, Jesus Christ.

Merry Christmas,

Joyce

News from District Vice President
By Carol Marse, Vice President, Greenwood District UMW

Blessings to all of you during the Holiday Season! Christmas is such a busy time for many of us, but I hope you have a few moments to enjoy the beauty of the season. We are so thankful for the LOVE that came down at Christmas, the birth of our dear Lord and Savior.

Before we know it, January will be here, and we look forward to OFFICERS’ TRAINING SESSION at Main Street UMC in Greenwood on January 11. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the program at 10:00 a.m. (Continued on Page 3)
News from Greenwood District Treasurer

By Marcia Miller

Hello, Ladies!

This is a very busy time of the year for all of us! For me, it is time to end up the first quarter report of our giving year, September through November, so reports have to be filed. To my disappointment, giving seems to be down. Please do not let this financial goal slip by—without our help, many will suffer. Many of our groups will have new treasurers in 2020. Officers training will be a great time to come together to ask questions and set you on the right track for a successful year. With your proper training and encouragement to your unit, you can meet or exceed your pledges.

Pledge cards are no longer available for order. They are now a download from the website. You will find a copy there that you can print out and make copies for your use.

I will be happy to help you whenever I can. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each of you!

Marcia

Vice President’s Message (continued from Page 2)

Our theme this year is: “Working Together We Can Do Great Things”. Even if you have been an officer for many years, I hope you will come. Things are always changing! We also look forward to the DISTRICT DAY APART on March 7 at Panola UMC in Greenwood. Dr. Mary Lynn Polk had a fabulous Day Apart last year. I can’t wait to see what she is planning for 2020!

In Christian Love,

Carol
Greenwood District United Methodist Women

DATES TO REMEMBER

December, 2019—News-A-Plenty Articles Due
January 11, 2020—Greenwood District UMW Local Unit Officers Training, Main Street UMC, Greenwood, SC—District Executive Committee Meeting Afterward
January 25, 2020, 10 a.m.—SCCUMW Annual Meeting Program Committee, Main St. UMC, Greenwood, SC
February, 2020—News-A-Plenty Articles Due
February, 2020—Special Emphasis Month—Wallace Family Life Center
February 11, 2020—Legislative Advocacy Day, Epworth Children’s Home, Columbia, SC (Rain Date March 3)
March 7, 2020—Greenwood District Day Apart, Panola UMC, Greenwood, SC
April, 2020—Special Emphasis Month—Bethlehem Community Center, Columbia, SC
April 26, 2020—2:30 p.m.—District Executive Comm. Mtg, Main St. UMC, Greenwood, SC
May 1-3, 2020—Spiritual Growth Retreat, Lake Junaluska, NC
May 16, 2020—Come Together, Be Together, Walterboro District/Place TBA
June, 2020—News-A-Plenty Articles Due
July 16-18, 2020—Mission u, Spartanburg Methodist College
August 9, 2020—2:30 pm—District Executive Committee Meeting—Place TBA
September, 2020—Special Emphasis Month—Killingsworth Home, Columbia, SC
September 26, 2020—Greenwood District UMW Annual Meeting, Republican UMC, McCormick, SC
October, 2020—Special Emphasis Month—Bethlehem Community Center, Spartanburg, SC
October 23-24, 2020—SCCUMW Annual Meeting, Main Street UMC, Greenwood, SC
November 7, 2020—SCCUMW District Officers’ Training, Chapin UMC, Columbia, SC

Greenwood District UMW
Local Officers Training Event
Theme: “Working Together We Can Do Great Things”
Saturday, January 11, 2020
Main Street United Methodist Church
211 North Main Street, Greenwood, SC 29646
(864) 229-7551

For All 2020 Local UMW Unit Officers & Any UMW Members Who Want to Learn More About United Methodist Women—Each Local UMW Unit Encouraged to Be Represented!
Legislative Advocacy Day 2020

“Learn to Do Right. Seek Justice. Defend the Oppressed”

Isaiah 1:17—“Take up the cause of the fatherless. Plead the case of the widow.”

Tuesday, February 11, 2020  (Weather make-up day March 3)
Epworth Children’s Home
2900 Millwood Ave., Columbia, SC 29205 803-256-7394

8 am-9 am  Registration (no on-site registration)
9 am  Welcome, Greetings, and Invocation
9:30 am  Morning Legislative Speaker
10:30 am  Workshops
12 Noon  Lunch
Guest Speaker—Mr. Jerry Blassingame, “Reclaiming the Previously Incarcerated”
1:30 pm  Break
1:45 pm  Optional Special Program—”Active Shooter Presentation”
1:45 pm  Walking/Riding Tours of Epworth Children’s Home

Clip and Return Bottom Portion

Space is limited to 400 attendees. Please remember to bring your water bottle. Water stations available!

Registration Fee $20 (includes materials, Continental Breakfast, Lunch, Free Child Care, parking)
Deadline January 30th  Late Registration is $30 with postmark deadline by February 4th Substitutions, certainly, but no refunds!

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

Name_________________________Phone__________________email________________
Address________________________City__________________Zip________________

Please check and complete all that applies to you:
_____UMW Member -Church_________________________District_________________________
_____Non-UMW Member _____Special Dietary Needs:_____Vegetarian ________Gluten-Free_____Diabetic ___-
Other__________________________________________________________

Childcare needed__________________Child’s Name & Age________________________________________
(Please bring lunch and snack for your child.)

ONLY if your invited state legislator plans to attend, please3 list their name( s) below:
Senator_____________________________________________Representative_______________________________________

Please circle your First and Second Workshop choices:

Ex-Offender Rehabilitation
Infant Mortality & Childhood Health
South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women

Spiritual Growth Retreat

Behind Every Great Woman: Community, Calling and Creativity in the life of the Women in Moses’ Life

"Miriam sang the refrain back to the women: Sing to the Lord for this overflowing victory!"  Exodus 15:21

May 1-3, 2020

Check in at Bethea Welcome Center, Friday, May 1st, 4pm. Lake Junaluska, NC 800-222-4930

Registration Print name below (as you wish it to appear on your name tag)

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Address
City ___________________________ State ___________ Zip Code __________

Phone ________________________ District ______________ Church __________

Email ________________________________________________________________________________

Is this your first time at a SCCUMW Spiritual Growth Retreat? __________________________
Are you under 40 years of age? ________ Are you staying at Lake Junaluska Conference & Retreat Center? ________

SCCUMW Registration deadline is APRIL 17th. For those staying at Lake Junaluska Conference Center, registration fee is $20. All others, fee is $25. Registration forms postmarked April 18th, 2020 or later, fees are $25 for those staying at Lake Junaluska Conference Center, $30 for all others. Send registration, along with payment made payable to SCCUMW to SCCUMW - Toni Love 1924 Bangor Road, Charlotte, NC 28217 704-560-2853 threesisters7@aol.com

The United Methodist Women of the South Carolina Conference is pleased to announce that the Reverend Wendy Hudson-Jacoby is our speaker for this event. Wendy graduated from the University of South Carolina with a bachelor’s degree in journalism, and from Wesley Theological Seminary, with a master’s degree in divinity. She is the pastor of Two Rivers Church – A United Methodist Community in the Charleston District. Pastor Wendy’s passion is connecting congregations to their community and inviting those disillusioned with, unfamiliar with or estranged from church into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ.

You will not want to miss this weekend!!

*YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR BOOKING YOUR ACCOMMODATIONS.* See more lodging information on next page
SCCUMW 2020 Spiritual Growth Retreat Information

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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/ for more information

Thank You,
Cluster Leaders!

Greeting and registering attendants to this year’s Greenwood District Annual Meeting in September were Cluster Leaders, Wilma Doyle, left, and Cassandra Daniels, right. Thank you, ladies!
Greenwood District UMW Annual Meeting at McCormick UMC

Photo Identification: Top Left—First Timer Nancy Roebuck from Broad Street UMC, Clinton; Top Right—Youngest Attendee, Shannon Fain, Left and her mother Cathy from Panola UMC, Greenwood; Bottom Two Photos—Greenwood District UMW members make a joyful noise during worship!
More Greenwood District UMW Annual Meeting Photos

Photo Identification: Top Left—Thanks to Smiling Parking Attendants, Carol and Bob Struck; Top Middle—Warm Greetings from Rev. Nels Ledwell, McCormick UMC Pastor, Top Right – Past President Harriet Creswell Installs 2020 Officers; Middle Left—President Joyce Crouch recognizes Mary Ann Bayer’s Service as Social Action Coordinator; Other Photos: Ladies enjoying fellowship time!

A MERRY HEART DOETH GOOD LIKE A MEDICINE.
More Greenwood District UMW Annual Meeting Photos

Photo Identification: Below Right—Special music was presented at the Worship Service of this year’s District Annual Meeting by Lindy Stahlman, Spiritual Growth Coordinator from McCormick UMW. She made a powerful contribution to the service with her rendition of “You Say” from the Christian movie, “Overcomer”. Other photos show Greenwood District ladies enjoying each others’ company.
Coming Attractions You Don’t Want To Miss!

Legislative Advocacy Day 2020
Feb. 11 | Epworth Children’s Home

Keynote Speaker
Jerry Blassingame

Founder/CEO Soteria CDC, which assists those who have been incarcerated by helping them become productive citizens.

Register by Feb. 4

Save the Date!
Mission u
July 16-18, 2020
Spartanburg Methodist College
Spartanburg, SC
Celebrating 150 Years of United Methodist Women
Theme: “Finding Peace”

Greenwood District UMW Day Apart
Saturday, March 7, 2020
Panola United Methodist Church
Greenwood, SC
Mark Your Calendars—More Details to Follow

2020 SEJ
April 17-19 | Mobile, Alabama

Mark Your Calendars—More Details to Follow

Christmas Begins with Christ
Greenwood District UMW Members Attend SCCUMW Annual Meeting In Greenville This Fall
HI, I am Carolyn Cantrell, your new Program Resource person some of you may remember me because I have had this job before. I will say that when I had the job before the books were easier to obtain. I hope that our Reading Program will not suffer for this change.

To obtain a Reading Catalog for 2020 you have to download it from https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/reading_program. The reporting form for the books read is also on this web site.

A print copy of 2020 books is in the Nov./Dec. issue of Response.

New for 2020 – Where to find books. You will notice that books are not listed with stock numbers. This year UMW members will obtain Reading Program books through third parties – libraries, local book stores or online. You may want to read them on Kindle, tablet or e books free of charge, check your local library. If ordering from Amazon please remember to visit smile.amazon.com Amazon’s charitable giving page, and select United Methodist Women as your charitable organization. Smileamazon.com will donate 0.5% to UMW.

To participate in the Reading program, select one of our four plans and start reading. Reading books are divided into five categories and are available for people of all ages and all reading levels. As you read track your progress using the reporting form. When you complete the level, you choose you will be recognized with a certificate of recognition at the District annual meeting.

Remember children and youth books also count.

Bonus books count as two books. These include current mission studies. If you wish to purchase the Mission Studies go to umwmmissionresource.org.

If you have any questions you may contact me at cwcantrell@embarqmail.com or by phone 864-223-0271.

Carolyn

Making Memories at SCCUMW Annual Meeting!

Thirteen ladies from the Greenwood District UMW attended this year’s SC Conference UMW Annual Meeting in October at Buncombe Street UMC in Greenville. Some of the ladies enjoyed making memories at a special photo opportunity. Taking advantage of this was our own President, Joyce Crouch (left), Program Resources Coordinator, Carolyn Cantrell (center), and Cathy Fain from Panola UMC (right). It looks like they really enjoyed “Puttin’ on the Ritz”, doesn’t it?
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Greenwood District UMW Officers Attend Conference UMW Training at Ashland UMC in Columbia

Officers, left to right, Rebecca McDonald Social Action; Ellen Schumpert, attending for Marcia Miller, Treasurer; Joyce Crouch, President; Linda Kidd, Communications; Zella Williams, Historian; Wilma Doyle, Membership; Betty Swann, Secretary.
Greenwood District United Methodist Women
c/o Linda Kidd, Editor
P. O. Box 225
McCormick, SC  29835

We’re on the web:
www.umesc.org/umw
Click on Greenwood
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.