



Greenwood District United Methodist Women

News A Plenty

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Greenwood District UMW Day Apart “Coping Through Faith”



Guest Speaker: Rev. Ashley McCoy-Bruce
Saturday, March 7, 2020

Panola United Methodist Church
404 Panola Avenue, Greenwood, SC 29646
Phone: (803) 227-2335

Registration - 9:15 AM Assembly - 10 AM

About This Year's Day Apart:

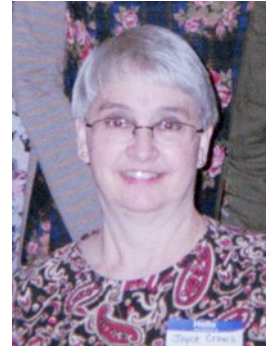
Last year's Day Apart explored the various approaches to strengthening our prayer life. Prayer is certainly one of the major corner stones to building a strong Spiritual Connection to The Holy Spirit. This year we will explore additional ways to cope with the stress and anxiety of life. Strengthening our Faith is a non-medicating way to deal with depression and fear.

Rev. Ashley McCoy-Bruce and Mary Lynn Polk, Greenwood District UMW Spiritual Growth Coordinator, will lead this workshop in developing various ways we can use elements of our Faith to assist us in dealing with the many curves that life can throw at us. Come worship, practice and have fun building more corner stones of your faith!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

News from District President

By Joyce Crouch, President, Greenwood District UMW



We have entered a new decade and 2020 is off to a very busy start!

I hope each of you had a wonderful holiday season. We have a lot of work to get to this year since Greenwood District is hosting our 48th Conference United Methodist Women Annual meeting October 23-24, 2020 at Main Street UMC in Greenwood. I will be calling on each of you to help make this meeting a wonderful event. Please be in prayer for this special meeting.

Greenwood District started off this year with a full slate of officers; however, due to a very unforeseen circumstance, we lost one of our dear members, Wilma Doyle, in January. Mrs. Wilma served our district mission team in two capacities—she was our Membership, Nurture & Outreach coordinator and also one of our Cluster Leaders. We are truly going to miss Mrs. Wilma and her dedication to United Methodist Women.

Our Local Unit Officer's training was held at Main Street UMC, Greenwood, on January 11, 2020, with 31 in attendance and 14 churches represented. Our theme was "*We Can Do Great Things Together*". I extend a huge thank you to Dr. Mary Lynn Polk and her ladies at Main Street UMC for hosting this event, serving a delicious breakfast, and for making everyone feel welcomed. Dr. Stephen Love, Greenwood District UMC Superintendent, was our guest speaker. We thank him for his encouraging words and for sharing this day with us.

Our next event is Day Apart, which will be held on March 7, 2020 at Panola UMC in Greenwood. Registration will begin at 9:15 a.m. Dr. Mary Lynn Polk, our Spiritual Growth Coordinator, is planning an exciting event. I know you will want to attend and be a part of this great event. Please look for the Day Apart information in this newsletter.

Ladies, please take time to go online and complete the **CENSUS FOR 2019**. We need to make sure that Greenwood District is represented and counted. This needs to be done **no later than 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 Day Apart and I will see that your information gets submitted.

As we enter the Lenten season, we need to reflect upon our lives as Christians and look for ways to give of ourselves to God and to others. Also, seek out ways you can serve your church and its ministries. United Methodist Women is one of the best ways you can serve.

Let us remember that, as United Methodist Women, we are a reflection of God's love and we will continue to put faith, hope and love in action.

Joyce

Important Message from Joyce Crouch, President

Ladies, I am pleading with you and your units to help with our upcoming October Conference annual meeting. The District will incur a lot of expenses in taking care of everything. I would like to ask if your unit would consider making a donation of \$100 - \$150 to help defray our costs. If this is possible, please make your check payable to Greenwood District UMW and write on the memo line "Donation for SCCUMW annual meeting", and mail your check to Marcia Miller, Greenwood District Treasurer, 2211 Harmon Quarters Rd., Prosperity, SC 29127. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

Joyce Crouch, District President

Dr. Love Tells Officers They Can Do Great Things Together

On January 11, Main Street United Methodist Church welcomed the officers and members of Greenwood District United Methodist Women for their yearly training event. Rev. Dr. Stephen Love, Greenwood District Superintendent, was the Guest Speaker, and he certainly motivated his audience as he told them of the need to remind themselves that they can do great things together. He spoke specifically about how blessings in our lives sometimes come to us through challenges and difficulties, as he shared the story of baby Moses in Exodus 2 that told how Moses' mother was a woman of God who prayed for a good outcome as she laid her baby boy by the river's edge. With his mother's strong faith and his sister Miriam's bravery, Moses' situation was turned from a difficult situation into a blessing by God. Dr. Love reminded those present that they, too, have God's favor—that they should lay claim to it, knowing they are praying with and for God. (Dr. Love is shown above with Mary Lynn Polk, Greenwood District UMW Spiritual Growth Coordinator.)



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News from District Vice-President

By Carol Marse, Vice-President, Greenwood District UMW



February is certainly the month of "Love." We think of Valentine's Day and how we demonstrate our affection to loved ones! Christ asked us to love our neighbors as ourselves. We do this as members of United Methodist Women, as we show our love to people all over the world through our various mission projects.

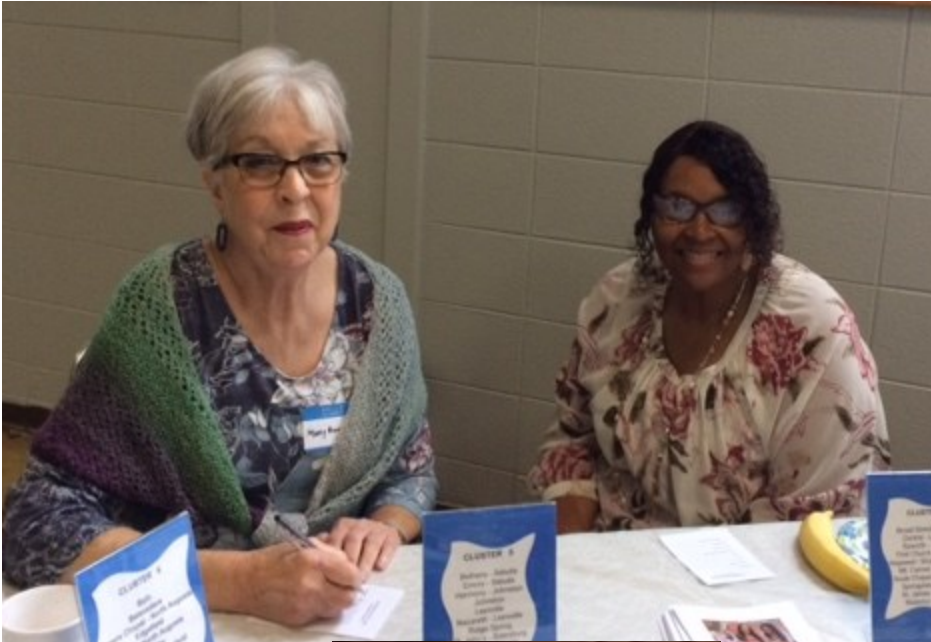
Main Street United Methodist women did a fantastic job hosting our Officers' Training on January 11th. The refreshments were delicious, and Dr. Mary Lynn Polk had everything well organized! I am especially grateful to Rev. Dr. Stephen Love, Greenwood District Superintendent, for bringing us a very inspirational message.

Also, I would like to thank the Greenwood District UMW Officers for their presentations. We had a great day and wish more of you could have attended.

Our next event is **March 7, 2020 at Panola UMC in Greenwood.** It is our **District Day Apart!** Last year's Day Apart was exceptional, and Mary Lynn Polk has exciting plans for this year! **Please come and experience the love and inspiration of our District Day Apart!**

Carol

Photos From Officers' Training Event—January 11, 2020



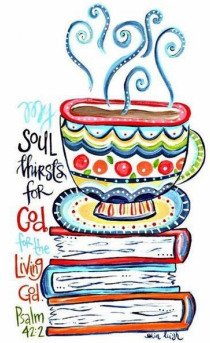
Photos From Officers' Training Event—January 11, 2020



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**Learning
to Lay
Claim to
God's
Favor!**



Submissions wanted for new Advocate book, "Testify: How I Came to Know Jesus."

How did you come to love Jesus, accept Him as your savior, and start a personal relationship with Him? That is the focus of a new book to be published by the Advocate in 2020, featuring testimonies and other love stories of how South Carolina United Methodist individuals came to know the Lord. The book is tentatively titled "Testify: How I Came to Know Jesus."

The Advocate invites all people, lay or clergy, to share your story for possible publication in the book. Stories should be 500-1,000 words in length and include your name, church name and city. You should be a South Carolina United Methodist to participate. Email your submission to jbrodie@umcsc.org with the subject line "Testify book." Deadline is March 1, 2020.

News from Greenwood District Treasurer

By Marcia Miller

Hello, Ladies!

I am sure there are some new treasurers out there who are wondering what they are expected to do. I am willing to help. You can get a copy of the blank remittance form online from the SC United Methodist Women website. Pledge cards are also a download now. Remember to make all checks payable to the Greenwood District UMW.



Your goal for the year is to achieve Gold Seal status. To do this, make contributions to Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Gift in Memory, Gift in Mission, and World Thank Offering. Also, our four South Carolina Mission projects—Bethlehem Centers in Columbia and Spartanburg, Killingsworth Home, and Wallace Family Life Center. Call to Prayer and Self-Denial is not required, but we are thankful for your gifts.

We can achieve great things when we work together! Let's make this an awesome year!

May God bless each of you!

Marcia

Greenwood District United Methodist Women 2020 Calendar of Events

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)

February 29, 2020—Limitless Day, Lebanon UMC, Eastover, SC

March 7, 2020—Greenwood District Day Apart, Panola UMC, Greenwood, SC

April, 2020—Special Emphasis Month—Bethlehem Community Center, Columbia, SC

April 17-19, 2020—SEJ, Mobile, Alabama

April 26, 2020—District Executive Committee Meeting, Main St. UMC, Greenwood, SC

May 1-3, 2020—Spiritual Growth Retreat, Lake Junaluska, NC

May 16, 2020—Come Together, Be Together, Sandhill UMC, Ridgeville, SC

June, 2020—News-A-Plenty Articles Due

July 16-18, 2020—Mission u, Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, SC

August, 2020—News-A-Plenty Articles Due

August 9, 2020—District Executive Committee Meeting, Location TBA

September, 2020—Special Emphasis Month—Killingsworth Home, Columbia, SC

September 26, 2020—Greenwood District UMW Annual Meeting, Republican UMC, McCormick, SC

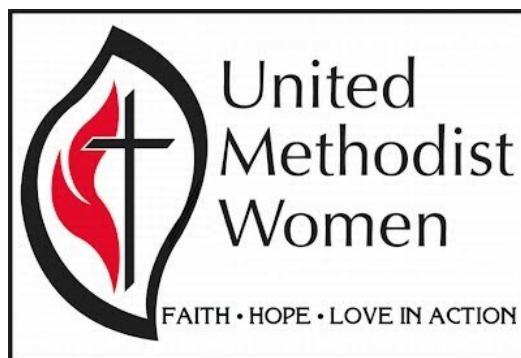
October, 2020—Special Emphasis Month—Bethlehem Community Center, Spartanburg, SC

October 23-24, 2020—SCCUMW Annual Meeting, Main Street UMC, Greenwood, SC

November, 2020—Special Emphasis Month—Bethlehem Community Center, Spartanburg, SC

November 7, 2020—SCCUMW District Officers' Training, Chapin UMC, Columbia, SC

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 - Lake Junaluska, NC 800-222-4930

Check in at Bethea Welcome Center, Friday, May 1st, 2020 - 4pm.

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!!

For Registration Information, contact Elizabeth Duncan@843-757-3352 or email: lizzyduncan2000@gmail.com

Registration

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

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 - Toni Love

1924 Bangor Road

Charlotte, NC 28217 704-560-2853 threesisters7@aol.com

Spiritual Growth Retreat Information

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR BOOKING YOUR ACCOMMODATIONS.

See lodging information below



Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center

91 Lakeshore Drive

Lake Junaluska, NC 28745 lakejunaluska.com

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<u>Meeting Package (cost per person)</u>	<u>Terrace Hotel</u>	<u>Lambuth Inn</u>
Total per person (based on 1 person in room)	\$328.39	\$266.23
Total per person (based on 2 people in room)	\$204.07	\$172.99
Total per person (based on 3 people in room)	\$184.83	\$150.05
Total per person (based on 4 people in room)	\$164.11	\$138.58

2 nights lodging (Friday & Saturday)
Friday - dinner; Saturday - breakfast, lunch
and dinner; Sunday - breakfast

(The group's contracted room block rates will be held until 5 pm on Tuesday, March 31, 2020. At that time, Conference Center will release the unreserved rooms for general sale. Reservation requests received after Tuesday, March 31, 2020, will be subject to prevailing rate and availability.)

Package Rates are inclusive of taxes and 8% gratuities for meal serving staff



Lambuth Inn



Terrace Hotel

Remembering Wilma Harrison Doyle



It was with much sadness that we learned of the passing of our Sister in Christ, Wilma Harrison Doyle, who went to be with the Lord on January 20. She served faithfully as Membership, Nurture & Outreach Coordinator and Cluster 1 Leader for the Greenwood District United Methodist Women. Wilma will be greatly missed. Any condolences may be sent to her brother:

Calvin Harrison
139 Lawson Street
Greenwood, SC 29649.



South Carolina UMW Presidential Scholarship

South Carolina United Methodist Women offers a scholarship to future leaders of United Methodist Women. As a supportive community, our desire is to financially assist young women with their higher education needs.

Application
deadline
March 1

[Click here to download and complete the application packet.](#)



These ladies posed in front of the scripture inscribed walls at Officers' Training at Main St. UMC. Left is Rebecca McDonald, Social Action Coordinator; at right are the youngest ladies in attendance, Melissa Tucker and Heather Crouch of Hopewell-Sharon UMW.



“Limitless Day”

Fun for all
ages and stages of
United Methodist Women

Feb. 29, 2020 | Lebanon UMC-Eastover

2020 SEJ

April 17-19 | Mobile, Alabama



United
Methodist
Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

Register by
March 2



Spiritual Growth Retreat 2020

May 1-3
Lake Junaluska

Keynote Speaker

**Rev. Wendy
Hudson-Jacoby**

Pastor | Two Rivers Church
A United Methodist Community
in the Charleston District

Register by
April 17



Save the Date!

Mission u

July 16-18, 2020

**Spartanburg Method-
ist College**

Spartanburg, SC

**Celebrating 150 Years of
United Methodist Women**

Theme: “Finding Peace”

Message from

News-A-Plenty Editor

It is the desire of the Greenwood District United Methodist Women that as many ladies as possible have access to the *News-A-Plenty* in order that they remain informed of activities and events.

In an effort to better do this, any who need a hard copy printed and mailed to them should please contact:

Linda Kidd

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McCormick, SC 29835

Phone: 864-852-2407

kiddsintown@wctel.net

Please Share This Newsletter
With Other Ladies In Your
Church!

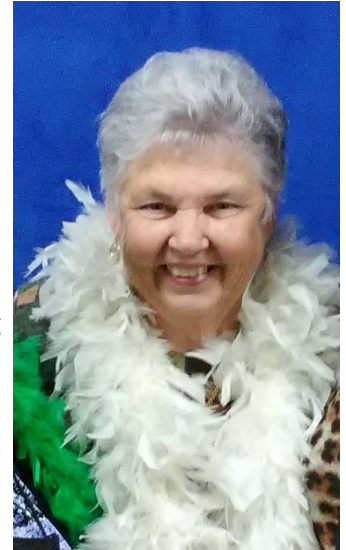
THE READING CORNER

News from Greenwood District Program

Resources Coordinator

By Carolyn Cantrell

The United Methodist Women's reading program brings together members in the core mission we share. It gives us a way to understand, share and discuss the books that help us understand and participate in God's works. There is something from everyone—everything from children books, novels, biographies, messages about climate change, mass incarceration and so much more. The Program books are to raise the awareness of social, economic and political, and class issues in women's lives that we live in today. So as previously mentioned you can read one book from each area of interest from the reading list from the years- (2014 to 2020) to get credit to participate. It is a wonderful way to build community and shape friendships about the books you read. Use it to start discussions about subjects addressed in the books and become inspired to work together to take action on issues.

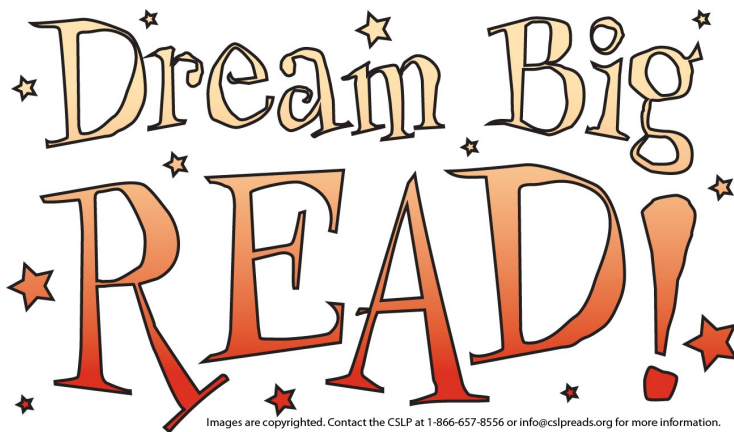


As a reminder: There will be no printed Reading Program Catalogue. Please access the list of books for 2020 at the link below; the list can be printed. On pages 28 and 29 are the reporting forms as they too will not be mailed out.

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/Media/PDF/2020ReadingProgramCatalog.pdf>

Reading Program for Day Apart: Don't forget Day A Part hosted March 7th at Panola United Methodist Church 404 Panola Avenue Greenwood, SC 29646. Follow us on Facebook. Hope to see you there!

As resources for the district, I want to inspire others to become impacted by the issues we as women face in today's world. We at Panola will have a Resource room for you to explore. I will have books our unit has enjoyed and wish to share. I will be placing them in a bundle of five- so if you read each you will obtain a certificate of participation.



In the building of community and friendship I also want to extend to any unit that has books from the last six years that would like to share, please bring them. My vision is that when one unit finishes with the bundle of books, we pass them to another unit. Thus, building and using it to make friendships between our units. Provided also will be the Response magazine. There will be a person on site to assist, please stop in and see what is to offer.

There are those that face challenges of reading and wonder, how can I participate? Here are a few ways to help. We do not have copies but remember the local library many times will have the audible- or previous known as books on tape version of the books. Another way is to bond a friendship and spend time as a volunteer and read to someone, sparking a discussion of the topic of the book. Our founder John Wesley quote reminds of this, *"It cannot be that the people should grow in grace unless they give themselves to reading. A reading people will always be a knowing people."*

Don't forget Day A Part March 7th, we look forward to welcoming you.

Carolyn

2020 SC CONFERENCE UMW ANNUAL MEETING VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET

I would like to volunteer to help with the annual meeting October 23-24, 2020 in Greenwood. I am available to help during the following times as a greeter or hostess, with refreshments, etc:

Friday, October 23rd from 8:30 am until noon: _____

Friday, October 23rd from noon until 3 pm: _____

Friday, October 23rd from 3 pm until 6 pm: _____

Friday, October 23rd from 6 pm until 10 pm: _____

Saturday, October 24th from 8 am until 11 am: _____

Saturday, October 24th from 11 am until 3 pm: _____

I can help serve dinner/lunch:

Friday dinner: _____

Saturday lunch: _____

Volunteer Name: _____

Volunteer Address: _____

Volunteer Phone #: _____

Volunteer E-mail: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:
JOYCE CROUCH
GREENWOOD DISTRICT UMW PRESIDENT
110 CROUCH DRIVE
KINARDS, SC 29355

or e-mail to: jmcrouch59@yahoo.com.

You can contact me at 864-981-0942 if you have any questions.



President Joyce Crouch and Treasurer Marcia Miller Meet With Leesville UMW

Jo-Ann Kneece, (left) of Leesville United Methodist Women, introduces Joyce Crouch, Greenwood District President. Joyce and Marcia Miller, Greenwood District Treasurer, traveled to Leesville on February 10 to meet with the women of the Vera Goldman Circle (pictured below) A particular item of interest to the women was where the UMW mission funds go.



Be Sure That Your UMW Unit Is Counted!

Your Unit will be counted for the 2019 Census if you go to

https://secure3.convio.net/umw/site/SPageNavigator/Census_2018.html

Due By March 30, 2020



Wallace Family Life Center

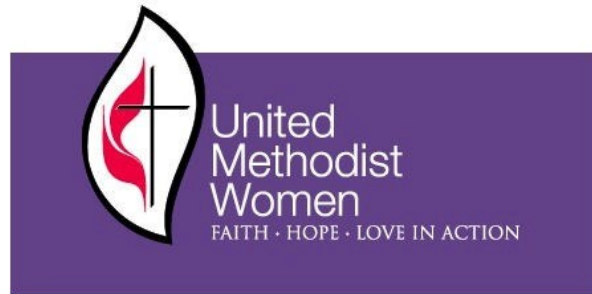
Special mission emphasis for February is Wallace Family Life Center. All UMW units are requested to continue contributing at least \$5 per member, \$7 or more per member if possible, for this mission project.

Thank You!



2020 Greenwood District United Methodist Women Officers

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Announcing The Oldest UMW Units in the Greenwood District—Central, Newberry & Main Street, Greenwood

At the 47th Annual Meeting of the SC Conference United Methodist Women held in Greenville in October, 2019, winners for the Oldest UMW Units in the Conference were announced. Winners for the Greenwood District were Central UMW in Newberry and Main Street UMW in Greenwood. Thanks to all who submitted historical information about your units.

Congratulations to the Winners!



St. Mark UMW Book & Bake Sale *March 28—8 AM—Noon*

Come out and get started on your Summer Reading List at the St. Mark UMW Book and Bake Sale! The date is Saturday March 28th at the St. Mark By Pass campus in Greenwood from 8:00am until Noon. Hardbound and paperback. Cook Books. Fiction and Non Fiction. Lots to choose from. And don't forget the Homemade goodies!



South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women Annual Meeting To Be Held October 23-24, 2020 At Main Street United Methodist Church, Greenwood, SC



Members of the Planning Committee for this year's SC Conference UMW Annual Meeting met at Main Street UMC in Greenwood on Saturday, January 25 to work on plans for this event.

Volunteers Are Needed!

See Page 14 in this newsletter
to find out ways you can
Volunteer to Help—Return Form
to Joyce Crouch.



**See Special Message
On Page 2 to
Learn How Your Unit's
Help Is Needed for This
Special Event!**

Greenwood District United Methodist Women

c/o Linda Kidd, Editor

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McCormick, SC 29835

We're on the web:

www.umcsc.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.