COLUMBIA 47TH ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

“ANCHORED IN CHRIST”
DR. EVELYN FULMORE,
SPIRITUAL GROWTH COORDINATOR IN THE FLORENCE DISTRICT

SEPTEMBER 21, 2019

MT. HEBRON UMC

3050 LEAPHART RD., WEST COLUMBIA, SC

NEWS WATCH...

- DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING  SEPTEMBER 21, 2019
- SCCUMW ANNUAL MEETING  BUNCOMBE STREET UMC (GREENVILLE)  OCTOBER 25-26, 2019
- CONFERENCE OFFICER TRAINING  ASHLAND UMC  NOVEMBER 9, 2019
- KILLINGSWORTH GALA  SEAWELLS  CANCELLED
Columbia District United Methodist Women

47th ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, September 21, 2019
Theme: Anchored in Christ
Guest speaker: Dr. Evelyn Fulmore

Mt. Hebron United Methodist Church
3050 Leaphart Road
West Columbia, SC  29169
803-794-8273

Registration: 8:45AM – 9:30AM ***** Program: 9:30AM – 12:00PM

Name: __________________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________

Email address: __________________________ Phone: _____________________________

Church: ______________________________________________________________________

Registration $15.00 Late Registration $20.00

SPECIAL GUEST: Deaconess: _____ Past District President: _____ Conference Officer: ______

Woman of the Year: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Columbia District UMW

Mail to: Debra Schooler
113 Meadow Lane
Eastover, SC  29044

Registration Deadline: September 7, 2019

Child Care: Yes _____ No _____ Age_____

How many children: _________________________________________________

Child’s name(s): ___________________________________________________

Note: All children need to bring a bag lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Any questions or inquiries contact: Debra Schooler
Home:  803-353-9827          Cell:   803-351-6969
Message From Your President...

We’ve come this far by Faith… Leaning on the Lord!!

Another year is slowing coming to a close as we prepare to for our 2019 47th annual meeting of Columbia District! The theme is “Anchored in Christ”! Hope you have registered for the 47th annual meeting to be held at Mt. Hebron United Methodist, West Columbia on Saturday, September 21, 2019. You may arrive at the church beginning at 8:45am. The program will begin at 9:30am. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Evelyn Fulmore, Spiritual Growth Coordinator in the Florence District. Registration deadline is September 7. Hope to see everyone there as we celebrate our accomplishments for the year.

Mission u was held July 18-20 at Spartanburg Methodist College. There were 22 registered from Columbia District. This year’s theme: Mission u: United Methodist Women: Radical Disciples—Then and Now. The Spiritual Growth study: Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship. This lesson study was led by Rev. Angela Ford Nelson. She was dynamic. I think everyone enjoyed her teaching. The Geographic Study: Women United for Change, 150 Years in Mission lead by several teachers. My class was led by our own Jane Scott from Northeast United Methodist. She did a fantastic job bringing us from then to now. The Social Issue Study: What About Our Money: A Faith Perspective led by several teachers. The Youth Study: Who Do You Say That I AM? “Meeting Jesus through the Eyes of Mark” led by our Vice President Debra Schooler.

It is always a wonderful feeling of pride to see ladies from Columbia District taking leadership roles in our Conference events. Next year I am proud to announce that Vanessa Key will serve as Assistant Dean and Vicki Hill will serve as Assistant Registrar.


Thank you to Caroline Harrelson and the ladies of Ashland United Methodist for hosting this year’s SC Conference United Methodist District Training which will be held on Saturday, November 9. All persons on the District Executive Team are expected to attend. We want you to be prepared to share what you will at the Conference training with our local unit officers at our officer training in January.

I trust that all of your reports have been submitted to the coordinators in order to prepare for our annual meeting. If you have not, you must call us today. We want to include and recognize your unit at the annual meeting.

See you at Mt. Hebron!!!

Love, Peace and Grace,

Sandra Love
Columbia District President

ATTENTION:
The conference has decided to hold conference officer training every year in Columbia because Columbia is centrally located in the state. 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 2020. It would be great to get commitments through 2023.
News From The Vice President

Happy Fall!!!!

I know everyone is ready for some cooler weather. I know I am ready!!!! With fall comes our Columbia District Annual Meeting on September 21st at Mt. Hebron UMC. Our speaker will be Rev. Evelyn Fulmore!!! She is outstanding, and she will be talking about how we can be “Anchored in Christ”!!! Lots of planning has been done for our meeting, and we pray everyone will be uplifted and “Anchored”!!!

Reminder: All reports for the Program Book need to be sent to me by September 1, 2019 at debrajschooler@gmail.com!!!

I pray everyone will have a blessed fall season filled with opportunities to serve our Lord and share our faith!!!

In Christ,

Debra Schooler
Columbia District Vice President
From the Secretary’s Desk

Greetings UMW Sisters:

The Columbia District United Methodist Women Executive Committee met June 18, 2019 at Mt. Hebron UMC.

Members present included: Sandra Love; Debra Schooler; Carrie Murray, Rhonda Washington, Sharee Washington, Bridgette Gruber, Maeward Belk, Vanessa Key, Sandra Harrison, Pat Hoesly, Christine Porter, Connie Branham, Linda Kennedy, Lula Stroman, Mary Mason, and Faye Love.

Members unable to attend included Pam Thomas (who has resigned her position as Treasurer), Jessica Jones, Patricia Armstrong, Robin Andrews, Evelyn Neal, Tiffany Phillips, and Laura Mitchell.

Following a delicious meal, President Sandra Love greeted everyone, thanked the hostesses of Mt. Hebron and called the meeting to order at 6:25PM.

Bridgette Gruber, Spiritual Growth Coordinator, set the stage for our gathering with an inspiring devotional and prayer.

Afterwards, Secretary, Carrie Murray, read the minutes from the April 16th meeting held at Cayce UMC, which were received by the body as information.

New Business included the following:

**Native American Blanket Project**

Mr. Richard Love, our guest speaker, and husband of President Sandra Love, spoke to the executive committee about the Native American Spirit of Warmth Blanket Project. If we are interested in this project, AT&T would supply the blanket kits that include sewing instructions at no cost to UMW. The group decided to meet at Brookland UMC July 9th at 6:00PM to work on the project as team building.

**Gifts for Former Conference UMW Presidents**

Eight (8) copies of *She’s Ready*, co-authored by the Columbia District Communications Coordinators, have been purchased as gifts from the Columbia District to be presented to the former presidents of SC Conference of UMW.

**Leave of Absence and End-of-the-Year Resignation**

Pam Thomas, Treasurer, Columbia District UMW has asked for a leave of absence with official resignation at the end of 2019. Debra Schooler will assume responsibilities as treasurer until the end of December. Registration and checks for Annual Meeting should be sent to Debra.

**Approval of 2020 Budget**

The following budget items were submitted for approval:

- Pledge to Missions…..$65,000.00
- Administration ……..$ 7,150.00

It was moved by Vanessa Key and seconded by Bridgette Gruber to accept the proposed budget. The motion was carried and adopted.

Old Business included the following:

**E&I Coordinator Vacancy**

Members were encouraged to search for a person interested in filling this vacancy. This individual would represent the Columbia District on the Columbia Bethlehem Community Center Board of Directors.
Mission u

The Columbia and Florence Districts will be responsible for having light refreshments available Friday evening, July 19th at Mission u.
The Scholarship winner from the Columbia District is Olivia Porter.

Reports were received from the following officers:
President-Sandra Love; Vice President and Interim Treasurer- Debra Schooler; Communications -Rhonda Washington, Sharee Washington; Spiritual Growth - Bridgette Gruber; Membership Nurture and Outreach - Maeward Belk; Program Resources - Vanessa Key; Nominations - Sandra Harrison; Historian - Pat Hoesly

Details from the reports will be included in the Gleanings.

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2. Lexington UMW – Trudy Huffstetler |
| Cluster Leader 2 Evelyn Neal | 1. Grace UMW – Mary Mason |
| Cluster Leader 3 Mary Mason | 1. Shandon UMW – Debra Roundtree  
2. Trenholm Road UMW – Helene Cargile  
3. Asbury UMW |
| Cluster Leader 4 Faye Love | 1. Rehoboth UMW – Tiffany Phillips  
2. Northeast UMW – Pat Hoesly  
3. Francis Burns UMW – Carrie Murray  
4. Bethel UMW – Debbie Carter  
5. Winsor UMW – Joy Strange |
| Cluster Leader 5 Tiffany Phillips | 1. Rehoboth UMW – Tiffany Phillips  
2. Northeast UMW – Pat Hoesly  
3. Francis Burns UMW – Carrie Murray  
4. Bethel UMW – Debbie Carter  
5. Winsor UMW – Joy Strange |
| Cluster Leader 6 Laura Mitchell | 1. Gilbert UMW – Debbie Keisler  
2. Lexington UMW – Trudy Huffstetler |

Listed below are some of the activities that units across the district completed during the second quarter, 2019. This info was retrieved from Cluster Reports.

Fundraisers for Missions
1. Bake Sale for Missions  
2. Luncheon for Missions

Supportive Community/Fellowship
1. Provided meals for sick, shut-ins and the recently widowed in local church  
2. Assisted with bereavement services for UMW member  
3. Purchased display rack to house current church and community information/events  
4. Woman of the Year Recognition  
5. Prepared meals for youth  
6. Provided meals for Vacation Bible School participants (children, youth and adults)  
7. Attended joint meeting with UMM  
8. Supported church with pastor retirement activities and church clean up  
9. Attended Church Women United Spring Luncheon  
10. Attended May Fellowship Day sponsored by CWU  
11. Attended “Come Together Be Together” event in Spartanburg  
12. Attended and participated in the SCCUMC Annual Meeting
Spiritual Growth and Social Action
1. Included articles from response magazine in unit meetings
2. Sponsored a unit Spiritual Growth Retreat
3. Attended SCCUMW Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska, NC
4. Attended churches other than United Methodist (Baptist, Presbyterian, Catholic and AME

Education and Development
1. Instrumental in helping students receive scholarships to college
2. Researched history of local UMW unit
3. Held UMW Book Club discussions re: Books from the UMW Reading List
4. Conducted a program from the Program Book on Women Servants/Missionaries past and present

Guest Speakers
1. Lee Ann Lamar – Volunteer Worker - Native American Ministries of the United Methodist Church
2. Speaker from Lighthouse for life re: Human Trafficking

Service Projects
1. Made feminine hygiene napkins to be sent to Africa
2. Purchased blood pressure cuff for the church
3. Volunteered at Cooperative Ministries
4. Provided food for the Washington Soup Kitchen
5. Assisted the girls at Epworth with arts and crafts
6. Donated Health Kits to social agencies in the Columbia area and Senior Care facilities
7. Donated school supplies to social agencies in the Spartanburg area
8. Visited with students at CBC Spartanburg and donated school supplies, fruit, snacks and juice
9. Hosted Family Promise
10. Made migrant bags for Johns Island
11. Visited with residents of White Oak Manor

Monetary Donations
1. 5 Mission Projects
2. Pledge to Missions
3. Nancy K. Perry Children’s Shelter
4. Restore Hope Missions
5. Gifts to Missions and Gift in Memory
6. Epworth Children’s Home
7. Harvest Hope Food Bank
8. Native American Ministries
9. Lighthouse for Life Ministries

Thanks for all you do on behalf of women, children and youth. Thanks also to all unit presidents who provided contact information for your local unit officers. To God be the Glory!

Carrie R. Murray
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Columbia District Local Unit Officers

Print or Type

Contact Person_________________________________________________________________________________

Name of Church________________________________________________________

Please provide the **name, address, phone number(s) and email address** of each officer in your local UMW unit that is listed below. If I have already received your information, please accept my thanks.

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Send info to
Carrie R. Murray
6509 David Street
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(803) 754-1895
News From Acting Treasurer:

I am filling in for Pam Thomas, who had to resign to take care of her grandchildren for her daughter who is going to be away for an extended period of time. Thank you Pam for your hard work.

Please remember to send in your third quarter remittances by August 28th so that I can be sure to have the five star and gold seal units listed in our program book. We will count your remittances from 4th quarter last year and the first three quarters of this year. Five Star means you gave to the 5 channels of mission giving and Gold Seal units also gave to the 5 missions supported by our UMW.

As we enter the 4th quarter, I pray during all the festivities of the fall season, that we remember all the programs the UMW support and make sure we give generously so we can meet our mission goals for 2019. Together we can make a difference in our community, our state, our country and our world.

Please email me if you have any questions or need any help with your remittances, debrajschooler@gmail.com!!!

Blessings to you!

Debra Schooler
Acting Treasurer
Columbia District Treasure
Greetings My Dear Sisters,

What a Summer it’s been. We have had days full of great blessings, those we recognized and those we didn’t. We have had days of great sorrow and bewilderment that had many of us questioning why. Social action ACTION has no ending; but neither does grace and mercy. Trying to figure out what to do, wondering ‘what is God calling me to do’ can be overwhelming and at times leave us feeling defeated. Don’t. Take a breath. Grow where you’re planted.

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory.” “All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’” Matthew 25:32-40 NRSV

How awesome it is to be a part of a sisterhood that does. Thank you for sending in your annual report, Charter for Racial Justice. Keep up the great work. Keep the faith. That’s who we are- Faith, Love, Hope in Action!

Peace

*Patricia Armstrong*

Social Action Coordinator
Membership, Nurture, and Outreach Report

Greetings My Sisters in Christ,

It is my hope that you are blessed, safe, staying cool and enjoying these very hot days of summer 2019.

Thank you, my Columbia District Sisters, for your outstanding participation in the SCCUMW Come Together Be Together event. You always represent the Columbia District well. Thank you as well for your participation in Mission u 2019.

Now it is time to get fired up for the end of the year UMW events! The Columbia District 47th Annual Meeting is Saturday September 21, 2019 at Mt. Hebron United Methodist Church, 3050 Leaphart Rd., West Columbia, SC. The 47th Annual Meeting of the SCCUMW will be held October 25-26, 2019 at Buncombe Street United Methodist Church, Greenville, SC. Please save the dates. I look forward to seeing you at each of these events.

Limitless
Ladies please encourage your young women between the ages of 14-30 to form a Limitless Circle within your local church and become a part of the SCCUMW Limitless Team.

Wishing you Love, Peace and Happiness!

Your Sister in the Name of Jesus the Christ,

Congratulations Columbia District UMW

2019 Women of the Year!

Maeward S. Belk
Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator
224 Meadowbury Drive, Columbia, SC 29203
E-mail: mbelk@sc.rr.com Phone: (803) 786-5659
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The program books calendars and UMW items are available at this website - https://www.umwmissionresources.org.

Above is the new 2020 reading list. This new procedure is in an effort to save money on processing and shipping charges for the UMW conference. Some titles can be found in your local library. You can purchase online through Amazon Prime or from some of the online websites including: https://www.biblio.com, bookfinder.com, and DoverEditors@e.doverpublishing.com. Some titles are available for ebooks and some are available on audible.com.

Please continue to let me know your recommendations so I can share this with others and your helpful hints are always welcome.

Vanessa Key
Reading Resource Manager
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CALLING ALL UNITED METHODIST WOMEN!

Do you remember attending a United Methodist Women’s meeting with your mother or grandmother? Was it “United Methodist Women,”” Women’s Missionary Society,” or one of the other predecessor organizations? Perhaps you are a member of a brand new unit. We want to know about you!

You are being challenged to find out the history of the United Methodist Women’s unit at your church! Dig into the file cabinet in the corner of the church office, or look at old pictures that may have identifying dates and names of ladies who are attending a United Methodist Women’s meeting (or from a predecessor organization). Look high and low to find dates for when your unit was organized. We are looking to CELEBRATE the OLDEST UNIT from each district at the Annual Meeting in Greenville next October. This will give you some time to do some research to find the origins of your unit.

OR,

Perhaps you are in a BRAND NEW unit. We want to CELEBRATE with you too. NOW WHAT?

After you have done the research and know when your unit was organized, send a copy of the picture, the charter, whatever gives proof of the age of your unit to Sue Owens, Conference United Methodist Women’s Historian.

WHAT TO INCLUDE WHEN SENDING INFORMATION TO SUE:

1. Name of church and District
2. Name of unit (whether United Methodist Women, or one of the predecessor organizations).
3. Visual proof of the age of the unit. This may be a copy of the charter, minutes of church council where it is mentioned that a unit has been formed, pictures of women at a meeting with a visual date, etc. Let your imagination lead you to some possibilities of where this information may be found.
4. Name and contact information of the person making the report
5. The name of the contact person from the church and how to get in touch with her.

Please send this information to:
Sue Owens, 1286 Montview St. Spartanburg, SC, 29307
buttermilk116@att.net
Education and Interpretation

Columbia Bethlehem Center has a new Director. She is Kay Hughes now serving as the Executive Coordinator of the Columbia Bethlehem Community Center, effective as of July 1, 2019. She is looking forward to working with the UMW to continue to provide resources and bridge the gap by meeting the community needs. Kay writes, “It would be my pleasure to attend one of your district meetings or events to learn about what needs can be addressed and how we can work together. Please provide for me any upcoming dates that I can attend. Looking forward to working with you!” Kay Hughes, Executive Coordinator 308 McRae Street Columbia, SC 29203 cbccinfo@umcsc.g

Let us welcome Kay Hughes!!!

Killingsworth is in the process of naming a new part time director. More details will follow in an email to local presidents.

Spartanburg Bethlehem Center is doing well. They are coming to a close on summer programs and gearing up for the after-school activities.

Wallace Family Life closed for the summer however will reopen for after school and adult activities when school is back in session.

Rural Mission sadly had to close its doors. Please keep Linda Gadsden in your prayers. We have included the letter of their closing in this issue of Gleanings.

Please keep all of our Missions in your prayers and please continue to support them as you have done in the past. (except Rural Mission)

Love, Peace and Grace,
Sandra Love

WIGS, WIGS and MORE WIGS!!!

If you or someone you know are going through chemotherapy or have gone through chemotherapy, and need assistance with hair needs, this announcement is just for you!

Alala LLC 3400 Harden Street Ext, Columbia, SC 803-569-4373 is waiting to help you and provide free wigs for your needs.

Please give them a call at 803-569-4373.

Thank you to Kim Neel for making this possible.

Store hours are Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm.
June 21, 2019

To: Cathy Ford, president
South Carolina United Methodist Women

From: Rev. Jeri Katherine W. Sipes, secretary
Rural Mission Inc. Board of Directors

Dear Cathy,

After five decades of ministry with and for the people of the Sea Islands, the good work of Rural Mission Inc.—rehabilitating homes for low-income residents, working with migrant and seasonal farmers, and offering crisis assistance and other services—has come to an end.

Facing evolving demographics and a shifting mission field on Johns Island, as well as a challenging financial outlook with a daily growing debt, the Rural Mission Board of Directors voted in May to dissolve the ministry and transfer all assets, liabilities and outstanding debts to South Carolina United Methodist Camps and Retreat Ministries.

That decision keeps the five-acre Rural Mission property on Bohicket Creek—originally donated to the ministry by Bethlehem-St. James United Methodist Church on Johns Island—within the United Methodist Connection for future use in ministry.

The South Carolina United Methodist Camps and Retreat Ministries Board of Trustees acknowledged to us that its mission—"seeking, welcoming and gathering persons into the community of the body of Christ through outdoor camping experiences at a place set apart, while nurturing people in Christian living"—is not the same as Rural Mission’s. Nevertheless, Camps and Retreat Ministries hopes to partner with local non-profit organizations and churches in an effort to find ways to continue to address the growing 21st-century needs of the Sea Islands people.

We celebrate the remarkable, people-focused ministry lovingly performed by Rural Mission staff and volunteers over the years, and we are saddened to have to bring its work to a close. We are comforted in knowing that God-centered ministry will continue on the property, extending the legacy of both Rural Mission and the Bethlehem-St. James community that launched its work.

Moreover, we thank the South Carolina United Methodist Women for your financial support and uplifting prayer, without which we could not have assisted so many of the most vulnerable over the years. We pray God will continue to bless your ministry of fostering spiritual growth, developing leaders, advocating for justice, and promoting the empowerment of women, children and youth.

Blessings,

[Signature]

Rev. Jeri Katherine W. Sipes
Secretary, Rural Mission Inc. Board of Directors
2019 Church Women United of Columbia Celebrations/Events

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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**SAVE THE DATE**

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED WORLD COMMUNITY DAY**

Friday, November 1 2019

Forest Lake Presbyterian Church
6500 North Trenholm Rd., Columbia, SC 29203

This Mission Project Is Collecting Food or Monetary Donations For Harvest Hope Food Bank

**THEME:** The Time is Now! “Resolve to Love”
Join us for
ANNUAL STATE ASSEMBLY
MEETING

THEME - "AM I MY SISTER'S KEEPER"

Registration begins at 10:30 a.m.

November 8th @ 11 AM
New Light UMC
3100 Neeses Hwy. (Hwy # 4) Orangeburg, SC 29115

Registration $20 (until Oct. 11th)
$25  (after Oct. 11th)

Speaker: Ms. Chelsea Steward
CASA FAMILY SERVICES EDUCATOR

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
Shelagh Wirth, State President
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Gilbert UMW

Gilbert UMW is asking for a few volunteers who can offer as little or as much time as you have to give toward a cookbook project.

This will be a maternal health initiative, because it will involve a contest for healthy recipes (i.e. comfort foods that have been adapted to be healthy).

We need a small team of women who can help with planning, and meetings will be available by phone or videoconferencing.

If you are interested in being even a little involved, please contact Sara Damewood at saraofsc@yahoo.com or 803-730-4987.

LIMITLESS!!!

WE ARE BACK!!!!!!

I am very excited to announce that we are revamping our “Limitless” program for young ladies from ages 14 to 30. We are currently in the planning stages and will be sending out information in the next few months. Our goal is to have a “Limitless” group in each District with opportunities for service, fellowship and fun with a little learning thrown in the mix. We will be hosting a workshop at the Conference Annual Meeting for the UMW on October 25th and 26th at Buncombe Street United Methodist Church in Greenville, SC. We hope that we can reach young women that aren’t ready to join a Circle, but want to be involved and be a part of our United Methodist Women!!!

We will be sharing more information as we get our plans in place!!!!

Please pray for our young ladies and leaders as we plan and reach out to provide opportunities for these young ladies to be active in our Limitless groups!!!!

Debra Schooler and Laquasha James
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2019

Calendar of Events

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

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Proverbs 31:25

... “She is clothed with strength and dignity and she laughs without fear of the future.” Proverbs 31:25