United Methodist Women act according to the Word, in Matthew 25:35-36, which states, “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in. I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”

Since the beginning in 1869, United Methodist Women have focused on ministries for women, children, and youth. United Methodist Women place faith, hope and love in action, while helping women, children, and youth in need, locally and globally. This sisterhood of women in mission and service, began with eight women in 1869 and currently has over 800,000 members in 2019. Michelle Obama stated it best, “There is no limit to what we as women can accomplish.” The United Methodist Women are a Sisterhood of Grace, with many gifts and talents to share with others.
Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I send congratulations to the Orangeburg District United Methodist Women in recognition of the 150th Anniversary of the United Methodist Women.

As United Methodist Women, you demonstrate a commitment to Christian values and service to others. United in faith, you serve as an inspiration to others on the importance of working together to better the lives of others. Peggy and I thank you for your commitment to *Faith Hope and Love in Action* that helps women, children, and youth in need in your local communities and around the world.

Yours very truly,

Henry McMaster

HM/kt
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Women,

You are the most amazing creatures God has created. I thank him daily for his master plan in creating us. Each of you are equipped with qualities for nurturing others and have qualities of love, honesty, devotion, kindness, devotion, hard work and intelligence. You share these qualities daily, unselfishly with your families, in your workplaces, your communities and your churches. Thanks for your compassion, commitment and willingness to go out of your comfort zones.

We are celebrating as an organization for the United Methodist Women, 150 years of sweat, tears, love and hard work. We turned an organization of 8 members into 800,000 members. With God we can do all things! Celebrate your accomplishments in your local churches and local UMW units every chance you get. You meet challenges, but the good always outweighs the bad, when you are working for God.

Keep your heads held high, love God because he first loved us and continue to fight for injustice for children, women and all those in need.

Sincerely,

Sonya Benjamin

Woman Work by Maya Angelou

I've got the children to tend
The clothes to mend
The floor to mop
The food to shop
Then the chicken to fry
The baby to dry
I got company to feed
The garden to weed
I've got shirts to press
The tots to dress
The cane to be cut
I gotta clean up this hut
Then see about the sick
And the cotton to pick.

Shine on me, sunshine
Rain on me, rain
Fall softly, dewdrops
And cool my brow again.
Storm, blow me from here
With your fiercest wind
Let me float across the sky
'Til I can rest again.
Fall gently, snowflakes
Cover me with white
Cold icy kisses and
Let me rest tonight.
Sun, rain, curving sky
Mountain, oceans, leaf and stone
Star shine, moon glow
You're all that I can call my own.
ORANGEBURG DISTRICT UMW CELEBRATE LEGACY DAY

The Orangeburg District United Methodist Women celebrated the 150th Anniversary of United Methodist Women on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at Canaan United Methodist Church. This special event celebrated 150 years of United Methodist Women in mission and service, from 1869 to 2019. The celebration was educational, inspirational and fun-filled. The UMW had colorful and unique birthday/anniversary celebration hats, an array of attire being worn from 1869 to present, inspirational and spiritual praise time, fun filled break time with prizes, joyful singing, praise dancing by talented and gifted youth, a time to give with monetary donations for the United Methodist Women Legacy Fund, a play with local United Methodist Women portraying the founders, wonderful conversations, meeting and greeting one another in love, and a delicious lunch with cake. The day was relaxing and filled with joy and unity. It was a time to reflect and a time to look forward to another season. The Legacy of the United Methodist Women continues to move forward, as we place faith, hope and love in action for women, children and youth. God is with us. Praise the Lord!

Fun Break With Patricia Walker

UMW

Praise Dancers Edisto Fork UMC

UMW Participants Founders Day Play
BEULAH UMC CELEBRATES
150 YEARS OF UMW

By: Becky Starnes

Sunday, March 24, 2019 was a special day at Beulah UMC in Sandy Run. In celebration of the founding of the United Methodist Women organization on March 23, 1869, the church service was conducted by members of the United Methodist Women of the church. According to early church records, this organization has been a part of the Beulah church family since 1951. During the service a special offering was taken up for The Legacy Fund.

The United Methodist Women have a rich legacy as a mission movement since 1869, and we are building for the next 150 years of service in God’s mission, on behalf of women, children, and youth in communities down the street and around the world.

We must not get tired of doing good. We will receive our harvest of eternal life at the right time. We must not give up. Galatians 6:9

Photo:
Front Row (L/R): Hilda Wynn, Evelyn Williams, Melissa Mack, Vicky Van Frank, Sandra Pees, Christy Thomas
Back Row (L/R): Amy Rogers, Sheila Shanklin, Jill Crim, Amanda Godfrey, Becky Starnes, Sonya Parnell, Helen Geiger
BETHLEHEM UMW HOST SEASONAL TEA DURING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

By: Delphine Warren-Jones

Bethlehem United Methodist Women hosted a Seasonal Tea during Women’s History Month on Sunday, March 17 at 2:00 p.m. The theme for the occasion was “God of all Seasons”- “Winter-Spring-Summer-Fall.” Mrs. Shelia R. Mills, Inspirational Life Purpose Speaker of Charleston, South Carolina was the guest speaker. Bethlehem’s UMW president, Delphine Warren-Jones stated, “Mrs. Mills words left our hearts and minds motivated and ready for any season!” “She gave us tools to equip ourselves with Faith, Patience and Prayer, because It’s Harvest Time.” The Bethlehem UMW would like to thank everyone for their support during this occasion. Their prayer is that God will continue to bless each of you in a special way.
CALVARY UMW CELEBRATE 150TH UMW ANNIVERSARY

Calvary United Methodist Women of Swansea celebrated the 150th anniversary of the United Methodist Women on March 17, 2019, during a monthly meeting. The local unit UMW President is Linda Williams. The meeting began with the program “Happy Birthday, United Methodist Women,” from the UMW Sisterhood of Grace Program Book. The UMW presented a short skit in the church Prayer Garden titled, “How a Garden Grows.” The Prayer Garden has all past, former and present members names engraved on bricks surrounding a cross shaped walk. The names of the founding members of the Calvary’s women organization, which was chartered in 1942, were read aloud. When the skit ended, a birthday celebration was held to celebrate the United Methodist Women 150th Anniversary.

One of the members, Sharon Hensley, baked a scrumptious cake for this occasion. Each member received a package of flower seeds and garden gloves as a gift. They were asked to pray for the United Methodist Women’s organization, as they planted the seeds. Calvary United Methodist Women continue to place faith, hope and love in action, for women, children and youth.
FOREST CHAPEL UMC CELEBRATES WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH WITH WOMEN IN THE PULPIT

Forest Chapel United Methodist Church celebrated Women’s History Month on March 3, 2019 with Women in the Pulpit. The speaker for the day was Minister Earline Holback. The president of Forest Chapel United Methodist Women is Mrs. Eartha Bush. Mrs. Bush has been the local unit president for 70 years.

This was a special day for Mrs. Eartha Bush as well. She was honored for her many years of dedicated service as the local unit United Methodist Women president and it was her 95th birthday. Mrs. Bush has always placed faith, hope and love in action during her tenure. Praise the Lord! She is the wife of the late Miller Bush. With this union, they have two adult children, Elaine Bush and Kenneth Bush. She has one grandson, Kalind. Mrs. Eartha Bush’s favorite Bible scripture is Psalm 23.

Rev. Harry Brown, Mrs. Eartha Bush and Mr. Kenneth Bush
MOUNT NEBO UMW CELEBRATE 150TH UMW ANNIVERSARY AND WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

The United Methodist Women of Mount Nebo UMC in Orangeburg celebrated the 150th United Methodist Women Anniversary and Women’s History Month on Sunday, March 10, during regular worship service. The theme was "United Methodist Women: Women with a Purpose, Celebrating 150 Years." A delicious and heart-warming breakfast was served after service. Dannie Mays, president of the UMW, was the Liturgist. The speaker for the occasion was Rachel Sistrunk, president of the UMW at St. Stephen UMC. Her message was inspirational and insightful. She spoke about how United Methodist Women place faith, hope and love into action and the history of the United Methodist Women.

The local unit Woman of the Year was Mrs. Adell Pam Austin. Mrs. Austin, affectionately known as Mother Austin, entered eternal rest on May 15, 2019. Mrs. Austin was 87 years of age and she faithfully attended UMW meetings and events on the local, district, and conference levels. She attended Sunday school and church, as a faithful servant of God. Mother Austin was a wise, caring and compassionate soul, who was full of knowledge. She was always giving and did not expect anything in return. We thank God for having Mrs. Adell Pam Austin as a part of our lives. She made an impact on everyone who came into her midst. Mrs. Austin was the epitome of a dedicated United Methodist Woman. She placed faith, hope and love into action, as she walked this journey called life.

In Honor and Memory of Mrs. Adell Pam Austin
MOUNT ZION (MIDWAY COMMUNITY) CELEBRATES 150TH UMW ANNIVERSARY AND ANNUAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

By: Eva Manigault

Mount Zion United Methodist Women of Bamberg, in the Midway Community, held its 150th United Methodist Women Celebration and the Annual Women’s History Month program during worship service on Sunday, March 17 at 9:30 a.m. The local unit United Methodist Women president is Eva Manigault. The invited speaker was Elder Lonyetta Smith of Charlotte, North Carolina. Elder Smith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie and Mabel Frazier (Spiritual Growth Coordinator). The theme was “Visionary Women: "Champions of Peace and Nonviolence."" Elder Smith enlightened everyone on the comparisons of biblical women and women of today. Key point: The sacrifices we do, for the betterment of family and especially children.

We are God’s creation! Pray for peace and nonviolence.
TRINITY UMW IN BAMBERG CELEBRATE 150TH ANNIVERSARY

Trinity UMW in Bamberg celebrated the 150th UMW Anniversary on March 10, 2019. The theme for the occasion was "Happy Birthday - 150th United Methodist Women Anniversary: Women Proclaiming the Mystery of Faith." The local unit UMW president is Sharon Cling. The program was on the "Anointing Woman." UMW brought perfume for anointing and beautiful camellias were donated and displayed from the flower garden of a local UMW unit member.

According to Matthew 26:6-7 (NIV), "While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table." This woman honored Jesus through her generous spirit, by anointing Him with expensive perfume; an offer to Jesus as a faith expression. Men did not understand this occurrence. However, Jesus did understand, as he understands us today. Jesus accepted her extravagant gift, affirming the woman’s ability to act independently, and welcoming gender equality in the presence of those threatened by her generosity. (UMW program book 2018-19). This woman gave expensive perfume, the widow in Mark 12:42 gave two small copper coins, the widow at Zarephath in 1 Kings 17 gave bread to Elijah, from a handful of flour and a small amount of olive oil. Jesus desires that we honor Him, in any way that we can.
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January 12 (8:00 a.m.)  Officers' Training: New Covenant UMC, Bowman
District Executive Committee Meeting

February  Special Emphasis Month -- Wallace Family Life Center

February 12 (9:00 a.m.)  Legislative Advocacy Day: Epworth Children's Home, Columbia

February 15  Deadline for Articles for March *Lantern*

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April  Special Emphasis Month -- Columbia Bethlehem Center

April 6 (8:30 a.m.)  Day Apart and "Spring into Missions": Edisto Fork UMC, Orangeburg
District Executive Committee Meeting

April 26 - 28  Spiritual Growth Retreat: Lake Junaluska

May 15  Deadline for Articles for June *Lantern*

May 18 (9:00 a.m.)  Come Together/Be Together: Trinity UMC, Spartanburg

June 1  *Lantern* published

July  Special Emphasis Month -- Rural Mission

July 18 - 20  Mission u: Spartanburg Methodist College

August 15  Deadline for Articles for September *Lantern*

August 18 (3:00 p.m.)  District Executive Committee Meeting: Holly Hill UMC, Holly Hill

September  Special Emphasis Month -- Killingsworth

September 1  *Lantern* published

September 14 (8:00 a.m.)  District Annual Meeting: Holly Hill UMC, Holly Hill

October 25 - 26  SCCUMW Annual Meeting: Buncombe Street UMC, Greenville

November 7 (6:00 p.m.)  Killingsworth Gala

November 9 (8:30 a.m.)  SCCUMW Officers' Training (District Officers): Ashland UMC, Columbia
District Executive Committee Meeting

November 15  Deadline for Articles for December *Lantern*

December  Special Emphasis Month -- Spartanburg Bethlehem Center

December 1  *Lantern* published