Greenwood District United Methodist Women

Annual Meeting

“Women Walking by Faith, Not by Sight”

Saturday, September 23, 2017

Grace United Methodist Church

639 Georgia Ave., North Augusta, SC 29841

Phone: (803) 279-7525

Registration begins at 9:15 AM, Assembly at 10 AM

Speaker: Deaconess Selena Ruth Smith

A Time To Celebrate God’s Work Through United Methodist Women of the Greenwood District!
News from District President

By Harriet Creswell, President, Greenwood District UMW

Fall is in the air! It is unbelievable how fast time flies. The Greenwood District United Methodist Women is gearing up for fall activities, including our Annual Meeting at Grace United Methodist Church in North Augusta. Grace is our largest unit; they are doing remarkable work. They have initiated a scholarship program for young women, they have been able to attract younger women to their membership, and they have exemplified the precepts of United Methodist Women in every way. We appreciate their hosting the Annual Meeting and hope for good attendance.

We are excited to have Deaconess Selena Ruth Smith as our featured speaker. You are sure to enjoy her youthful enthusiasm and contagious spirit of service. Make your plans to attend on September 23.

Our conference Annual Meeting is in Irmo this year. This meeting is always a blessing for those who attend. Let’s have a large number of representatives from the Greenwood District.

It seems as if we are always being asked for reports. Especially this time of year, it is very important to complete reports and submit them to the appropriate people. This is how your units may be recognized for the good work they do. We know there is remarkable work being done by the Greenwood District United Methodist Women; we want to showcase our women.

As always, I am humbled by the opportunity to serve as your president. Thanks for all you do for United Methodist Women.

Harriet
Oops ... Correction for the June 2017 News A Plenty

In the June 2017 issue of News A Plenty, there were a couple of errors in photo identification that we would like to correct. On page 1 in the photo of those serving on the program for the Greenwood District UMW Day Apart in Newberry, Mary Linda Hill, soloist (left photo) was identified incorrectly. Also on page 1, in the photo of the O’Neal Street UMW hostesses, the name of Castinn Phifer (right photo) was omitted. We apologize for the error, ladies, and we thank you for your beautiful service to the Lord!

SC Conference UMW 45th Annual Meeting

The South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women 45th Annual Meeting at Union United Methodist Church in Irmo, the Columbia District will take place on October 27-28. The theme is “Harvesting the Lord’s Promises” with Bible passage Joshua 14:10. Our keynote speaker is Rev. Millie Nelson Smith, Congregational Specialist for Columbia and Hartsville Districts. Bible Study leader is Rev. Cathy Jamieson, Columbia District Superintendent. Come hear their inspiring words.

The Program Committee, the Columbia District and Union United Methodist Women are planning a memorable event. The registration form is on page 11 of this newsletter. We cordially invite you to be there. We encourage you to bring your friends.

Cathy Ford
Vice President
SC Conference UMW

Let us continue to prepare for our 150th Anniversary Celebration on March 23, 2019 by giving to the Legacy Fund!
**Reminder of District Reports Due From Local Units**

The following are **due immediately**:

- Reading Program (send to Barbara Gates)
- Mission Today Form (send to Mary Lynn Polk)
- Memorial List (send to Deborah Nantz or Harriet Creswell)
- Charter for Racial Justice – Diamond Units Form (send to Cathy Trevino)
- 2017 President’s Report—due by September 30 (send to Harriet Creswell)

Five Star/Gold Seal SC Mission Award (determined by Sarah Deal, Treasurer, based upon your unit’s budget and quarterly reports)

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**Greenwood District United Methodist Women**

**2017-2018 Calendar of Events**

- August, 2017—News-A-Plenty Articles Due
- August 6, 2017—Executive Committee Meeting—Ware Shoals UMC, Ware Shoals, SC
- September, 2017—Special Emphasis Month—Killingsworth Home
- October 27-28, 2017 SCCUMW Annual Meeting, Union UMC, Irmo, SC
- November, 2017—Special Emphasis Month—Bethlehem Center, Spartanburg
- November 9, 2017—Killingsworth Gala, Seawell's, Columbia, SC
- November 11, 2017—District UMW Officers Training, Trenholm Road UMC, Columbia, SC
- December, 2017—News-A-Plenty Articles Due
- January 20, 2018—Greenwood District Officers’ Training Event, Central UMC, Newberry, SC
- March 3, 2018—Greenwood District Day Apart, Zion UMC, Prosperity, SC
- May 18-20, 2018—19th Quadrennial Assembly of UMW in Columbus, OH
- September 22, 2018—Greenwood District Annual Meeting, Wightman UMC, Prosperity, SC

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**Important Dates To Remember!**
Charter for Racial Justice Diamond Unit Award

In order to receive a Diamond Unit Certificate, a minimum of three activities must be completed. At least one of the three MUST be from the diamond group (first four activities listed below). Units MUST choose one new activity (i.e. different from those credited in the prior year) each year. Certificates will be presented at your District Annual Meeting.

Please return this form to Cathy Trevino, District Social Action Coordinator as soon as possible!

.ONE OPPORTUNITY IS REQUIRED

◊ Provide each member with a copy of the Charter for Racial Justice
◊ Watch a video relating to concerns addressed by the Charter for Racial Justice (Visit the Conference Resource Center’s online catalog for several titles – http://www.umcesc.org/resourcecenter/frameset.htm. Select an appropriate age group. In the block labeled: “description” enter “racism” or “justice” for titles under each subject).
◊ Share articles from Response and New World Outlook relating to racism
◊ Give a book report on a UMW Reading Program book that relates to minority group

Have a program on racial justice or human rights from the UMW Program Book (past or present).

Give a Unit report about an experience; i.e. attendance at a music or theatrical performance by persons of a different culture, race, or ethnic background.

Send at least one UMW member (District or Conference officer) to the annual Legislative Day event.

Participate in post card writing to support legislation on behalf of women, children, and youth on social justice issues.

Have two or more members from your Unit participate in Church Women United activities.

Participate in a Bible study on racism. A helpful source: UMW website: www.gbgm-umc.org/umw/resources/racialjustice/.

Celebrate one or more of the following months: African-American Month (February), Asian Pacific American Heritage Month (May), Hispanic Heritage Month (September) or American Indian Heritage Month (November). A helpful resource is the UMW website.

Plan a pulpit/pastor exchange with a pastor of another race.

Plan an event with a Unit of a different race/ethnic background (a celebration, vacation Bible school, worship service), and give a Unit report.

Participate in a UMW Social Action Mission Study

Invite a minority person or group to speak about their country of origin.

Church Name: ___________________ Church Address: ___________________

Does Your Unit Receive Response Magazine?

Response, an award-winning publication, is the official magazine of United Methodist Women and is published by the national office. Each issue will touch your heart, stir your soul, and challenge your mind. Topics and issues cover spiritual growth, mission outreach and reports on our local, national and international work.

Response features include: Bible studies, opportunities for spiritual growth and development, program suggestions, articles on where the Pledge to Mission money goes, regular features such as "Bright Lights" and "Responsively Yours".

Response helps United Methodist Women reach out to: New and potential members of United Methodist Women, Every woman in your church who shares our commitment to mission and welfare of women, youth, and children, High school and college students, especially the young women in your congregation, Sunday school teachers who can share response mission stories with all ages, leaders in your congregation, friends. For more information go to the website www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/response.
PRESIDENT’S REPORT FOR 2016 (for September 1, 2016—August 31, 2017)

Unit (Church or group of churches) ____________________________

President ____________________________________________

President’ E-Mail __________________ President’s Phone Number ____________________

I. Membership totals:
   Total number of members in unit ______
   Total deceased this year _____ (Send names to Deborah Nantz)

II. Pledges and contributions:
   Actual amounts sent in to District Treasurer:
   Pledge to Missions _______  World Thank Offering _______
   Gift in Memory $5/card_______  Gift to Missions $5/card_______
   Special Mission Recognition (at least $40) ______  Call to Prayer & Self Denial _______
   Killingsworth ______
   Wallace Family Life Center ______  Bethlehem Center, Spartanburg______
   Bethlehem Center, Columbia ________  Rural Mission ________

III. Participation:  (since September 1, 2016)
   District Events (Number of people from your unit attending each event):
   Annual Meeting 2016 (at St. Paul UMC, Saluda)_____
   Day Apart 2017 (at  O’Neal St. UMC, Newberry) _______
   Officers’ Training 2017 (at Main St. UMC, Greenwood) _______

   Conference Events (Number of people from your unit attending each event):
   Annual Meeting 2016 (at Bethany UMC, Summerville) ______
   Officers’ Training (at Virginia Wingard UMC, Columbia) ______
   Legislative Day, 2017(at Epworth) ________
   Spiritual Growth Retreat (at Lake Junaluska) _______
   Come Together, Be Together (at Florence) ________
   Other Conference Events (like Killingsworth Gala) _________

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IV. Mission Education/Mission Today:

Total Number of Reading Participants: ______
Total Number of subscriptions to *Response* ______
Use of Program Books (yes/no) ______
Use of Prayer Calendar (yes/no) ______ How used?
___________________________________________________________

Racial Justice Diamond Unit (yes/no)______
In what public school system is your unit located? __________________________
Did your unit complete activities to support Campaign for Children? (This can be any activities that support the welfare, education, nutrition, family life of children in your community.)__________
What other projects or activities would you like others to know about?
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Send this report (Page 6 & 7) to:

Harriet Creswell
4324 McCormick Hwy
Bradley, SC 29819
By September 30, 2017
MEMORIAL LISTS DUE

Please submit names of all those who have passed away during the past year (since the last annual meeting in September, 2016) to:

Harriet Creswell
4324 McCormick Hwy
Bradley, SC 29819
harrietcreswell@embarqmail.com

or to

Deborah Nantz
456 Audubon Circle
Belvedere, SC 29841

This is very important so these names may be included in our memorial service and in the Annual Meeting program booklet. Thank you!

These Ladies Are Looking For You!!!

Wilma, Carol, Cassandra, Joyce, Mary Ann, and Brenda—your Greenwood District UMW Cluster Leaders—will be on hand to greet you and your UMW ladies when you arrive and register at this year’s Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 23 at Grace UMC in North Augusta—they look forward to seeing you! We hope all of our Greenwood District UMW units will be represented!
MISSION TODAY ACTION FORM

Unit President: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Unit Name: ___________________________ Number of Members in Unit: __________

Units, which include all circles, must complete at least 10 of the following items. All units must complete #1.

Check if your unit:

_____ 1. Made and met its Pledge to Mission.

_____ 2. Used the Prayer Calendar at each General Membership Meeting of the unit to pray for people in mission and for our mission work with women, children and youth.

_____ 3. Added at least one or more members to its roll.

_____ 4. Had at least one member who subscribes to Response Magazine.

_____ 5. Had at least one member (other than a conference or district officer) attend Mission u and/or a district or local mission study.

_____ 6. Had at least one member (other than a conference or district officer) attend the District Annual Meeting.

_____ 7. Had at least one member (other than a conference or district officer) attend the Conference Annual Meeting.

_____ 8. Had at least two members who wrote to at least five people listed in the Prayer Calendar – at least once during the year.

_____ 9. Participated in the Campaign for Children.

_____ 10. Is a Five Star Unit, contributing to all five channels of Mission Giving.

_____ 11. Had at least one person complete one of the plans in the Reading Program.

_____ 12. Invited a district or conference officer, other than a member of the unit, to one unit meeting during the year.

Check if your unit, circle, or subgroup:

_____ 13. Included a Response Moment where an article from Response Magazine was lifted up as a way to tell the mission story in at least three meetings.

_____ 14. Had at least two programs from the Program Book.

Message from Greenwood District Treasurer

By Sarah Deal

All Units of United Methodist Women will need to present their Pledge for year 2018 at our Annual Meeting on September 23 at Grace UMC in North Augusta, SC. Treasurers need to send your 3rd quarter reports to me right away in order for your church to receive your 5-Star and Mission Certificates.

Sarah

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45TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

OCTOBER 27-28, 2017
UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  7582 WOODROW STREET, IRMO, SC 29063

For Registration Information contact Pam Thomas, Registrar at (803) 629-0246 or email: pamtjcbiz@gmail.com

THEME: “HARVESTING THE LORD’S PROMISES”

NAME: ___________________________________________ (PLEASE PROVIDE NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON NAME TAG)

ADDRESS: ___________________________________________ CITY: ___________ ZIP: __________________________

BEST CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: ________________ DISTRICT: ___________ CHURCH: __________________________

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _______________________________ DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: ________________

CHECK ALL OF THE FOLLOWING THAT APPLY:

___ FIRST TIME  ___ CONFERENCE OFFICER  ___ PAST CONFERENCE PRESIDENT  ___ CLERGY
___ UNDER 40  ___ DISTRICT OFFICER  ___ UNIT PRESIDENT  ___ MISSION DIRECTOR
___ AGE 14-30 LIMITLESS  ___ VOTING DELEGATE  ___ MISSIONARY/DEACONESS
___ NURSERY NEEDED-NUMBER OF CHILDREN/AGES___________________________________________

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY PLEASE CONTACT ______________________________ PHONE: __________________________

___ cut here and return top portion to Registrar listed below ___

Will you be at Dinner on Friday night 5:30-6:30 pm?_______ Will you be at lunch on Saturday?________
Please note: Meals require a meal ticket from your registration packet

**Workshops**

Please select your first (1) and second (2) choice for Friday afternoon workshops. You will be assigned to one of your selections.

___ Be a Fan for Your Health ___ Every Student Succeeds Act ___ Federal Healthcare Act ___ Learning Your Leadership Story
___ Meet Your 3 National Mission Projects ___ Missionary Conference/Mission u Study ___ Sex Trafficking ___ Where Does the Money Go?
___ Who Are the Limitless Team?

~ ~ FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27 ~ ~

REGISTRATION: 12:30 PM – 3:00PM IN THE TOWER ENTRY OF THE CHURCH

(Anyone arriving after 3pm may still register prior to Communion Service. No meal tickets will be available unless pre-registered)

OPTIONAL PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES AND A TOUR/MINI WORK PROJECT AT SHARING GOD’S LOVE WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING REGISTRATION. THE TOUR BUS WILL DEPART THE CHURCH PARKING LOT AT 2 P.M. AND RETURN 2:30 P.M.

SESSION 2
3:00PM OPENING CEREMONIES/BIBLE STUDY—SANCTUARY
4:10PM WORKSHOPS
5:30PM DINNER MEAL TICKET REQUIRED
7:00PM FIVE MISSION PROJECTS reps, WORSHIP SERVICE & HOLY COMMUNION–SANCTUARY
8:00PM AFTERGLOW AND FELLOWSHIP/BOOKMARK EXCHANGE—FELLOWSHIP HALL

~ ~ SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28 ~ ~

REGISTRATION: 8:00AM – 9:00AM IN THE TOWER ENTRY (for those attending only Saturday sessions)

9:00-10:30 AM SESSION 2: GENERAL BUSINESS IN SANCTUARY
10:45AM-12:25 PM GENERAL BUSINESS CONTINUED—KEYNOTE ADDRESS
12:30 PM LUNCH MEAL TICKET REQUIRED
1:45—3:00 PM GENERAL BUSINESS—SANCTUARY/ELECTION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS/CLOSING

SEND REGISTRATION ALONG WITH $30 FEE (PAYABLE TO SCCUMW) TO: Pam Thomas, P.O. Box 23067, Columbia, SC 29224

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCT. 13, 2017—REGISTRATIONS POSTMARKED AFTER 10/14/17 & ANY ONSITE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE $35
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 commu-
ity of women whose PURPOSE IS TO KNOW GOD and to experi-
ence 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.