Mission Echo



SCCUWF Newsletter | June 2025

The Mission Echo is the quarterly UWFaith Newsletter

2025 BOOK STUDY

The South Carolina United Women in Faith successfully

completed their 2025 four-session book study, focusing on Ibram Kendi's impactful work, How To Be An Antiracist. Facili-

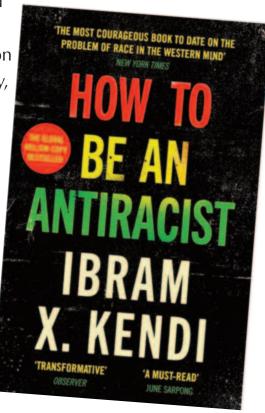
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online

by Barbara Brooks and Jane Crawford, the sessions created a space for open and honest dialogue. The leaders emphasized a "no judgment zone," inviting participants to explore the complexities of

racism and engage in selfreflection. The book challenged readers to adopt new perspectives on themselves and others. As one participant noted, "Anyone can be racist," acknowledging the existence of prejudice within all races. The

group concluded their study with a heartfelt closing prayer centered on the theme of universal love: "Love is the Key. We must Love one another."



Make plans to attend 2025 Mission u. Registration information inside.

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Greetings From the Desk of the President



Debra Schooler
SCC UWFAith President

Greetings my sisters in Christ. I cannot believe it is already May!!! This has been an exciting and fun year so far.

In February, we had our annual Legislative Advocacy Day

for the first time in person since the pandemic. Patricia Armstrong and her committee presented a program and speakers that brought to light issues in our state that we need to be aware of so that we can act. Our UWF **are ladies of action**. I felt inspired to act and I have reached out to our speakers to start working on these issues.

We had our Spiritual Growth event on April 12th. Sandra Love and her team presented an outstanding program. Our guest speaker was Rev. Kim Bryant, Associate Pastor Grace UMC and the theme was staying connected spiritually. The workshops followed that theme. They were:

- Staying Connected Spiritually Courtney Thomas
- Random Acts of Kindness –
 Pam Ashwood
- Staying Connected Virtually Kim Love Quick

I enjoyed the event and the fellowship, even if it was by zoom.

Our Come Together Be Together on May 17th, hosted by Greenville District, with a theme "Imitators of God." Ephesians 5:1-2. The guest speaker was Rev Karen Jones from Open Hearts UMC. I pray everyone enjoyed this event as much as I did.

I pray everyone participated in the Book Study. The Book "How to be an Antiracist" was the focus of the study. It is so important during this time in our country that we commit to stopping racism and the study helped us to learn what we can do to improve our relationships with our brothers and sisters of color.

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Desk of the President continued

Our Racial Justice Action Team is planning our event for June. We are meeting to finalize the details. More information will be sent to you shortly.

I hope everyone has signed up for Mission u – happening in July – 17th – to 19th. Jackie Session and her team have been working hard. I always look forward to our time in Spartanburg. The information and registration forms are in this Mission Echo.

As always, our ladies are hard at work planning events that you will

find educational, inspiring, and fun. I pray that everyone is making plans to attend and enjoy our events.

Remember our verse for this year: Micah 6:8 tells us: "...the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what He requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

Be Bold and remember that we are the hands and feet of Jesus.



WE WANT YOU!

Committee on nominations is looking for a few good women ready to go to the next level of service!

If you are interested in moving from local to state leadership we are looking for you! To learn more, reach out to Kim Neel at kzneel@aol.com - we have an opportunity custom made for you. Pray on it and let me know! Peace,

See Potential Leadership Form In This Issue

Kim Zeise Meel
CON Member

Preliminary Annual Meeting Plans

From Your Conference Vice President - Kathy Roys

Ladies, be sure to put October 24-25 on your calendar for this year's South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith Annual Meeting. The Spartanburg District will be hosting at St. Paul United Methodist Church on 1320 Fernwood-Glendale Road.

The Spartanburg District is providing this year's featured speaker, Chip Walters, director

of Sidewalk Hope, a local ministry involved in traveling around to various neighborhoods to share Bible

stories, snacks, and lots of love. The Sidewalk Hope truck will be on display in the church parking lot during our event for tours. Their website is sidewalkhope.org.

Our Friday evening worship service message will be given by the Spartanburg District Superintendent, Rev. Cathy Mitchell. Our theme is The Good Shepherd Cares, and we will be focusing on Ezekiel 34 (CEB).

be going to the Bethlehem Center, Spartanburg. We plan to have a workshop featuring our state mission project directors to give updates on their ministries and answer questions. Please consider

Our local project supplies will

early. Thanks!

We always enjoy being together, so please plan to be a part of our annual celebration. More details will be provided in the September Mission Echo.

See you in October!

Spartanburg District To Host **SC Conference United Women in Faith Annual Meeting** October 24-25

bringing gift cards for all our mission projects. A needs list will be provided in the September Mission Echo, Pull tabs are still being collected. The registration form is available in this issue of the Mission Echo. Please note the registration fees and deadlines for each. You get the best deal by registering before the end of September. Our program committee and host district need time to prepare the best event possible, so register



faith action sisterhood



2025 SCCUWFAITH PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS:

Congratulations



Gabrielle Miller

PARENTS

Dr. Gary and Charlean Miller CHURCH:

Orangeburg Wesley Foundation Rev Shirley Peterson Gordon

EDUCATION:

Claflin University

THANK YOU

I am honored to be the recipient of the Presidential Scholarship from the South Carolina United Women in Faith. I want to express my sincere gratitude to you and the entire committee for selecting me for this opportunity. It truly means a lot to me.



Alexzandria Brown

PARENTS

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CHURCH:

Edisto Fork United Methodist Church

Reverend Ellis White Jr, Pastor

EDUCATION:

Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School

THANK YOU

"I am deeply grateful to have received the Presidential Scholarship Award, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the SCCUWF and Scholarship Committee for selecting me as a recipient. As I pursue my dreams and ambitions, I remain committed to inspiring others along the way."

South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith



"Practicing Hope" How do we understand hope in the midst of hard realities? Is it merely optimism? What if we understood hope as something we practice every day? Mission u 2025 begins with the resurrection appearance of Jesus and the example of early Christian communities to explore what it meant to practice hope in God even when things seem to be falling apart.

The South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith Mission u 2025 prepares for faithful living and action by engaging in transformative educational experiences. Mission u is scheduled to be held on Thursday, July 17th through Saturday, July 19th on the beautiful campus of Spartanburg Methodist College. The studies will be held for adults and youth ages 12 to 18. This event is centered around a curriculum designed to motivate, inform, and enrich our commitment to global ministry.

The Adult Study's theme of "Practicing Hope" by Tabatha Holley is a biblical curriculum that invites us to explore hope as a daily practice. Its purpose is to teach all our communities to cultivate hope that is:

The Youth Study's theme "Communities of the Spirit: Living into Hope as Resurrection People by Regina Heater examines the inexplicable hope; we find in early post-resurrection Christian communities and how they kept hope alive even in seemingly hopeless times. The author names these "Communities of the Spirit" and asks how we can create such communities today by examining common themes found in the post-resurrection stories: bravery, miracles, rituals, time and diversity, the fruit of the Spirit, and adversity and perseverance.

Please order your booklet at uwfaith.org/events/mission-u where digital copies are also available to begin preparation. There will be no booklets for purchase while at Mission u. Please save the date and make plans to join us at Mission u as we explore the good news and what it means for our lives! Please see enclosed the Mission u registration information for adults, youth and chaperones completion.

So, grab a friend or two or three to get away for an inviting and educational spiritual three-day event not to be missed!

We HOPE to see you there on July 17th – July 19th!

Peace, love and blessings,

Jacquelyn Session, Mission u Dean <u>Jacquelyn.session@outlook.com</u> (803)8

^{*}honest about our current conditions (refuge)

^{*}restorative when everything feels urgent (rest)

^{*}possible even when we transgress (repair).



Register NOW MISSION u



July 17 - 19, 2025

Spartanburg Methodist College

Dean: Jacquelyn Session 803-883-6070

jacquelyn.session@outlook.com

Registrar: Marlene Spencer 704-502-3914 quintwin@bellsouth.net

Theme: Practicing Hope Together

General Information Please Read Carefully

Youth /Chaperone Covenant and Consent forms: Youth participants must complete a registration form, covenant, parental consent form, information form, and covenant form for adult chaperones. These forms must be mailed together. Registration is incomplete until all forms are received by the registrar. Forms are located on the web at https://www.umcsc.org/women/ or may be secured from the registrar.

NOTE: ALL ATTENDEES MUST COMPLETE A REGISTRATION FORM.

Registration: Thursday afternoon from 12:30-3:50 pm and 6-6:45 pm in Ellis Hall Atrium.

First Timer's and Clergy Orientation: Thursday, 3:00-3:45 pm in Ellis Hall

Opening Plenary: Thursday, 4 pm

Offering: An offering for our four mission projects will be received during the closing plenary on Saturday before lunch.

Books: Please purchase your study book before coming to Mission u. Study books <u>will NOT</u> be available in the resource room. This is a change made by UWF National: https/www.umwmissionresources.org/

Housing: Resident participants will be housed in college dormitories. You need a pillow, bed linen (college dorms style twin bed is longer length than a regular twin bed. Two flat sheets will be better than a fitted sheet), bath linen, bathmat, soap, flashlight, raingear, Bible, water bottle, pens, notebook, trash bags, jacket or sweater, tote bag/bookbag for Bible and study book and other items necessary for your comfort away from home for a few days. (Classrooms and dorm rooms may be cold. Bring appropriate linens and clothing.)

Please bring cash or a checkbook for shopping in the craft room and resource room. Credit cards are not accepted.

Refund policy: Request must be submitted to the registrar via email before July 1, 2025. **Registrations** are transferrable if you need to cancel — NO REFUNDS AFTER JULY 1, 2025.

Keys: A \$10 deposit is required at registration for keys, which are refunded at checkout. THERE WILL BE A \$100 CHARGE FOR LOST KEYS — NO EXCEPTIONS. Please bring cash (\$10) or a check.



2024 SC Conference UWFaith Mission u

Thursday, July 17- Saturday, July 19, 2025 Spartanburg Methodist College

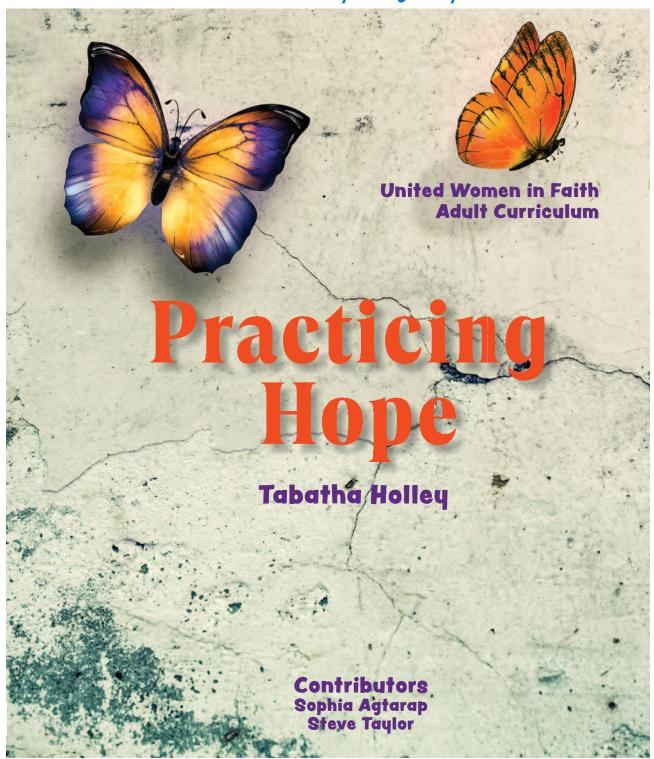
Theme: Practicing Hope Together

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Register Now

Mission u Adult Study • July 17-19, 2025



Make Plans to Attend

Mission u at Spartanburg Methodist College



South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith

Application for Bess Dowling Ware Mission u Scholarships

Spartanburg Methodist College July 17-19, 2025 "Practicing Hope Together"

South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith are offering sizeable scholarships for Mission u thanks to the generosity of the Bess Dowing Ware Family. To honor their mother who enjoyed Mission u, then called School of Christian Mission every summer, a scholarship in her name is provided for others to experience the event their mother loved so very much. With much excitement she looked forward to this annual event.

- Two scholarships in the amount of \$100 each for two individuals who meet one of the following criteria: an adult under the age of forty or adult first time to Mission u.
- Two scholarships in the amount of \$200 each for a youth attendee and her chaperone are available. Each \$200 scholarship will be shared with \$100 to youth registration cost and \$100 to the chaperone registration cost. The youth make the application and named her chaperone.

Application deadline is postmark or email date of July 1, 2025

A brief paragraph stating (50 words or less) why you want to attend Mission u and how you plan to use the information received during Mission u upon your return home is required. **Please attach to this application.**

Please provide the following:		
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Questions contact: Jacquelyn Ses	ssion at 803-883-6070 or <u>Jacquelyn.se</u>	ession@outlook.com
Please mail or email this form w	ith the attachment prior to July 1, 202	25, to:
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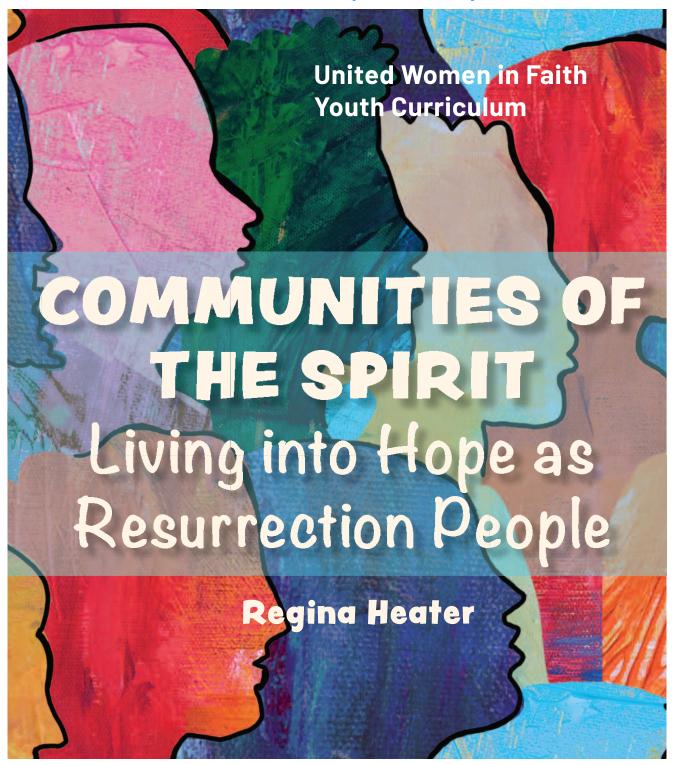
United Women in Faith

1018 Bordeaux Avenue

Sumter, South Carolina 29153

Youth Are Welcome

Mission u Youth Study • July 17-19, 2025



Bring Your Youth

Mission u at Spartanburg Methodist College



Mission u Teen Information

Please read carefully. Required Registration for Teen Women SCCUMW Mission u 2025

To complete registration, ALL the following must be signed, dated, and <u>mailed together</u> to:

Marlene Spencer, SCCUWF Mission u Registrar

P. O. Box 10, Clover, SC 29710 quintwin@bellsouth.net

Phone: 704-502-3914

- 1. Mission u Registration Form
- 2. YOUTH COVENANT
- 3. PARENTAL CONSENT AND MEDICAL RELEASE FORM
- 4. COVENANT FOR ADULT CHAPERONES WITH TEEN WOMEN
- 5. GUIDELINES FOR ADULT CHAPERONES Must be signed by teen women and chaperone
- 6. Youth and Chaperone Signature page

COVENANT AND PARENTAL CONSENT FORM FOR TEEN WOMEN AT UNITED WOMEN in Faith SPONSORED Mission u 2025 Event

YOUTH COVENANT

As a participant in the South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith sponsored Mission u 2025, ol (Print Your Name)
Initials of Teen Woman Participant
Date

Please read carefully. Required Registration for Teen Women SCCUMW Mission u 2025

PARENTAL CONSENT

I (Print Your Name)	give	my permission for my daughter,
Mission u 2025 to be held July 17-19, 20 purpose of this event or meeting and u daughter will participate in during the have read the covenant, which my dau agreed to. I will support her in fulfilling I designate	25, at Spartanburg Methodist Cunderstand the scope and naturevent or meeting, including onsighter has signed, and I understage this covenant.	ollege, Spartanburg, SC. I know the e of the programs and activities my site and possibly off-site activities. I and the responsibilities she has
United Women in Faith South Carolina		
2025, at Spartanburg Methodist Colleg	ge, Spartanburg, SC. I have read	and understand the United Women
in Faith South Carolina Conference pol	icies and procedures for adult c	haperones below.
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian		
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Father's Name		
Family Physician's Name and Telephon		
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3. Is the participant taking any medicat No Yes (If yes, please attending physician needs to know. I give my permission for such diagnothe participant by qualified medical	cion prescribed by a physician? list the medications on the back) ostic and therapeutic procedure care providers, hospitals, or phy he South Carolina Conference U	c along with detailed information an s as may be deemed necessary for ysicians while the participant is en United Women in Faith Mission u 2025
Initials of Parent or Legal Guardian		Date
Printed Name	Relationship to Par	ticipant
Home/cell #	Optional num	nber:

Please read carefully. Required Registration for Teen Women SCCUMW Mission u 2025

COVENANT FOR ADULT CHAPERONES WITH TEEN WOMEN

As a designated adult chaperone with teen women. Conference Mission u 2025, to be held 17-19, 2025 at (Print Name)	Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, SC, I
participants, and administering appropriate disciplin	of sexual abuse, ensuring the safety of teen women
limited to child abuse (either sexual abuse, physical I acknowledge and agree to be the designated adult names of all, not to exceed 8 as per chaperone}	abuse, or emotional abuse). t chaperone for the following teen woman/women {list
supervision during the United Women in Faith-spon study with them. Should I become unable to perform	or study leader and remain with the teen women for
by all restrictions placed on them, and serve as an e	ally signed and collectively agreed to uphold. ned in the covenant for teen women participants, abide exemplary role model during the event or meeting. ders and chaperones with teen women at the United eread, understood, and will follow the "two-adult"
Initials of Adult Chaperone	Date
Printed Full Name	
Home Phone # Cell pho	ne number to be used on campus

Please read carefully. Required Registration for Teen Women SCCUMW Mission u 2025

I (Print Name) ______ agree to always comply with the "Two Adult Rule" so that no adult is ever alone with teen women. When providing one-on-one mentoring or consultation with a teen woman, I will keep the room door open at all times and remain in plain view of others. I agree to report any suspected child abuse or inappropriate behavior between an adult and minor to the designated United Women in Faith Executive Officer.

When taking disciplinary action for minor covenant violations becomes necessary, I agree to use non-physical forms of discipline and employ mediation techniques whenever possible. In so doing, I agree to reserve judgment until all the facts have been obtained and the teen woman committing the violation has been allowed to explain her conduct. Any minor violations of the covenant shall be resolved as promptly and amicably as possible. Responsibility for maintaining the covenant rests with each teen woman and the entire group (that is, the adult chaperone and the teen woman she is designated to supervise). Every effort should be made for mediation, reconciliation, and empowerment within the group to resolve the situation and negotiate the consequences of minor covenant violations. The adult chaperone shall facilitate the mediation and allow the entire group to repair the covenant's brokenness.

MINOR VIOLATIONS OF THE COVENANT ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. Excessive noise or disruptive behavior.
- 2. Disrespect for another's person or property.
- 3. Late for curfew (not in her room when curfew begins).
- 4. Breaking curfew (leaving her room after curfew begins).
- 5. Late to scheduled activities, sessions, or meals.
- 6. Uncooperative attitude.

In the case of major violations of the covenant or civil or criminal violations of the law, the adult chaperone shall immediately intervene without consulting with the rest of the group. The parent or guardian shall be notified promptly. Major covenant violations are not immediate grounds for termination of participation and should be decided between the adult chaperone, teen woman, and parent or guardian. Civil or criminal violations of the law are immediate grounds for termination of participation. In the case of termination of participation, the adult chaperone shall notify the designated United Women in Faith National Office executive staff member immediately and inform her of the circumstances.

MAJOR VIOLATIONS OF THE COVENANT ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. Repeated minor violations (more than three of the same or different).
- 2. Damaging, defacing, or destroying property.
- 3. Leaving the site without permission.
- 4. Skipping scheduled activities, sessions, or meals.
- 5. Violent or abusive behavior or language toward another.
- 6. Endangering one's own or another's safety.

GROUNDS FOR IMMEDIATE TERMINATION OF PARTICIPATION ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. Any civil or criminal violation of the law.
- 2. Use of tobacco, alcohol, or illegal substances.
- 3. Possession of firearms, weapons, or fireworks.

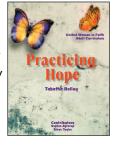
If another adult leader or chaperone witnesses a violation, she shall immediately refer the matter to the designated adult chaperone for the teen woman involved. The designated adult chaperone shall take the necessary steps to ensure proper handling of the situation as outlined above.

Chaperone signature/Initials	Date
Teen signature/Initials	Date

Program Resources News

Mission u is just around the corner. The study books will not be available at Mission u for purchase. You will need to purchase the books prior to attending Mission u on July 17th. This year's books are listed below.

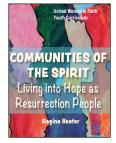
Adult Study



Click on the following link to order the book: https://uw-faithresources.org/prodDetail.cfm?productID=11781. The books costs \$14.99 plus shipping.

You can purchase a digital copy for kindle readers from Amazon for \$5.95. To purchase kindle edition from Amazon, click on the following link: https://a.co/d/cvX9UGV.

Youth Study



At Mission u this year, Program Resource will have material available for you to take a copy of for your unit. Please be mindful that others will need some, and only take 1 or 2 copies of the materials.

Also, I invite anyone that has books from the reading program to bring them to Mission u and place in the program resource room for others to view. Please make sure you have your

name marked in the books. By having books available it will give others the opportunity to view the books and see which books they might be interested in reading. The books will be returned to you at the end of Mission u.

Reading Program information needs to be turned in to me by each district by September 15th in order to be published in the annual meeting program.

Yours In Christ | Vickie Failor | Secretary of Program Resources | 1208 Cedar Lane Rd. | Greenville, SC 29617 | 864-354-8842

BOOKS

WANTED

If you have books that are on the reading list, please consider letting the Program Resource Room borrow them at Mission u.

We would like to have books for ladies to preview and see if they are interested in reading.

Bring books with you to Mission u and give to Vickie Failor in the Program Resource Room in Ellis Hall. Please put your name in the book. The books will be returned at the end of Mission u.

THANK YOU!

We Surpassed Our \$450,000 Goal

2025 Day of Giving Update

\$553,826

I'm excited to announce, for Day of Giving 2025, we surpassed our goal of \$450,000. Praise God! Congrats to all of our UWFaith who were part of Day of Giving 2025. We have a lot to be Thankful for.



Attention District Presidents: I have a bag for each district with Legacy material to share with you. I will be at the SC Conference on June 10th and will be at the United Women in Faith table. If you would like to pick up that goodie bag, stop by so we can meet and provide you with your material bags. For a donation to the Legacy Endowment Fund you will receive a new **NEXT150** pin. If you are not at conference in June, I will have the materials and pins at Mission u in Spartanburg July 2025, looking forward to getting these items to everyone.



We have a lot to be Thankful for, and I appreciate what we are doing for the Legacy Endowment Fund. We are an awesome group of dedicated UWFaith. I am proud to be a part of this wonderful organization.

Thank you again, a million hugs to all

Blessings

Crystal Barrs, SCCUWF

Greetings South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith!

"When you give to the poor, don't let anyone know about it. Then your gift will be given in secret. Your Father knows what is done in secret and will reward you." (Matthew 6:3-4, MSG)

I'm writing this article to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support and generosity. Your contributions are instrumental in allowing us to live out our vision: to be a powerful, fearless force driven by God's love and united in sisterhood, focusing our efforts on women, children, and youth, working for justice, and transforming communities.

As you know, we are committed to addressing the challenges faced by vulnerable populations, both near and far. We believe that witnessing harm is not enough; we must actively strive to alleviate suffering and embody God's love through bold and compassionate action. Mission Giving is the vital engine driving this crucial work.

Our collective efforts during the first quarter were truly remarkable. We exceeded expectations, significantly contributing towards our \$200,155.00 mission goal. The detailed breakdown of our contributions to National is as follows:

\$ 34,679.83	Total Mission Giving
<u>3,477.08</u>	World Thank Offering
685.00	Gift in Memory
435.00	Gift to Mission
1,140.00	Special Mission Recognition
\$ 28,942,75	Pledge

Including designated giving and mission projects, a total of \$60,170.94 was received during the first quarter – a testament to the collective compassion of our members.

I would also like to highlight the "Gift to Mission" card. Before purchasing a greeting card from a commercial retailer, please consider this meaningful alternative. A Gift to Mission card allows you to honor someone special while contributing at least \$5.00 to the vital work of United Women in Faith. This is just one of five ways to contribute through Mission Giving, which supports the entire spectrum of our mission programs around the world. Your gift not only honors a loved one but also directly impacts the lives of women, children, and youth in need globally.



















Thank you again for your selfless generosity and commitment to our shared mission. Your contributions are making a tangible difference in the lives of countless individuals. We are deeply grateful for your partnership in furthering God's work.

Shalom,

Janice Cockfield Eaddy

SCCUWFaith Treasurer

"God's sign language is action!"



Education and **T** Interpretation

This will be the last newsletter before Mission u. **Remember**, the Craft Room wants your craft items. especially jams, jellies, pickles, etc. Ladies have also requested snacks: cookies, brownies, snack mix, things we can sell for under a \$1. And, if you're not good with a needle or in the kitchen, consider sending a donation to the Craft Room. Send or bring your check [payable to SCCUWF]. If you're mailing it, send it to: Janice Eaddy, SCCUWF Treasurer, 101 Winners Circle, Lake City, SC 29560. All proceeds are divided among our four Mission Projects.

Earlier in the year, the Education & Interpretation Committee talked about revising the Mission Today criteria. It hasn't happened, yet. But, if you have a suggestion for something that your unit has been doing that you would like to get credit for, let me or your District E&I Coordinator know. It's too late for this year's Mission Today awards, but the Committee will take it under advisement for the future.

Regarding Mission Today, last year **Orangeburg** and **Charleston** Districts had the highest number of units to participate. There's ten districts that have to get busy to match or surpass them this year. The deadline for reporting will be near the end of August or the middle of September.

Beth Addis

Beth Addis, **Education & Interpretation** Mission Coordinator



Spiritual Growth

Submitted by: Sandra Love Spiritual Growth Coordinator

It is my pleasure to serve as your Spiritual Growth Coordinator. As we are all tasked to focus on our minds and bodies in 2025 and beyond; our Virtual Spiritual Growth Retreat held on April 12th hopefully helped to get you started to move in that direction. Our speaker Rev. Meredith Dark from North Charleston United Methodist Church along with the workshops; Connected us with instructions on how to navigate finding resources lead by Kimberly Love Quick, becoming an advocate for our women and children led by a representative from Columbia Advocacy group and Random Acts of Kindness led by Pam Ashwood.

It is my prayer that those attended left motivated and anxious to get to work in your community to help make a difference in the lives of others. There were 118+ persons in attendance We are...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.

I encourage you to plan to attend Mission u to continue nourishing your soul care and self-care to make you stronger in body, mind and spirit. Thank you for your prayers,

support and participation.

Sandra slgtar@aol.com



53rd South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith Annual Meeting October 24-25, 2025 October 24-25, 2025 St. Paul United Methodist Church, 1320 Fernwood-Glendale Rd., Spartanburg, SC

For registration information contact Michele Harvey, 864-680-2207, pmharvey@bellsouth.net

The Good Shepherd Cares - Ezekiel 34

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Please register early. We need the time to make final preparations. Thank you for your consideration!

News from Killingsworth

Submitted By: Susan Sirmons | Executive Director | Killingsworth Home

About Killingsworth - A Place of Safety, Caring, and Support

Greetings from Killingsworth, staff and residents. It was an exciting quarter. Here at Killingsworth we have increased our number of beds from 17 to 19 because of the increase in Women applying to be a part of our very structured program. We have become well known in the community as providing a

safe nurturing, Christian and structured environment for the Women we serve and provide the tools they need to re-enter their communities as stable and productive citizens. Also, for furthering the rehabilitation for the formerly incarcerated and reuniting families that were estranged because of drug use, homelessness or former incarceration.

We are happy to announce that we have had five women who have successfully completed our program in the last four months. These women had an average stay here at Killingsworth from six months to two years. We had one resident that completed a two-year welding program at Midland's tech and three others that have enrolled in school. 99% of our women are gainfully employed; the others have employment pending. We were also Blessed to have five interns this past semester from our local colleges with three that were psychology majors and one who majored in social work. We were also Blessed with three volunteers this past quarter to include one of our former residents that graduated our

program about a year ago and a current resident who has been clean for more than four years. I have been able to utilize both interns and volunteers to offset some of our staff costs by using them to cover shifts. All of them have been adequately trained of course.

I am also excited to announce our annual golf tournament, which

is scheduled for Monday, May 19, 2025, at Player's Club here in Columbia SC. We will be playing the Pebble Beach golf course. Check in begins at 9:30 am with Tee times of 10 am, 12pm, 2pm and 4pm. Please visit our website at Killingsworth.org or call us at 803-771-6359 for additional information. We

will be announcing other upcoming fund raisers later in the year.

I, as Executive Director, would like to thank all the United Methodist Churches and the United Women in Faith for all of your dedication, donations, time and prayers. A big thanks to others in the community from other denominations who have also contributed and poured into Killingsworth and our Killingsworth Women. To God be the Glory. As the Director, I ask for your Prayers and continued support.

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SOCIAL ACTION CORNER

Submitted by: Patricia Armstrong - Social Action Coordinator

Greetings My Sisters, It's spring time! Flowers are blooming. Gardens are being prepped with seeds and yearlings that will prayerfully produce bountiful harvest. Graduation excitement fills the air. The end of school year fever has taken control. Vacation-vacation plans are high on the list of things to do. Many United Women in Faith units will take a short break from routine UWF business during the summer season. Taking time to spend with family and friends is -

needed. Taking time for me time is necessary. Let's face it, all of us get burned out from time to time. Perhaps you've gone through a period when you wondered if what you're doing is enough. Maybe wondered if what you are doing really makes a difference. Even questioning if there is anything more that you need to do. Just know you are not the only one. It's okay to step back and regroup, that doesn't mean you've forgotten the why of it. We had a dynamic Legislative Advocacy Day. The speakers were outstanding. Each shared their why and did so with passion and conviction. One of our speakers, Vivian Anderson, founder of Every-BlackGirl, Inc. (What is EBG? | EveryBlackGirl, Inc) shared a heartfelt poem about her life experience. The poem was written during her stay at a YMCA. As you prepare for what I pray will be a joyful, fun time Summer I would like to leave you with excerpts from Ms. Anderson's poem and Colossians 3.

SEE POEM EXCERPT ON NEXT PAGE

12. Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

13. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

15. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 17. And whatever you do,

whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

- Colossians 3:12-17

Enjoy your Summer. Keep your Y near by. Hope to see you at Mission u.

Peace and Blessings
Patricia Armstrong,
Social Action Coordinator



SOCIAL ACTION CONTINUES

Submitted by: Patricia Armstrong - Social Action Coordinator

POEM EXCERPTS MENTIONED ON PREVIOUS PAGE

Y I Do What I Do?

Y do I do what I do?

I prayed and asked the creator to use me

And I am so very thankful that he chose me

So I don't worry working past a 9-5,

b/c I know I'm changing lives

there are those who consider what I do, slaving 4 the man

I want them 2 understand

I do this 4 the children

Malcolm told me to protect them by any means necessary

Martin asked me to help them envision their dreams

And Marcus, Marcus said to me to "tell them to rise up, let them know they are

a mighty people, and they can accomplish what they will"

So I will continue to do what I do

Which is give them encouragement

Teach them self love and acknowledgment

Cause lest not forget

When we're gone the legacies must carry on.

Y do I do what I do?

I do it b/c 4 their baby's mothers still weep

I do it so children nationwide can sleep, peacefully

I do it so my actions can show you we are far from being free

if we continue to let our children be in need

I do it so there can be less hate

And more peace

I do it hoping one day child abuse will cease

I do it b/c 2 many want 2 B goodfellas

Instead of righteous people

I do b/c I know a misdirected mind can be lethal

I do this b/c what the Y does locally and globally

Slowly but surely we'll create harmony and understanding that eliminates war

I do this b/c I know the young people we serve...

will create a tomorrow for us where hate, racism, bigotry, abuse

are no more. They will be no more.

Legislative Advocacy Day









The Legislative Advocacy was held Tuesday,
March 18th at Epworth Children Home. The
camera caught women from across the state
catching up with one another.
Check out more pictures at:
https://we.tl/yPvcyyU195
Photos provided by:
Karen Addy of Epworth Children home and
Donnell Flowers of DEF Creations.









SCC UWFaith Communication Coordinator Attends Prayer Brunch

by: W. Chandler-Flowers

On Saturday, May 3rd, Mt. Zion United Women in Faith (UWF) held their inaugural Prayer Brunch at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in Kingstree,



Attendees listened intently to the speaker as they enjoyed their meal.

South Carolina. Dressed in elegant white, the women gathered in a beautifully adorned fellowship hall, decorated in serene tones of white and yellow. Each table featured an inspirational card; the one at mine read, "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you" (James 4:8).

The hospitality began well before the event. I received a thoughtful invitation in the mail from local UWF president Carolyn Scott, followed a few days later by an electronic invitation from member Ethel Holmes—evidence that no detail was left to chance.

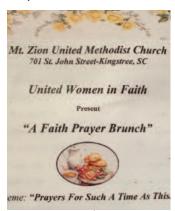
Titled "A Faith Prayer Brunch: Prayers for Such a Time as This," the event featured Monica Murdaugh of St. John UMC Greentown as the guest speaker. Before Murdaugh took the podium, attendees were blessed with moving performances: Ms. Annie Miller-Giles sang "Fill My Cup," while Kristen Miller did an interpretive dance. Together, they delivered a soul-stirring moment that resonated deeply with all present.

Murdaugh captivated the room with her powerful

message, centered on Esther 4:6. She left the women with three poignant questions:

Are you prepared? Are you willing to go? Are you willing to serve?

She challenged the audience with a bold declaration: If we do these things, we—the women of UWF—can change the world.



Prayer Brunch Program

Special prayers were offered during the brunch: Ella Alston prayed for the children, the sick, and the world, while W. Ann Bartelle lifted up leaders, churches, and communities.

The only gentleman present served as the pianist, but he offered more than music. His rich baritone voice filled the hall as he sang "The Storms of Life

Keep on Raging," bringing another moment of deep reflection.

Emcee Kareem Wallace-McCrea encouraged everyone to make a commitment: to pray for at least five minutes a day.

Guest Speaker: Monica Murdaugh

Program organizer Sandra Fluitt closed the event with a heartfelt message that left a lasting impact.

The brunch ended with the women forming a prayer circle, with most lifting someone else up in prayer. The Mt. Zion United Women Faith know that God is the answer—and they continue to lean on Him, united in spirit and purpose.

Wallace Family Life Center Update

Submitted by: Sarah D. Woods, WFLC Board Member

The Wallace Family Life Center board continues its regular schedule, meeting every other month with the next meeting set for May 24th. Administrative progress is well underway as all committees have completed their budget outlines for the upcoming year, which will soon be compiled to create the center's comprehensive budget.

We're pleased to report several facility improvements at the center. Security cameras have been installed around the entire building, enhancing safety for all visitors and staff. The center's bus has been successfully repaired and is back in service, with a new volunteer driver now on board. Additionally, the bathrooms have undergone significant renovations and upgrades to better serve our community.

The center has been bustling with community activities over the past few months. On March 15th, we hosted the Bennettsville/Dillon cluster meeting, followed by a Day Apart event on March 29th. Our second food giveaway was successfully conducted on April 7th, and we've held two additional community events at the facility since the previous newsletter. In April, the Florence District United Women in Faith members brought supplies to the WFLC.



Florence District UWFaith Leadership teams donate supplies while visiting Wallace Family Life Center

Looking ahead, exciting plans are in motion for the coming months. The program committee is actively working to organize summer tutoring events to support local

students. We're also pleased to announce that the Bennettsville / Cheraw Area Cooperative Ministry has selected the Wallace Family Life Center as the venue for their Vacation Bible School this year.





Maya Malachi WFLC Board Chairperson

Check Out the Digital Resource Page

While the internet is nothing new, we have all been thrown into new depths over the past few years, discovering ways we can connect with one another and engage resources to nurture our faith and support the ways we put faith, hope, and love in action.

<u>United Women in Faith Digital</u> is a safe and secure online space to do exactly that—access online versions of your favorite United Women in Faith resources, and connect with over 4,000 other members on the platform!

Visit <u>uwfaith.org/digital</u> and create your free account to log in.

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SPECIAL EMPHASIS MONTHS

September - Killingworth

October - Bethlehem Center Spartanburg

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South Carolina Conference UWFaith Potential Leader Form

Name: Date:
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Are you able to participate in online meetings?
Are you able to travel for meetings and events?
When would you be available to serve?
Are you able and willing to use your gifts and talents to uphold and strengthen the Purpose of United Women in Faith?
Please return this form to a Committee on Nominations member or send to:

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> faith action sisterhood



Contact Info Correction!



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More Spiritual Growth News

Please be reminded that your District Spiritual Growth Coordinator will be asking for the names of our wonderful sisters who have passed away this year. We will be placing their names in the Annual Meeting Booklet. Please be reminded that this is for the past year. The dates run September 1,2024 to

August 31, 2025. Let's make this an extra special time to remember these ladies.

Don't forget our Mission u study is a spiritual growth study. This counts as reading under the Spiritual Growth category in the reading program. Spread the word about Mission u. See You in Spartanburg. Sandra Love



Women MOVE4MISSION

Join UWFaith for an Afternoon of WNBA Basketball, Sisterhood, and Purpose!

Get ready for an unforgettable afternoon as the New York Liberty take on the Atlanta Dream on Sunday, July 13, 2025, at 2:30 PM EST! It's more than a game—it's a celebration of community and empowerment.

What's in store:

- Purchase your ticket or sponsor a youth to attend
- Meet CEO Sally Vonner at the UWFaith booth
- On-court presentation at 2:30 PM EST
- Wear your UWFaith t-shirt and show up early!

A portion of each ticket sale will support the Mission of United Women in Faith. Let's come together to #Move4Mission and make a difference for women, children, and youth!

GAME DAY SUNDAY, JULY 13TH, 2025 AT 2:30 PM EST

BARCLAYS CENTER: 620 ATLANTIC AVE, BROOKLYN, NY 11217



Join UWFaith for an exciting afternoon with the WNBA as the New York Liberty take on the Atlanta Dream!

Purchase your ticket or sponsor a youth to attend:

<u>bit.ly/UWFaith-Liberty</u>

Meet United Women in Faith CEO Sally Vonner

GET YOUR TICKETS





We're a sisterhood acting in faith to tackle the hard work of the world without hesitation.

MISSION: We seek to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.

VISION: We are a powerful, fearless force driven by God's love and united in sisterhood. With a focus on women, children and youth, we act for justice and transform communities.

We face the realities we see in the world, even when they are not the ones we would like to see. However, our goal is not to bear witness simply to harms but also to God's love by acting boldly to change those harms.

ACTION: Bold action, like faith, takes courage. Our bravery is inspired by God's love and our powerful commitment to improve the lives of women, children and youth. United Women in Faith works for justice through compassionate service and advocacy to change unfair policies and systems that harm women, children and youth—from racial and gender injustice to economic inequality, climate issues and more.

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