

Hartsville District United Women in Faith

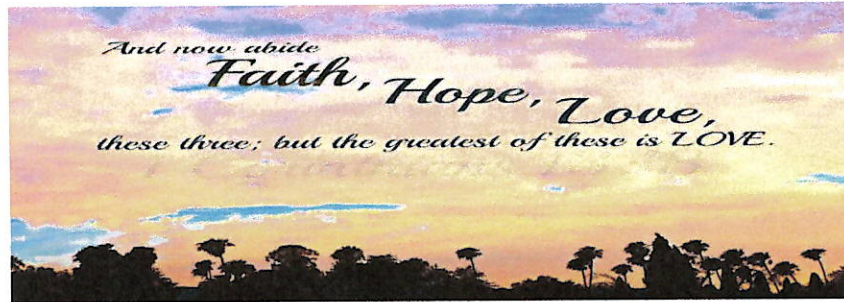
*Tonya Mack, President
Carol Lee, Vice President*

For the Record

*This Month Cover Photos:
United Women In Faith Go Red*



March Edition 2025



Hello United Women in Faith,

It is a new dawn! May we remain faithful as we move into an era of change in our country that will affect women, children, and youth around the globe. Let us continue to pray for our country and each other, and be ever mindful that God is our help as we continue to serve women, children, and youth to the best of our ability.

The Hartsville District held its Officers Training on January 25, 2025. Thank you, Mt. Zion, Bishopville, United Women in Faith President Felicia Belton, and unit members, for hosting the Local Officers Training. There were 42 in attendance. Our Day Apart will be held on March 15, 2025. If you have not registered, you still have time. In April and May 2025, we will have our Mini School of Mission and Fun Day for all to enjoy and take part. Your support of these ministries is greatly appreciated. Please refer to the Calendar of Events for more information.

GoRed for Women Heart Health Awareness Month was held in February 2025. Women showed support by wearing red to bring awareness to women and heart disease. Pictures were shared on Facebook in February and are shared in this newsletter.

Local Unit Treasurers, please don't forget your quarterly financial reports are due in March 2025 to the District Treasurer, Soyini Lawson. Also, **March 23, 2025 is Legacy 150 Giving Day**. A flyer is included in this newsletter for your convenience. Please give!

Thank you for all you do to serve and uplift women, children, and youth!

With a Servant's Heart,

Tonya F. Mack

President, United Women in Faith
Heartwarming Hartsville District

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2025 Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time	Location
January 25, 2025	Local District Officers Training	9:00 a.m.	In Person Mt. Zion UMC, Bishopville, Host
February 11, 2025	Executive Committee	7:00 pm	St. James UMC, Sumter, Host, Virtual
February 15, 2025	Deadline For the Record		
March 15, 2025	Day Apart	9:30 a.m.	Emmanuel UMC, Sumter, Host, Virtual
April 5, 2025	Mini School of Mission	9:30 a.m.	Wesley Chapel UMC, Pageland, Host, Virtual
April 12, 2025	Conference Spiritual Growth Event	10:00 a.m.	Virtual
May 10	Mother's Day Weekend	No Meeting Scheduled	
May 13, 2025	Executive Committee	7:00 p.m.	Virtual
May 17, 2025	Come Together Be Together	10:00 a.m.	Virtual
May 31, 2025	Fun Day	9:30 a.m.	St. John's UMC, Lugoff, Host Virtual
June 8, 2025	Cheraw/Pageland Cluster Meeting	3:00 p.m.	Virtual
June 8-11, 2025	SC UMC Annual Conference		Greenville, S.C.
June 15, 2025	Deadline For the Record		
June 21, 2025	Charter for Racial + Environmental Justice Event	10:00 a.m.	Virtual
July 3-12, 2025	UM General Conference		St. Louis, Missouri
July 5, 2025	Limitless Event	10:00 a.m.	In Person
July 8, 2025	Executive Committee	7:00 p.m.	Sandy Grove UMC, Jefferson, Host, Virtual
July 17-19, 2025	Mission u		Spartanburg Methodist College
August 9, 2025	Hartsville/Darlington Cluster Meeting	3:00 p.m.	In Person Wesley Chapel UMC, Darlington
August 15, 2025	End of the Year Reports/Forms Due		
August 17, 2025	Bishopville/Camden Cluster Meeting	3:00 p.m.	In Person Springfield UMC, Rembert
September 14, 2025	Sumter Cluster Meeting	3:00 p.m.	Virtual
September 27, 2025	District Annual Meeting	9:00 a.m.	Mt. Elon, Jefferson, Host, In Person
October 23-25, 2025	SCCUMW 53rd Annual Meeting		Spartanburg District Host
November 8, 2025	District Officers Training	8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Virtual
November 15, 2025	Deadline For the Record		
December 6, 2025	Limitless Event	10:00a.m.	In Person

Hartsville District United Women in Faith Officers 2025

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HARTSVILLE DISTRICT UWF EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS							
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COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS							
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Did You Forget To Register?

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY DAY

Tuesday • March 18, 2025

Epworth Children Home
2900 Millwood Ave. Columbia SC



Register NOW!

- Faithful Advocacy
- Faithful Service
- Transforming Justice and Equity



Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phone (H) _____ Cell _____ -

Email _____

District _____

Dietary restrictions _____

Visiting the State House after the meeting (no cost) ☐ Yes or ☐ No

Registration fee **\$35.00**

Make check payable to SCCUWF Memo LAD2025

Mail registration form and check to:

Lexie Chatham
301 Sortwell Street
West Columbia, SC 29169



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Registration deadline February 28, 2025

For Generations to Come

**Save the Date:
Sunday, March 23, 2025**

Join us on March 23 at 1 pm E.T. for a special live-streamed event.

For Generations to Come

uwfaith.org/dayofgiving

Save the Date: March 23, 2025



By uniting our hearts and hands, we are building a future filled with hope and support for women, children, and youth. Every gift you make, regardless of size, **will make an impact for generations to come.**

Give to The Legacy Endowment Fund on the Day of Giving, March 23!

Ways to Give

- **Online at:** uwfaith.org/dayofgiving
- **By phone:** 800-278-7771 (8 a.m.-5 p.m. ET, Mon.-Fri.)
- **Text:** "FUTURE" to 20503
- **By check to:**
United Women in Faith
Attention: Legacy
Church Center for the United Nations
777 United Nations Plaza, 11th Floor
New York, NY 10017

Write "**Day of Giving**" in the memo section.



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The Legacy Endowment Fund is a permanent endowment to support the work of future generations of United Women in Faith.

Together, we are building our legacy for generations to come!

Spiritual Growth Event April 12th



Charleston District
North Charleston United Methodist Church
Host Church

This is a
Virtual
Event

All persons are invited to attend this Uplifting Event

Staying Connected Spiritually

Scripture Focus - Jeremiah 29:12

Registration
is Free

Saturday April 12, 2025 at 10:00

Zoom opens at 9:45am

Speaker
Rev.
Meredith
Dark

The South Carolina Conference of United Women In Faith Spiritual Growth
Committee is very excited to present our Zoom Event!
We are looking forward to you being there virtually.



WORKSHOPS

Staying Connected-Advocacy

Staying Connected-Random Acts of Kindness

Staying Connected-Virtually

Register in advance for this meeting
by scanning the QR code or clicking the link

<https://tinyurl.com/SCCUWF>



Any questions? Please contact our Registrar Kathy Stutesman

Phone: 214-850-1319

Email: bkstutesman@yahoo.com



South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith

COME TOGETHER

Be Together Virtual Event

Hosted by: Greenville District

Saturday May 17, 2025 at 10:00 AM

Join us for a morning of fun

REGISTRATION IS FREE

Theme: **“Imitators of God”**

Ephesians 5:1-2

The South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith Membership Nurture and Outreach Committee is very excited to hold the Come Together Be Together event via Zoom on Saturday May 17, 2025. The Greenville District will host this fun gathering for all.



Rev Karen Jones

Our theme this year is “Imitators of God”. A focus on Ephesians 5:1-2. Our fun event for all ages will include a passionate keynote speaker **Rev Karen Jones** of Open Heart United Methodist Church. We are delighted to have Rev. Karen Jones as our keynote speaker for this event.

The Welcome and Greetings will kick off at 10am, Music and then Rev Jones. After Rev. Jones we will break into workshops.

The link to log on will open up at 9:45 a.m.

Registration Link

After the workshops are finalized the registration link will be provided for you to register.

WORKSHOPS

ARE BEING FINALIZED

More information to come.

For questions, please contact our chairperson / registrar: Angela Allen Phone: 864-680-9029 or Email: Angela.Allen@charter.net

Hartsville District

Virtual



9:00 a.m.

May 31, 2025

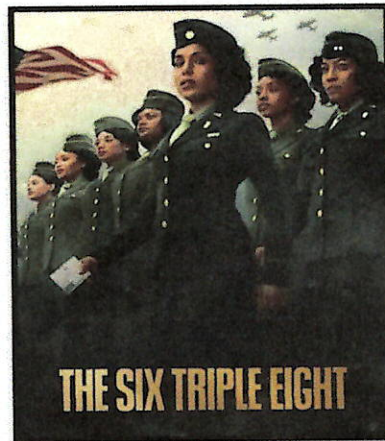
Host Church: St. John's, Lugoff

Register in advance for this meeting:

(Link)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

An Afternoon at the Movies: Celebrating History, Community, and Fellowship



On Saturday, January 25, 2025, the United Women in Faith and the United Methodist Men of Centenary United Methodist Church came together to host “**An Afternoon at the Movies.**” This special event provided a wonderful opportunity to collaborate with our fellow men’s organization while sharing an important story from our rich history with the community.

With a packed house of over 35 attendees, the event was both engaging and enlightening. The featured film highlighted the incredible contributions of the **6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion**, an all-Black, all-female unit that played a crucial role in World War II. Tasked with sorting through a staggering three-year backlog of mail—17 million undelivered letters and packages—the 855 women of the battalion worked tirelessly to bring hope and morale to American soldiers far from home. Their perseverance and dedication stood strong despite discrimination and the challenges of wartime Europe.

Adding to the depth of the discussion, two female veterans, **Frances Williams and Eleanor Chavis**, shared their thoughts on the film and reflected on their own experiences as women in the military. Their firsthand accounts sparked meaningful conversations and left a lasting impression on all in attendance.

The event was a resounding success, with fellowship, inspiration, and of course, free popcorn enjoyed by all. Given the overwhelmingly positive response, we are excited to announce plans for another movie event next quarter.

For those who have yet to see this remarkable film, it comes **highly recommended** by all 35+ attendees!



Go Red for Women: St. James and Wesley Chapel United Women in Faith Raise Awareness for Heart Health Month

In a vibrant display of support and awareness, St. James United Women in Faith and Wesley Chapel United Women in Faith members joined together to recognize Go Red for Women's Heart Health Month. Women, children, and youth donned striking shades of red to bring attention to the critical issue of heart disease, the leading cause of death among women.



Wesley Chapel United Women in Faith Hosts "Go Red " Event to Raise Awareness of Heart Disease

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church in Darlington, SC, **United Women in Faith Unit** proudly hosted a "Go Red " event, uniting the community to raise awareness about heart disease — the leading cause of death among women. Under the leadership of **Carmen Henderson, President of the United Women in Faith**, this impactful program aimed to educate, inspire, and empower women to take charge of their heart health.

Women in Faith Annual Women's Day Program

Theme: *"Women United: Finding Strength in Faith and Courage"*

Sponsored by: The Women in Faith of Antioch United Methodist Church



Guest Speaker: Braber Spell

**Spiritual Growth Coordinator for the Hartsville District
United Women in Faith.**

Date: March 16, 2025 @ 4:00 pm

Place: Antioch United Methodist Church

Address: 4040 Dubose Siding Road, Sumter, SC 29153

Pastor: Franklin Garrett

United Women in Faith President: Valarie Pryor

Join us for an uplifting afternoon of faith, fellowship, and inspiration as we celebrate the strength of Women United in Faith.

Lay Servant Ministries Training Opportunities

Schedule & Location:

Saturday, March 22nd 9:00am – 3:15pm
Sunday, March 23rd 2:00pm – 5:00pm
St. Mark UMC – Salterstown/Sumter
1093 Oswego Hwy.
Sumter SC 29153-8734

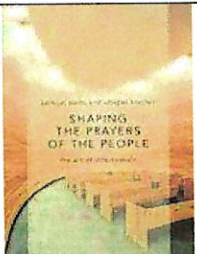
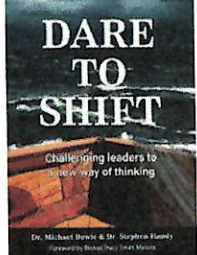
Registration Information

Participants are responsible for purchasing their respective course books.

Registration Cost: \$30 (includes lunch)

Registration deadline: Friday March 14, 2025

Registration link: [Hartsville District Online Registration - South Carolina UMC](#)

Course	Book Information (You must order your book)	
Leading Prayer	Shaping the Prayers of the People: The Art of Intercession <i>Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher</i> Participant's Book • 978-0-8028-7097-1 • \$15.99 (ePub, \$15.00) Available at Cokesbury.com	
Dare to Shift	Dare To Shift: Challenging Leaders to a New Way of Thinking <i>Michael Bowie, Stephen Handy</i> - Participants Guide ~ 978-1950899715 ~ \$18.95 (Kindle \$9.99)	

***Let's take the next faithful steps... toward our Mission... of Making Disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world by Leading, Caring, and Communicating... knowing that
God is with us!!!***

Schedule & Location:
Saturday, May 17th 9:00am – 3:00pm
Saturday, May 24th 9:00am – 3:00pm
Wesley UMC – Hartsville
145 E College Ave, Hartsville, SC 29550

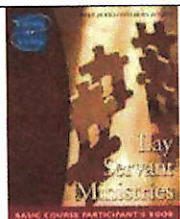
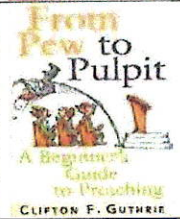
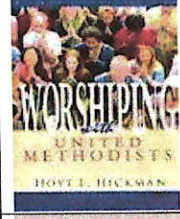
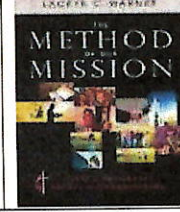
SAVE THE DATE – Registration Information

Participants are responsible for purchasing their respective course books.

Registration Cost: \$30

Registration deadline: Friday May 10, 2025

Registration link: [Hartsville District Online Registration - South Carolina UMC](#)

Course	Book Information (You must order your book)	
The Basic Course	Lay Servant Ministries – Basic Course <i>Sandy Zeigler Jackson and Brian Jackson</i> Participant's Book • DR626 • 978-0-88177-626-3 • \$12.00 Participant's Book available in ePub and Kindle (\$9.99)	
Called to Preach	From Pew to Pulpit <i>Clifton F. Guthrie</i> Participant's Book • AB6660 • 978-0-687-06660-5 • \$18.99 (Available in Kindle, \$9.99)	
Leading Worship	Worshiping with United Methodists (REVISED) <i>Hoyt Hickman</i> Participant's Book • AB526 • 978-0-687-33526-8 • \$11.99 (Kindle, \$9.99)	
United Methodist Polity	The Method of Our Mission <i>Lacey C. Warner</i> Participant's Book • AB717 • 978-1-4267-6717-3 • \$23.00	



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[Discipleship Ministries](#) (formerly the General Board of Discipleship) has approved these courses. You will notice the “learning and leading” logo on all Discipleship Ministries-approved LSM courses.

These courses *will* help you **renew your status** as a Certified Lay Servant, Certified Lay Speaker, or [Certified Lay Minister](#). Although you should note: *while all of our LSM advanced courses are approved by [Discipleship Ministries](#), you are advised to check with your own district laity director and conference LSM committee to make sure this online coursework will be accepted in your area, as each district and conference has its own set of guidelines.*

BeADisciple.com now offers all six courses required for initial Lay Speaker certification.

<https://beadisciple.com/lay-servant-ministries/>

These courses meet the continuing education requirements for renewal of Certified Lay Servant (one advanced course every 3 years), Certified Lay Speaker (one advanced course every 3 years), or [Certified Lay Minister](#) (one advanced course every 2 years).

These first six (6) courses meet the initial educational requirements to become a Lay Speaker. Click on the title to see the course description, find enrollment dates, or sign up for a notification email on each course.

- [Leading Public Prayer](#) (Prayer course)
- [Life Together in the United Methodist Connection](#) (UM Polity course)
- [Living Our United Methodist Beliefs](#) (UM Heritage course)
- [Rediscovering Our Spiritual Gifts](#) (Spiritual Gifts course)
- [Your Ministry of Planning and Leading Worship](#) (Leading Worship course)
- [Called to Preach](#) (Preaching course)