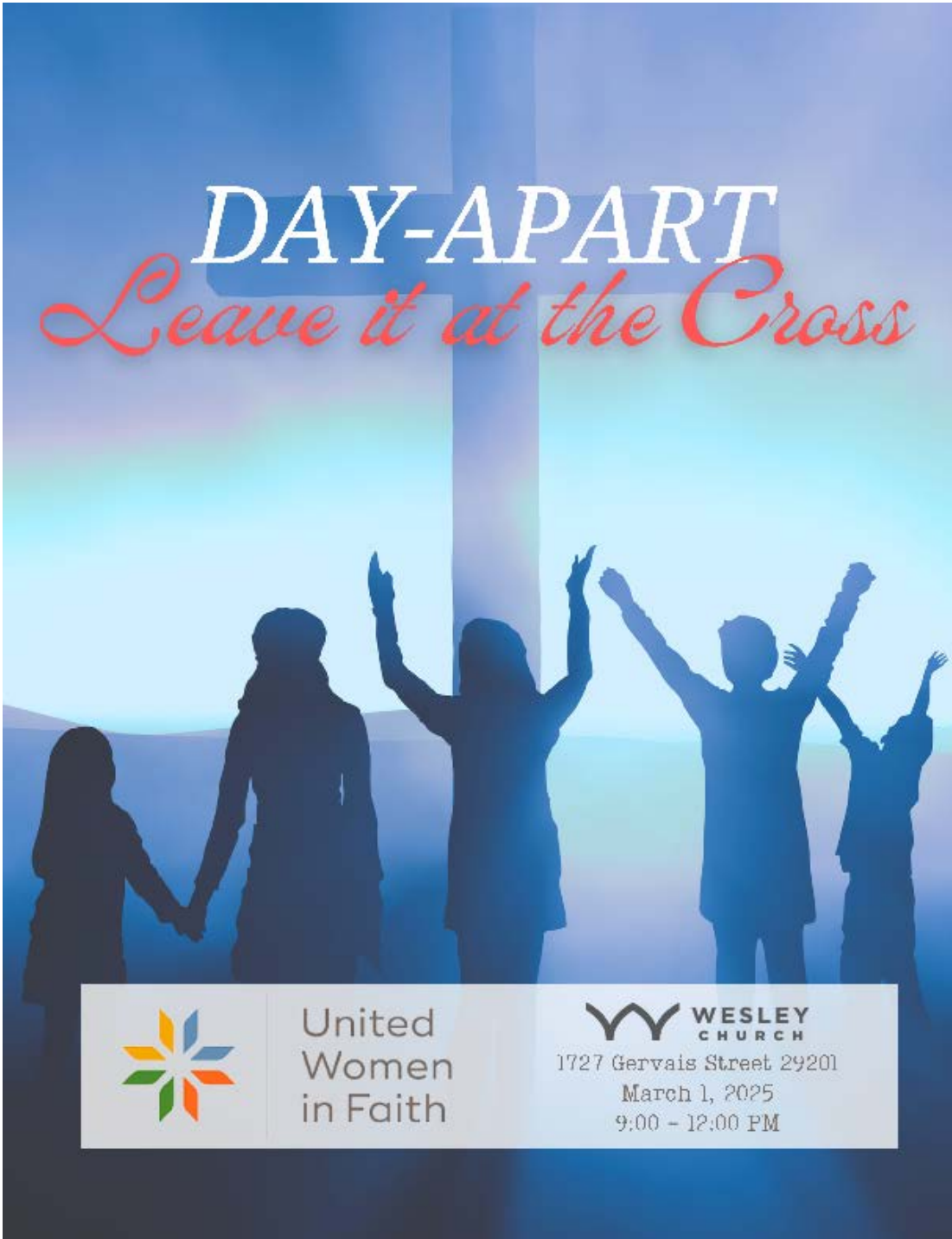




Gleanings

March 2025 Issue



DAY-APART
Leave it at the Cross

	<p>United Women in Faith</p>	 <p>WESLEY CHURCH 1727 Gervais Street 29201 March 1, 2025 9:00 - 12:00 PM</p>
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DAY-APART

Leave it at the Cross


WESLEY CHURCH
 1727 Cervais Street 29201
 March 1, 2025
 9:00 - 12:00 PM

PRAYER

Color your prayer with God's love and light.

VISION

Make your visions of serenity become reality.

GROW

Grow your spirit like grass reaching toward the sun.

Agenda:

8:30 - 9:00	Check-In/Registration
9:00 - 9:45	Worship Program
9:45 - 10:00	Assemble into groups
10:00 - 10:30	Breakout Session 1
10:35 - 11:05	Breakout Session 2
11:10 - 11:40	Breakout Session 3
11:45 - 12:00	Benediction & Release

We are excited to have **Pastor Josie Holler** provide a special message for our group and music by our hosts, **Wesley Church** and three breakout sessions for your personal and spiritual growth.

Registration Form:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: (H) _____ (C) _____

Email: _____

Registration Fee \$20.00 per person Make checks payable to: *CDUWF Memo: Day-Apart*

Mail or email registration form and check by February 25th to: **Tiffany Phillips**
 2336 Hard Scrabble Road Columbia, SC 29223 tiffphillips2014@yahoo.com 803-543-9405

Registration will be available at the door, but space will be limited.



United
Women
in Faith

The President's Message



Greetings Columbia District United Women in Faith,

Though I still have my Christmas trees up, I think it befitting to say Happy New Year!!! My trees remind me of the many blessings that I received in 2024. They symbolize the importance of embracing past experiences as preparation for new beginnings and new opportunities to serve.

My sincere appreciation is extended to Debra Schooler, outgoing President of Columbia District UWFaith, for her leadership during the past four years. I wish her well as she now serves as the President of South Carolina Conference UWFaith.

I am honored to serve as the 15th President of Columbia District United Women in Faith. Since taking office on December 1, 2024, I have had the opportunity to participate in the following activities: Cluster 5 Christmas Celebration at Rehoboth UMC; Christmas Celebration and Installation of Officers at Mt. Hebron UMC; attend three organizational meetings; send out a news blast to the Executive Team with updates on local, district and conference events.

Local Unit Office Training was held January 11, 2025 with 50 persons in attendance. Special thanks to Workshop Facilitators; Local Unit Officers; Host: Northeast UMC Support Staff, UWFaith Members and President Sylvia Cousin. Thanks also to the ladies who donated door prizes and to Jeri-Katherine Warden Sipes, our guest speaker. Because of this amazing team effort, Officer Training was inspiring and successful.

As is customary at a first Team Meeting of the year, we adopted goals and strategies for implementation; reviewed the 2025 calendar; and received reports of unit activities and mission giving. Thank you all for your incredible leadership and support of women, children and youth.

Our Annual Day-Apart Event is scheduled for March 1, 2025 beginning with registration at 8:30AM. The theme is *Leave It At the Cross*. Spiritual Growth Coordinator, Vilma Cobb, and her committee are working hard to make this event informative and enjoyable. Everyone is invited to attend.

I am grateful to all of you for your hard work and support of this wonderful organization.

Carrie R. Murray

President

Columbia District United Women in Faith

Vice President Report

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Becky Travis

Vice President

Columbia District United Women in Faith



Secretary's Desk

The Columbia District United Women in Faith Executive Committee met Saturday, January 11, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 12:47 PM by Carrie Murray, President. The President recognized the new members of the board: Becky Travis, Vice President; Vikki Hill, Cluster Leader #1; Linda Richardson, Cluster Leader #3; Sandra Love, Cluster Leader #4; Mary Mason, Cluster Leader #5; Marlene Snipes, Committee on Nominations(CON) Chair; COM members Flo Johnson; Jo Daniels; Sylvia Cousin; Rosemary Wilds, (in absentia).

In attendance there were Carrie Murray, Vilma Cobb, Mary Mason, Linda Kennedy, Tiffany Phillips, Becky Travis, Stella Chisholm, Heidi Ankeny, Linda Richardson, Vikki Hill, Flo Johnson, Marlene Snipes, Sylvia Cousin, Sandra Love and Pat Hoesly.

Members Absent: Diann Selph, Rhonda Washington, Sharee Washington, Betty Void, and Vanessa Key.

Devotion was given by Vilma Cobb. Minutes of the previous meeting were not read but were approved as they appeared in *Gleanings*.

Reports were given by the following officers:

President Carrie Murray

Greetings United Women in Faith,

Happy New Year! I pray 2025 has gotten off to a running start. It certainly has for the Columbia District.

I officially took office December 1, 2024, as the newly elected president of Columbia District UWFaith. On that day, I attended *Christmas Comedy with Sue Owens*, sponsored by UWFaith Columbia District Cluster 5 churches and hosted by Rehoboth UMC.

Vice President, Becky Travis, and I had a luncheon meeting December 2nd to plan for the Local Unit Officer Training Event. The next day, December 3rd, I attended the Christmas and Unit Awards Celebration with the ladies at Mt. Hebron UMC. I had the honor of installing the new officers.

Since then, I have attended a breakfast meeting hosted December 12th by Mary Mason in her home to review duties and responsibilities of Cluster Leaders and best practices to keep churches actively involved in the work of United Women in Faith.

I, along with several Columbia District UWFaith members attended the December 15th Killingsworth Christmas Drop-In, hosted by Susan Sirmons, Executive Director and Killingsworth Board of Directors. It was a real treat to fellowship with the ladies at the residence.

At the December 17th Zoom meeting, the CDUWFaith Executive Board finalized plans for Local Unit Officer Training and scheduled a January 9th walk-thru at Northeast UMC under the leadership of Sylvia Cousin, president of the local unit.

Cold winds, rain and ice did not stop the committed women of Columbia District from gathering at Northeast UMC for our Local Unit Officer Training, Saturday, January 11, 2025. The event kicked off with registration and

continental breakfast at 8:45AM followed by the gathering and plenary that began at 10:00AM. The theme, *Inspiring, Influencing and Impacting Change* was emphasized through the inspirational morning devotion, uplifting music and a powerful message on leadership delivered by Rev. Jeri-Katherine Warden Sipes. Giving away prizes and recognizing the church with the most people in attendance generated much enthusiasm and enjoyment.

Dynamic training workshops followed the plenary. Afterwards, all attendees enjoyed a fabulous spaghetti lunch with all the trimmings. Fifty ladies were in attendance, and responses to the Officer Training were very favorable. Hats off to Northeast UMC for a job well done!!

CDUWFaith Executive Team meeting followed the training event. We adopted goals and strategies for implementation, reviewed the 2025 calendar and listened to reports on unit activities and mission giving.

We are now gearing up for our Annual Day-Apart Event scheduled for March 1, 2025, spear-headed by Vilma Cobb, Columbia District Spiritual Growth Coordinator, and Sandra Love, Conference Spiritual Growth Coordinator. The theme is *Leave it at the Cross*. Sessions include Adding Color to Prayer; Making Vision a Reality; Growing Spiritually. Detailed information will be published.

I encourage all ladies to read the News Blast/Updates that I send out; so that you can stay abreast of local unit, district, conference events and special activities. Let's make a concerted effort to support each other as often as we can in as many ways as we can.

Several ladies attended Lay Servant Classes at Trinity UMC in Blythewood SC. In addition, many of our ladies register to participate in bi-weekly Faith Talks to stay informed and to enhance leadership skills. We are **off and running!!! Thanks for all you do.**

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Treasurer Tiffany Phillips

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Pledge: \$ 35,586.50

SMR Special Mission Recognition: \$ 2,300.00

Gift to Missions: \$ 585.00

Gift in Memory: \$ 535.00

World Thank Offering: \$ 3,372.00

Pledge to Missions Total: \$ 43,288.50

Spartanburg BETHLEHEM CENTER: \$ 7,704.85

Killingsworth: \$ 7,591.85

Call to Prayer and Self Denial: \$ 1,635.30

Columbia BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CENTER: \$ 3,371.85

Wallace Family Life: \$ 6,977.88

Brighter Future for Children and Youth: \$ 85.00

Legacy Fund: \$ 220.00

Annual Meeting Registration Money Received: \$ 975.00

Annual Meeting Love Offering: (Pledge) \$ 1,110.00

Annual Meeting Expenses: \$ 587.36

Food: \$394.60

Speaker: \$150.00

Officer's Expenses: \$42.76

Gleaning Expenses: (December 2024) \$ 402.25

Gleaning Printing: \$271.12

Gleaning Mailing: \$96.03

QuickBooks: \$35.10

***Bank Account Balance:** **\$ 14,729.06**

Communication Coordinator Sharee Washington

The articles and reports for the March Gleanings are due Sunday, February 16.

Spiritual Growth Vilma Cobb

Join us for a half -day of worship, fellowship, and focus on your spiritual and personal growth

The committee has been working hard on the Day Apart looking forwards to seeing all of you at Wesley Church 1737 Gervais Street March 1, 2025, 9:00am- 2:00pm.

Social Action Lexie Chatham

On December 7th I delivered items collected at Mt Hebron UMC for the Native American Elder Baskets to be given out at Christmas. During the next two weeks, I performed with Jubilant Singers, an interdenominational group that brings music and joy into area nursing homes.

I attended an Advocacy 101 training session at Washington St UMC on January 6th. The topics discussed were how a bill becomes a law, what legislation is likely to be introduced this year, as well as how to contact and interact with your legislator. Unfortunately, I missed the District Officer Training on January 11th as I was at my daughter's wedding in Spartanburg instead on that day.

On January 26th, I baked a cake which was served at the meal at USC's Wesley Foundation (Methodist Student Network). I'll also help serve the dinner that Mt Hebron UMC will provide for the students on March 30th. Hint: There are still a couple of dates in April that need individuals or groups to sign up to serve meals or donate money for meals (April 20th and April 30th).

I attended a celebration of the 80th Anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz on January 27th. This was a very moving presentation which ended with a poignant supplication for unity and peace by Rabbi Sam Rose of the Temple of Israel in Greenville.

On February 7th, I was pleased to have 3 of my UMC sisters attend Church Women United's Bible Study at Bethel UMC. Rev Angela Broughton's message was as powerful and pertinent as always. If you've never heard Angela preach, you are missing a true blessing! Also, I'm planning to attend the SC CWU's Annual Meeting at Brookland Baptist Church on February 28th.

I attended the SC UWF's Charter for Racial Justice field trip to Penn Center on St Helena Island. There's much to learn at and from this historic site. It's important not just to SC but also to our country as well.

Even though I've read the book before, I'm planning to listen to the Virtual Book Talk presented by Barb Brooks and Jane Crawford on March 8th and 22nd, and April 5th and 26th. There's a lot to consider from How to Be an Antiracist even if you think you're already one. There was discussion of lots of historical events that are not frequently discussed. Also, this presentation and book may be counted toward satisfying your UWF Reading Program requirements.

As a member of Mt Hebron's Dementia Team, I'll help with our new ministry for people living with dementia and their loved ones. On March 13th at 11:00am, we're hosting a Memory Café. It's a cost-free social gathering for those with memory loss and their caregivers. We'll provide a safe environment, having a speaker, singing music and enjoying each other's fellowship. A light meal will be served also. This event is a mission to our community, and I'll send out additional information closer to that date.

And finally, UWF's Legislative Advocacy Day will be held on March 18th at Epworth Children's Home. Speakers will discuss issues such as Mass Incarceration in South Carolina which may reflect bills presented in the State House this year. The speakers include Rep Jermaine L Johnson, Sr and Jennifer Rainville of Appleseed Legal Justice Center. Unfortunately, Appleseed's headquarters was recently destroyed in a fire. Please consider contributions to help them establish new roots and to replace what they lost in the fire.

Membership, Nurture & Outreach Heidi Ankeny

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uwfaith.org

2. Click on the menu
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Education & Interpretation, Rhonda Washington

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Secretary, Program Resource Stella Chisholm

No Report

Committee on Nominations, Marlene Sipes

We currently have no vacancies to fill.

Historian, Pat Hoesley

Please continue to send pictures of unit events and activities. Group pictures are most appreciated from any circle events. She suggested that they be sent to her, *response* magazine and to the *Advocate*.

Cluster reports were received from the following leaders:

Cluster 1: Vikki Hill; Cluster 2: Vanessa Key; Cluster 4: Sandra Love; Cluster 5: Mary Mason; Cluster 6: Linda Kennedy.

New Business

Carrie reviewed the Officer Training. There were two written evaluations. Several of the members shared their observations which were positive. Fifty members attended.

The Columbia District Day-Apart Retreat will be held March 1, 2025, at Wesley Church. It is planned to have Soul Care and Well Care as part of the events. Three classes are planned to focus on gardening, vision boards and therapeutic coloring. The registration forms should be available in two weeks. \$275 is the budget. Registration will be \$20. This motion was submitted by Spiritual Growth Coordinator, Vilma Cobb and seconded by Linda Kennedy. The Board approved the motion.

Carrie Murray has developed Goals for the Columbia District United Women in Faith. A copy of the goals is included in the records. She explained that these goals are directly related to fulfilling the purpose of UWFaith. There is no definitive end to the goals, and they will be on going. All events should meet the goals. Flo Johson made a motion to accept the goals with a second from Marlene Sipes. The motion was approved by the Executive Board.

The Columbia District Calendar of Events was reviewed. There was discussion that the Executive Board meeting on April 15, 2025, was during Holy Week and many of the churches had services scheduled. That meeting date will be reviewed. The calendar discussion led to a request for a Social Justice Program in May. Becky Travis is to research and create a program for May 24, 2025.

Membership, Nurture & Outreach, Heidi Ankeny, discussed the 2023 survey. It is a year behind, and help is needed for the churches to respond.

Program Resource, Stella Chisholm, reminded us that the 2025 Reading List is available. Books are in the local libraries and there are options on U-Tube for credits.

Sadly, Virginia Wingard voted to become an inactive unit, and Fairlawn was featured in The Advocate. Sandra Love reminded the board to send Prayer Pal forms to her.

Dismissal prayer was given by Vilma Cobb.

The meeting adjourned at 2:23 PM.

Diann Selph

Columbia District Secretary
selphdiann@yahoo.com



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Rhonda Washington/Sharee Washington
Communication Chairs

A Note From Our Treasurer:

Thank you for all your local UWF units have contributed to help the missions we support as United Women In Faith. Your support really makes a difference locally, nationally, and globally.

2nd Quarter Reporting Period 03/01/2025- 05/31/2025.

2nd Quarter Report due before 06/05/2025

(Money Received After 06/05/2025 will be sent in 3rd Quarter).

3rd Quarter Remittances reporting period 06/01/2025-08/31/2025 due by 09/05/2025.

-2024 Pledge to Mission: December 2023-November 2024/ Pledged (50,000.00)

Received/ Sent \$ 43,044.50

Pledge: \$36,331.50

SMR Special Mission Recognition: \$2,220.00

Gift to Missions: \$585.00

Gift in Memory: \$535.00

World Thank Offering: \$3,373.0

- **Money Received:** AM&D money 1st Quarter \$1,206.15

-Expenses:

-Officers Training Expenses: \$150.00

-Officers Training Love Offering: \$470.00 (\$117.50 to each Mission)

-Gleaning December Printing:\$271.12

-Gleaning December Mailing: \$96.03

-QuickBooks: \$35.10 (until April)

*Bank Account Balance: \$ 16,122.00

-Special Emphasis Months

-FEBRUARY:WALLACE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

-APRIL:COLUMBIA BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CENTER

-SEPTEMBER:KILLINGSWORTH

-NOVEMBER: BETHLEHEM CENTER SPARTANBURG

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. Please send all Remittance forms/money to me at the address below.

Tiffany Phillips

Columbia District Treasurer

2336 Hard Scrabble Rd

Columbia, SC 29223

803 543-9405

Tiffphillips2014@yahoo.com

Social Action Coordinator Report

Loaves and Fishes

Prominent in the gospels is the story of Jesus feeding thousands of people who came to hear him preach. Perhaps you remember that as everyone grew hungry, the disciples discovered only 5 loaves of bread and 2 fishes that had been brought by a young boy in the crowd. But that was enough for Jesus to feed all those there and still have 12 baskets of food left over! Thus Jesus set the example for us to follow.

Brookland UMC has taken this message to heart and feeds their community on the 2nd Saturday of every month with a program they've named Loaves and Fishes. It began 15 years ago to meet the needs of shut ins in their congregation but now has expanded to the entire community. Many fed are children but most attendees are adults. UWF and church members provide, cook and serve over 100 meals both to be eaten in their Fellowship Hall or to be taken out. Brookland's assembly line is well-oiled from experience and the church members interact easily with the familiar crowds that come.

"Hola," greeted James Liles with a huge smile as he handed out trays. Cluster 1 Leader Vikki Hill placed cups with ice by the drinks where a young man who wore a lanyard stood. The lanyard read "I am autistic" and he explained to me that he had ridden over on his bike for the meal. "We don't begrudge anybody a meal," exclaimed Gene Key, the husband of Cluster 2 leader Vanessa Key, as he flipped the grilled cheese sandwiches he was cooking to go with the chili. Wanting to help, I began wrapping the sandwiches when they came off the grill as quickly as I could. I managed to keep up as the crowd began pouring in, and for that James gave me the nickname "Lightning Hands."

Seconds were encouraged and when everyone finished eating, the fellowship continued with Gene serving as the master of ceremonies for Bingo. Excitement and laughter filled the room as prizes were given to the winners, including a couple of \$20 Subway gift cards and prayer shawls. When people left the church, they could take canned vegetables on the table by the door. For Christmas, fruit baskets were given out. By the time I left Brookland UMC, I knew that I had followed Christ's bidding faithfully and had been in the presence of God.



Columbia District members at the Penn Center
(Photo by Jessica Brodie)



Lexie Chatham and
Frances Sanders cutting
cake or cutting up?!

Submitted by,

Lexie Chatham

Columbia District Social Action Coordinator
LexieChatham@yahoo.com

Program Resources

Hope everyone is on board with the reading program!

It's not too late to start- There are still five months until reports are due.

2025 Goal:

Each unit is encouraged to add **at least one new participant** to the reading program.

Resources to Guide your Reading Journey and other Programs:

- * **UWFaith.org**
- * **response** Magazine
- * *Faith Talk* Podcast
- * *Voices From The Field* Podcast
- * YouTube Read - Aloud
- * local library
- * Prayer Guide
- * Program Resource book Stay Book

Stay Connected!


Join the United Women in Faith Digital Reading Community:

bit.ly/reading-enthusiasts-MN

We look forward to hearing your church's name called at the 2025 Annual District Meeting!

For questions or more information contact:

Stella J. Chisholm

 [starrjackson8@ yahoo.com](mailto:starrjackson8@yahoo.com)

Let's make 2025 a year of growth and inspiration through reading!

Education and Interpretation Report

Killingsworth

Greetings from Susan Sirmons, Executive Director, Killingsworth Home. As many of you know, Killingsworth Home is a residential transitional Home located at 1831 Pendleton Street in Columbia, SC. Women are referred to Killingsworth from prisons, drug and alcohol treatment facility, Hospitals, self-referrals, mental health and other social service agencies throughout South Carolina. We assist in providing rehabilitative services to the women we serve. Our mission at Killingsworth is to provide a safe untiring environment to women who are recovering from some life crisis to include addiction, former incarceration, domestic violence, mental health and homelessness. Our goal is to transition women out independent, self-sufficient with long-term recovery becoming productive citizens. To achieve this Women who are successful stay anywhere from one to two years. We also develop with each women an individualized treatment plan focusing on their recovery, medical and mental health, personal and transition goals.

Through partnerships and in house services we provide Drug and alcohol counseling, financial counseling and mental Health counseling. We assist them with getting and maintaining jobs, repairing credit, savings, furthering their education and reunification of families.

The last several months we have had two of our Ladies to graduate from two different programs. One with a veterinary assistant certification and the other from Midland's Tech with an associate's degree in welding. She graduated top of her class making the Dean's list and was hired by one of the larger welding companies the day after graduation. We have two women who have completed their Peer Support certification. Currently we have three of our women who are enrolled in school and all maintaining at least a B average. All our women find jobs within the first few weeks of being accepted in Killingsworth. We have had several women who have graduated or transitioned from Killingsworth over the past year and three with plans to successfully transition out over the next month or two.

The success of our Women is a result of our dedicated staff, our community partners, Our United Methodist Church members through donations and fellowship, National and other donors.

Respectfully submitted by,
Susan Sirmons, Executive Director

FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER



EXCITING THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT CBCC!

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Dear Community Members,

We are thrilled about everything happening at the center and so grateful for the incredible support from our community! Your engagement and generosity make all the difference, and we can't wait to share all the exciting events we have planned over the next few months and throughout the summer.

From special programs to community gatherings, there's something for everyone, and we'd love for you to be a part of it! Be sure to follow us on social media to stay up to date on everything happening at CBCC. We're especially excited about our upcoming Spring Break Film / Acting Camp, happening April 15th-18th. So, save the date for that!

We hope you enjoy this newsletter and find a way to participate in one of our upcoming events.

Thank you for being a part of our CBCC family—we couldn't do this without you!



308 McRae Street
Columbia, SC 29203



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Kara Simmons, CBCC Executive Director



WHAT'S NEXT?

BLACK GIRLS CLUB HOUSE SUMMER CAMP

Great news! The highly anticipated Black Girls Clubhouse Summer Camp is making its exciting return this summer, offering an unforgettable experience for elementary and middle school girls! Get ready for a season filled with fun, friendship, and empowering activities designed to inspire and uplift. Stay tuned for all the amazing details. You won't want to miss it!



FRESH PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION: WEBB'S LOVE BAG



We're also proud of the success of our Webb Bags of Love produce giveaway, which provides over 100 bags of fresh produce each month to families in need. Thanks to your support, this initiative continues to grow, and we look forward to expanding its impact even further.

We host the Bags of Love every 3rd Tuesday from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Pop Tabs Collection – Spring 2025

A heartfelt thank you to Virginia Wingard Memorial and Bethel UMC for their generous donation of pop tabs, which were delivered to the Columbia Ronald McDonald House in late November 2024. Your kindness and commitment are making a real difference in the lives of families in need.

Let's keep the momentum going! The next collection date for pop tabs is the week of April 7-11, 2025. Every tab counts, and together, we can continue to bring hope and support to those who need it most. Keep collecting and spreading kindness! 💙✨



Rhonda Washington

Columbia District E & I Coordinator



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SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

INFORMATION ON PROSPECTIVE
DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

(To be completed by prospective district leader)
Type or Print (attach additional sheets as necessary)

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Work _____ Email: _____

Local Church _____ District _____

Age: 20's _____ 30's _____ 40's _____ 50's _____ 60's _____ 70's _____ 80's+ _____

Languages Spoken: _____ Racial/Ethnic Group: _____

Employed: Yes _____ No _____ Full Time _____ Part Time _____

Professional skills and experience _____

Experience In United Women in Faith (or in any of the predecessor groups)

LOCAL: _____

DISTRICT: _____

CONFERENCE: _____

Additional experience on the local, district, conference or general church level (other than United Women in Faith) or in the community. _____

Special talents or skills: _____

Areas of special interest and concerns: _____

Which office(s) on the _____ District United Women in Faith Team would you most like to hold given the opportunity to serve?

_____ President	_____ Membership, Nurture & Outreach
_____ Vice-President	_____ Social Action
_____ Secretary	_____ Spiritual Growth
_____ Treasurer	_____ Program Resources
_____ Chair of Nominations	_____ Communications
_____ Education & Interpretation	

Why are you interested in this position and what qualifications do you feel you have for your office(s) of choice? _____

Are you able to be away from home or employment for:

Full day _____ Weekend _____ Extended time _____
 Yes or No Yes or No Yes or No

_____ I am sorry but I am unable to accept an office this year. Please keep my name on file and contact me in _____ (year)

Please give any other information you may feel is pertinent.

Please return to: (Chairperson of your District Nominating Committee)

Marlene Sipes
1001 Wanda Street Columbia, SC 29205
marlenesipes@yahoo.com

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Blessings,

Heidi Ankeny, MNO Coordinator

hankeney60@hotmail.com

803-840-0204

Local Unit UWFaith Officers

Church _____ Year _____

OFFICER	NAME	ADDRESS	PREFERRED PHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS
President				
Vice President/Program Coordinator				
Secretary				
Treasurer				
Communications Coordinator				
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COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS	NAME	ADDRESS	PREFERRED PHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS
Chair of Nominations				
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Local Unit Presidents, please print or type requested information. Send completed form by mail or email to our District Secretary,

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South Carolina Conference



Legislative Advocacy Day 2025

Faithful Advocacy; Faithful Service; Transforming Justice and Equity

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Epworth Children's Home 2900 Millwood Ave, Columbia, SC 29205

8:00am- 8:45 am Registration 9 am Program begins

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

Registration deadline February 28, 2025

Francis Burns United Women in Faith

Invites All Ladies To

Chat and Chew

Grits and Grace

Fellowship Event

Featuring

Comedian Lekisha McCullough

Have
you
heard?

Did
you
know?



Oh, yes
I did!

Every
woman
should...

Saturday, March 15, 2025

FBUMC Fellowship Hall

9:30AM – 11:30AM

Come out and fellowship with us! Enjoy great conversation and delicious food as we get to know each other better and focus on things that matter.

Attire: White Tops and Blue Jeans

Donation: \$10 to purchase cleaning and hygiene supplies for
Columbia Bethlehem Community Center and Killingworth Home

Annual Women's Day Worship Service

Sponsored by
Francis Burns United Women in Faith

Theme:

Faith in Action: Is There Anybody Here?

Sunday, March 16, 2025 9:00AM

Guest Speaker



Danielle DuBose

A certified candidate for ordained ministry in the
South Carolina United Methodist Conference

Francis Burns United Methodist Church
5616 Farrow Road Columbia, SC 29203
803-754-1760
Rev. Geneva Stafford, Pastor

All ladies are asked to:
Wear a white outfit with a purple corsage.
Contribute \$100 to support mission sites that advocate for women, children and youth.
Make checks payable to FB UWFaith.
For additional information, contact Carrie Murray, President, United Women in Faith.
Call 803-754-1895 Text 803-521-9521 or email cmrmurra@bellsouth.net.

I. DeQUINCEY NEWMAN UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

16 MARCH 2025



United
Women
in Faith

SUNDAY
10AM

Annual Celebration of WOMEN IN THE PULPIT **WOMEN'S DAY 2025**



GUEST SPEAKER
SUSAN COLLINS SIRMONS
DIRECTOR - KILLINGSWORTH FOR WOMEN

THEME: CARRYING OUR FAITH FORWARD:
LEANING AND DEPENDING ON JESUS



REV. FRANK V. JAMES, PASTOR

7801 WILSON BLVD | COLUMBIA, SC 29203



2025 Church Women United Calendar

Celebrations: Registration and refreshments begin at 10:30 A.M. with the program beginning at 11:00 A.M. for Bible Study, World Day of Prayer, May Friendship Day, and World Community Day. Registration for Human Rights Celebration will begin at 11:30 A.M. followed by the program at 12:00 noon. Registration for our Annual Meeting will begin at 10:30 A.M. followed by lunch and our business meeting and program beginning at 11:00 A.M.

January 5, 2025	Executive Board Meeting	Zoom
February 7, 2025	Bible Study Executive Meeting	Bethel United Methodist 4600 Daniel Dr. Columbia, SC 29205
February 28, 2025	Annual Luncheon/Meeting	Brookland Baptist Banquet Center 1066 Sunset Blvd. West Columbia, SC 29169
March 7, 2025	World Day of Prayer	Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church 530 Si. Andrews Road Columbia, SC 29210
April 4, 2025	Executive Board Meeting	Zoom
May 2, 2025	May Friendship Day	Bethel AME Church 819 Woodrow Street Columbia, SC 29205
June 6, 2025	Executive Board Meeting	Zoom
July & August	No Meetings	
September 5, 2025	Executive Board Meeting	Zoom
October 3, 2025	Human Rights Celebration	Northminister Presbyterian Church 6717 David Street Columbia, SC 29203
November 7, 2025	World Community Day	Platt Springs UMC 3215 Platt Springs Road West Columbia 29170
December 5, 2025	Executive Board Meeting	Zoom
January 9, 2025	Executive Board Meeting	Zoom

2024 South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith Calendar of Events

DECEMBER

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Saturday – 7	10:00 am	Limitless Event	In-Person
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2025 South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith Calendar of Events

JANUARY

Saturday – 4	9:30 am	President's Consultation	Virtual
	9:30 am	Committee on Nominations	Virtual
Saturday – 11	1:00 pm	Social Action and Limitless Team	Virtual & In-Person
Saturday – 11		Local District Officer's Training	Virtual & In-Person
Saturday – 25	9:30 am	Spiritual Growth Committee	Virtual

FEBRUARY

Wallace Family Life Center Special Emphasis Month

Saturday –1	9:30 am	Education & Interpretation	Virtual
	1:00 pm	Communications	Virtual
Saturday – 8	9:30 am	Executive Committee	Virtual
	1:30 pm	Legacy Committee	Virtual
Saturday – 15		Connectional Ministries	TBA
Saturday – 15		CRJ Field Trip	TBA
Saturday – 22	10:00 am	CRJ Meeting	Virtual
Saturday – 22	11:00 am	Membership, Nurture and Outreach	Virtual

MARCH

Mission Echo published

Saturday – 1	9:30 am	Mission u Committee	Virtual
	1:00 pm	Finance Committee	Virtual
		Connectional Ministries	
Saturday – 8	9:30 am	Program Committee	Spartanburg District On-site visit
Saturday -8	12:00 am	Book Study	Virtual
Saturday – 15	10: 00 am	Committee on Nominations	Virtual
Tuesday -18	9:00 am	Legislative Day-Epworth Children's Home	In-Person
Saturday – 22	All Day	Legacy Fund Day of Giving-156 th Year	
Saturday -22	12:00	Book Study	Virtual

APRIL

Columbia Bethlehem Community Center Special Emphasis Month

Saturday – 5	9:30 am	Scholarship Meeting	Virtual
	12:00	Book Study	Virtual
Saturday – 12	10: 00 am	Spiritual Growth Event	
Saturday- 26	12:00	Book Study	Virtual

MAY

Saturday – 17	10:00 am	Come Together Be Together	Virtual, Florence District host
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JUNE

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Sunday, 8 th – Wednesday, 11 th		SC UMC Annual Conference	Greenville, SC
Saturday – 21	10:00 am	Charter for Racial + Environmental Justice Event	Virtual

2025 South Carolina Conference United Women of Faith Calendar of Events

JULY

Saturday – 5	10:00 am	Limitless Event			In-Person
Wednesday – 16	6:00 pm	Administrative Committee	Spartanburg	Fireside Room	Spartanburg
	6:30 pm	Executive Committee	Methodist College		
Thursday – 17	9:00 am	Executive Committee	Spartanburg	Fireside Room	Spartanburg
			Methodist College		
Thursday – 17	10:30 am	Spiritual Growth Committee	Spartanburg	Fireside Room	Spartanburg
			Methodist College		
Thursday – 17	11:00 am	Charter for Racial Justice	Spartanburg	Fireside Room	Spartanburg
			Methodist College		
Thursday – Saturday, 17 – 19	TBA	Mission u	Spartanburg		Spartanburg
			Methodist College		

AUGUST

Saturday – 9	9:30 am	Mission u Committee		Virtual
	12:30 pm	Program Committee		Virtual
Saturday – 16	9:30 am	Administrative Committee		Virtual
	1:00 pm	Social Action Committee		Virtual
Saturday – 23	9:30 am	Finance Committee		Virtual
	1:00 pm	MN&O Committee		Virtual

SEPTEMBER

<i>Killingsworth Special Emphasis Month</i>			<i>Mission Echo published</i>		
Various	Various	District Annual Meetings		Virtual & In Person	

OCTOBER

<i>Bethlehem Center – Spartanburg Special Emphasis Month</i>					
Thursday-Friday	TBA	Executive Committee Meeting			Spartanburg District
Friday – Saturday, 24-25	12:30 pm – 3:00 pm	SCCUWF 53 rd Annual Meeting			Spartanburg District

NOVEMBER

Saturday –8	9:00 am	District Officers Training	Host Church	Virtual
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DECEMBER

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Saturday – 6	10:00 am	Limitless Event			In-Person

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Rehoboth (Gilbert)
Shiloh (Gilbert)

CLUSTER 2 – Vanessa Key

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Mt. Hebron
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Wesley

CLUSTER 3 – Linda Richardson

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Shady Grove
St. John
Union
Virginia Wingard

CLUSTER 4 – Sandra Love

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Mill Creek
Shandon
Suber Marshall
Trenholm Road
Whaley Street

CLUSTER 5 – Mary Mason

Bethel (Columbia)
Francis Burns
Northeast
Rehoboth (Columbia)
Windsor

CLUSTER 6 - Linda Kennedy

Fairlawn
First
Greenbrier
Gordon Memorial



Columbia District Calendar of Events 2025

January 1

Happy New Year!



January 11

Columbia District Local Unit Officer Training
Columbia District Executive Committee Meeting

Host: Northeast UMC

February:

Wallace Family Life Center Special Emphasis Month

March 1

Columbia District Day-Apart Retreat

Host: Wesley Church

April:

Columbia Bethlehem Community Center Special Emphasis Month

April 15

Columbia District Executive Committee Meeting

Host: CBCC

April 20

Easter - Christ Is Risen Today!

May 24

Columbia District Racial Justice Mission Project

TBD

June 17

Columbia District Executive Committee Meeting

Host: Francis Burns UMC

September:

Killingsworth Home Special Emphasis Month

September 20

Columbia District 53rd UWF Annual Meeting

Host: Francis Burns UMC

October:

Bethlehem Community Center Spartanburg Special Emphasis Month

October 21

Columbia District Executive Committee Meeting

Host: Rehoboth UMC

November 8

*SCCUWF District Officers Training

Host: Columbia District

December 25

Merry Christmas!





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Proverbs 31:25-26 [NIV] *"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue."*