## Mission Echo



#### **SCCUWF Newsletter | March 2025**

## SCCUWFaith Tour The Penn Center on St. Helena Island By: Kathy Roys



#### The Rice Shack

Photo by: Barbara Simspon, Orangeburg District UWFaith President

We are so grateful to everyone who made our Penn Center tour on St. Helena Island. February 15, 2025, such a resounding success! With over 90 attendees – a delightful surprise! (80 adults and 14 youth - twice as many as expected) - The day was filled with memorable moments. Jessica Brody of the Advocate documented the event with her photography, and we were captivated by the presentations from the park ranger and museum director. A truly special highlight was the impromptu history and song session led by the grounds manager from Sierra Leone. It was a wonderful day of fellowship with our United Women in Faith sisters from across the state. The Penn Center extends its sincere gratitude for your overwhelming support.

Let our Conference Communications Coordinator Wanda Chandler-Flowers know if you have photos to share.



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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



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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

#### Greetings From the Desk of the President

#### Debra Schooler

Greetings to my sisters in Christ:

We are sad and grieving the loss of our vicepresident, Kimberly Graham. Please keep her family in your prayers as they mourn.

Kathy Roys has agreed to serve as interim vice president and we are grateful for her leadership and willingness to serve.

I pray everyone is ready for a year of learning, connecting and serving. We are busy planning lots of events for this year. I am excited about our upcoming Legislative Advocacy Day on March 18 at 9:00 at Epworth Children's Home. We have challenged each district to have 20 people attend. Please come and learn how we can help stop the school to prison pipeline.

Our spiritual growth event on April 12 will be an opportunity to learn about advocacy, sharing ways to connect and help others, and how to manage our current technology issues. This will be a zoom event, so you will have no excuse not to join us.

I am blessed to have a wonderful executive team with many talents, lots of energy

in prayer for us as we strive to provide programs and events that enrich the

and hearts of service. Please be

lives of our United
Women in Faith ladies.

Our CEO, Sally Vonner, has given us a verse to guide us in this journey -Micah 6:8

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love

mercy, and to walk humbly with your God".

As we journey through the uncertainty and challenges of this year, let us strive to keep this verse in our hearts.

I pray God's blessings on each of you.

D. Schooler
President SCCUMF

I PRAY GOD'S BLESSINGS ON EACH OF YOU.

#### South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith 2025 Annual Meeting & Officer Training Updates

Submitted by: Kathy Roys

This year's Conference Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 24-25, 2025. It is being hosted by the Spartanburg District at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 1320 Fernwood-Glendale Road, Spartanburg. Officers Training with district officers will be held virtually on November 8, 2025 at 9:00am.



The Program committee will be meeting in March to make plans for these events. If there is anything specific you would like to see offered, please contact Kathy Roys at kathy5339@att.net Carrying our Faith Forward,

Interim Vice President/ Program Coordinator

Kathy



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#### IT'S A NEW YEAR AND TIME TO START GIVING TO OUR LOCAL UNITS.

Remember, there are five ways we can give:

- Pledge to Mission
- Gift in Memory
- Gift to Mission

- World Thank Offering
   Special Mission Recognition

Extra giving includes the Legacy Fund, gifts to individual Mission Projects, etc. These are ways we advance the mission of United Women in Faith to women, children and youth. They also form the basis for our Mission Today criteria. Look at the uwfaith.org website for ways the funds are spent. Response articles will highlight National Mission Projects and International mission work.

I want to remind you again about the Mission u Craft Room. We want your craft items in **Spartanburg**, July 17-19. We've had requests for jams, jellies, pickles, etc. We would also like to have snacks we can sell for less than \$1.00. If you're not "crafty," why not send a donation to the conference for the mission projects. Either send it to our conference Treasurer, Janice Eaddy, or bring it to Mission u. Make it payable to SCCUWF. All proceeds from the Craft Room are divided among the four SC Mission Projects.

My Contact Info: 703 Autumn Oaks • Anderson, SC 29621-2686 • baddis1108@yahoo.com

#### Thank You for Your Extraordinary Contributions

By: Janice Cockfield Eaddy - SCCUWFaith Treasurer

Greetings South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith!

For over 150 years, the women of United Women in Faith have been at the heart of impactful mission work, embodying the spirit of service exemplified by the women in Luke 8:1-3. Just as Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, and others supported Jesus' ministry, we too are called to support God's mission through our actions and generosity. Their unwavering dedication inspires us to continue their legacy of compassion and action.

Please allow me to express my sincere gratitude for your extraordinary contributions in 2024. Your collective generosity resulted in a remarkable \$230,666.32 towards our Pledge to Mission goal – a testament to your commitment to women, children, and youth. This remarkable achievement is a direct reflection of your dedication and selflessness.

As we look towards our **2025 Pledge to Mission** goal of \$200,155.00, I pray that each of you will contribute as God has blessed you. We must remember our foremothers and their vision of providing for those who are unable to provide for themselves. Sally Vonner, General Secretary/CEO has asked each conference to increase their pledge by six percent. The impact of our mission giving extends far beyond our immediate reach, transforming lives globally and upholding the legacy of our foremothers.

Let us remember the vision of our predecessors — to provide for those who are less fortunate. Your contributions, whether through your local unit or our online giving platform, are vital to the success of our programs and events. These initiatives enrich our spiritual journeys as members of United Women in Faith, providing opportunities for fellowship, growth, and a deeper connection to our shared purpose.

Beyond financial contributions, your active participation in our events is equally crucial. The 2025 calendar, included in this communication, is brimming with diverse opportunities, many conveniently accessible via Zoom, offering flexibility and comfort. We encourage in-person attendance as well, providing opportunities to connect and fellowship with sisters in faith.

Let us reaffirm our commitment to serving as instruments of God's love and justice, fulfilling our purpose as United Women in Faith. Your support empowers us to continue this critical work. Together, we can and will make a tangible difference in the lives of women, children, and youth.

"Justice is what LOVE ♥ looks like in public"



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

#### For Generations to Come

uwfaith.org/dayof giving

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.





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!

March

#### DAY OF GIVING

Ladies of the SC Conference UWFaith

Let us remember March 23, 2025 is our Legacy Day of Giving.

Here are just a few ways you can get involved:

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- **Host an In-Person Celebration:** Bring your community together with an inspiring event in your Conference. We'd be delighted to join your celebration; whether in person or virtually!
- **Organize a Virtual Celebration:** Share stories, engage your network, and encourage donations through a vibrant virtual event.
- **Spread the Word:** Harness the power of your social media platforms, Conference and District E-newsletters, and personal networks to share the joy of giving.

Together, we can create a ripple effect of generosity and hope that will echo for generations to come. We would love to hear about your planned celebrations, so please reach out and share your ideas with us. Let us make this **Day of Giving** one for the books!

We are counting down to an extraordinary day of joy, purpose, and shared commitment to making a lasting difference. Thank you for all that you do.

Crystal Barrs SCCUWF Legacy Liaison

#### **BUILDING OUR LEGACY**

As of January 31, 2025 South Carolina Legacy Contribution is... \$47,466,800 This is our cumulative amount since inception.

I know we have many opportunities to give. March 23, 2025 at 1pm NATIONAL is holding a special live-streamed event, the flyer is included in this issue of Mission Echo. Please join the Day of Giving online at our uwfaith.org/day of giving. Every gift made makes an impact for generations to come. The Day of Giving is all day sharing and giving from all over the world.

Let us make this year one of our best yet.

Watch for more opportunities of giving at our events and meetings.

Thank you for your support in our future generations UWFaith. Blessings to all,

- Crystal Barrs, SCCUWF Legacy Liaison

#### Spiritual Growth Event April 12th



Registration

is Free

Charleston District

North Charleston United Methodist Church

Host Church

All persons are invited to attend this Uplifting Event

Staying Connected Spiritually

Scripture Focus - Jeremiah 29:12

Saturday April 12, 2025 at 10:00

Zoom opens at 9:45am

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

#### SAVE THE DATE



Come Together Be Together is May 17th at 10:00 AM. The Greenville District will host. We are in the middle of making all the plans for a wonderful treat full of showing SC that we are Imitators of GOD. Some exciting workshops are in the mix. This is a free event for all. The registration will be in a Mission Echo E-Blast and the Advocate. Keep watching.

#### SURVEY REMINDER



## DID YOUR UNIT COMPLETE THE CENSUS/SURVEY? DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2025

Greetings to everyone!! We are at the last end of the crunch for the Membership count. We need all Units to complete the Survey by March 31st. Share the word. Complete the Survey. Here is a list of counts that have been done as of December 30, 2024. Below is the list of Districts and the number of Surveys that have been completed for each district. As you can see, we have work to do. I will not get another list until after the link has closed.

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Greenville	2	Greenwood	1	Hartsville	4	Marion	1
Orangeburg	12	Rock Hill	3	Spartanburg	1	Walterbor	0 0
	For more	information contac	ct Ana	ela Allen angela.alle	en@ch	arter.net	

#### South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith

# Ecome 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



You or someone you know can be the recipient of a 2025 South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith Presidential Scholarship

South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith is offering a scholarship to future leaders of United Women in Faith. As a supportive community, our desire is to financially assist young women with their higher educational needs.

Application must be submitted (postmarked) by

March 1, 2025

#### APPLICATION PACKETS

Packets are available from District Presidents, members of the Conference UWFaith Scholarship Committee, scanning the QR code above and on the conference website: www.umcsc.org/women.

#### All required information is located in the Application Packet. PACKETS INCLUDES:

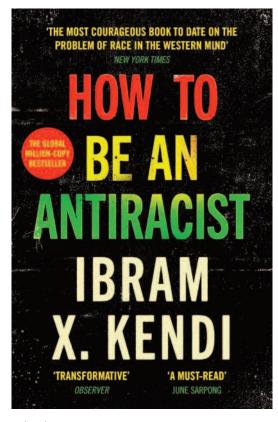
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- 3. Application for Presidential Scholarship
- 4. Scholarship Application High School Guidance Counselor
- 5. Scholarship Application Dean or Advisor
- 6. Checklist for Completing Application

For more information contact: Janice Cockfield Eaddy

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# SOUTH CAPOLINA CONFERENCE OF UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH 2025 VIRTUAL BOOK STUDY





MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE DATES ABOVE

Facilitators Retired Deaconess: Barb Brooks & Jane Crawford

#### ZOOM LINK

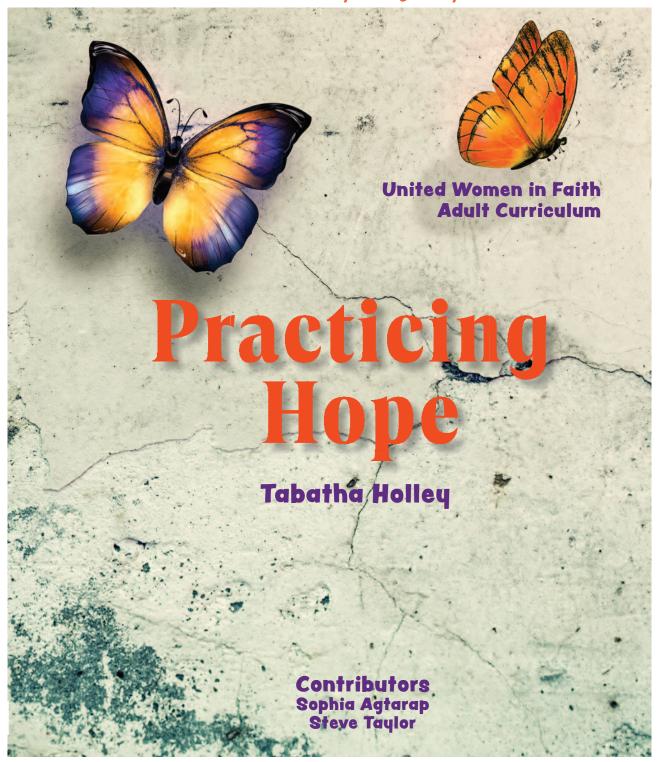
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For more information contact: Kathy Roys via email kathy5339@att.net

#### Save the Date

#### Mission u Adult Study • July 17-19, 2025



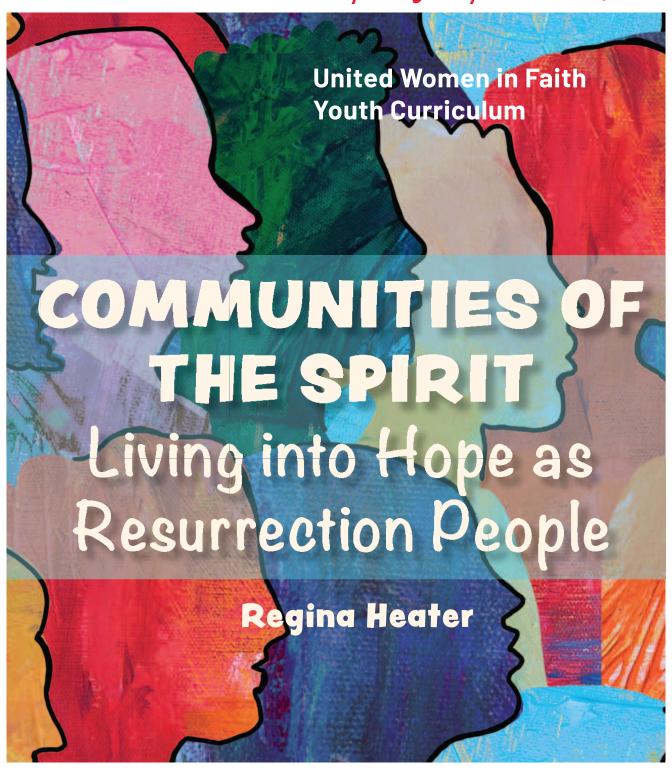
#### Make Plans to Attend

Mission u at Spartanburg Methodist College



#### Save the Date

Mission u Youth Study • July 17-19, 2025



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#### **Program Resource Update**

Submitted by: Vickie Failor



Hello, I am Vickie Failor. The Program Resource Secretary for the South Carolina Conference United Women In Faith. If you have questions in regards to the reading program, you can reach out to your district Program Resource Secre-

tary, or you can reach out to me. I can be contacted via email: vfailor@bellsouth.net • phone 864-354-8842, or by U.S. Mail: Vickie Failor, 1208 Cedar Lane Rd., Greenville, SC 29617.

A lot of the books can be checked out from the public library, which saves in expenses. You can also get digital copies of the books. Books can be purchased from the Resource Center for United Women in Faith, Amazon, and local book stores.

Some suggestions to help promote the reading program in your local unit are:

Start a monthly book club and discuss the books Create a library within your unit, so ladies can share books. You do not only have to read books to get credit, but reading the **Response maga-zine** and participating in the **Faith Talk Pod** casts count towards credits for the reading program. If you do not like to read large books, the

children and youth books count as credit.

Another idea ladies can do to receive credit is have a story time with the children and read books from the reading list.

For those that are not familiar with the reading program. There are 4 plans located within the reading program. You can read as few as 5 books or as many as 30 books depending on the plan you want to complete. See the Reading Program reporting form in this edition of the Mission Echo.

In order to receive a certificate for participating in the reading program, you will need to complete the reporting form and submit it to your unit secretary of program resource (if your unit has one), they submit it to the district secretary of program resource who in turn issues the certificates at your districts' annual meeting. Thatinformation will be sent to me so it can be presented at the SCCUWF

Annual Meeting in October.

The United Women in Faith Reading Program is designed to help women of faith to achieve five key goals: lean into our spiritual growth, strengthen our leadership skills, equip ourselves for local and global mission, take faithful action for the common good, and build community in ways large and small. The books are current and cover a wide variety of topics. Participating in one of the Reading Program plans at any of the four levels, or even reading just one or two books ifrom the catalog, can help you grow. And anyone, anywhere, can participate—whether you are a member of United Women in Faith already or just getting to know us.

This year's Bonus Books, along with the other offerings in our 2025 Reading Program, are a powerful launching point for both personal reflection and meaningful conversation.

A virtual page at **bookshop.org/shop/uwfaith** (https://bookshop.org/shop/uwfaith) where you

THE
READING
PROGRAM
THERE'S
SOMETHING
FOR
EVERYONE

can browse and purchase most of the 2025 Reading Program books while earning 10% back to United Women in Faith to support our work.

In the November/December 2024 issue of the Response Magazine was a complete list of the 2025 reading program.

Books from 2020 - 2025 and on the reading list are eligible for reporting credit, if you have not previously read them.

Past catalogs can be found on the website: https://uwfaithresources.org/prodlist.cfm?catID=2178

The Reading Program is a cherished tradition that brings together members to explore, share and discuss books.

Reading - There's something for everyone.

Your sister in Faith,

Vickie

# Reporting Form EADING

Formulario de Información del Programa de Lectura

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- · 5 books each year.
- 1 book from each category.
- Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports.
- Regular reading of **response** magazine.

# PLAN =

- · 10 books each year.
- 2 books from each category.
- Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports.
  - Regular reading of response magazine.

# PLAN III

- · 15 books each year.
- 2 books from each category.
- PLUS 5 additional books from any category. Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports.
  - Regular reading of response magazine.

# PLAN V

- 20 books each year.
- 2 books from each category.
- PLUS 10 additional books from any category.
- Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports.
- Regular reading of **response** magazine.

Books can be purchased directly from the retailer of your choice or borrowed from your local public library.

For books on previous reading lists, go to: uwfaith.org/read

# South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith 2025 Calendar of Events

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Saturday Saturday Saturday	April 5th April 12th April 26th	12 Noon 10am 12 Noon	Book Study Spiritual Growth Event Book Study	Virtual Virtual Virtual	
Saturday	May 17th	10am	Come Together Be Together	Virtual (Hosted by Greenville District)	
Sunday Saturday	June 8th - Wednesd June 21st	ay 11th 10 am	The SC UMC Annual Conference Charter for Racial Justice & Environmental Justice Event	Greenville, SC Virtual	
			JULY		
Saturday Thursday	July 5th July 17th -19th	10 am TBA	Limitless Event -TBA Mission u	In-Person Spartanburg Meth Coll.	
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September	Killingsworth Special	l Emphasis M	lonth		
October Friday	Bethlehem Center S October 24 - 25th	pecial Empha 12:30 pm	SCC UWF 53rd Annual Meeting	Spartanburg District	
			OVEMBER		
Saturday	November 8th	9 am	District Officers Training	Virtual	
DECEMBER					
Merry Christmas					

#### In Loving Memory of Kimberly Graham



It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of our newly elected Vice President, Kimberly Graham, who left us on January 23rd.

While Kimberly was just beginning her service in this role, we remember her willingness to promote the mission of United Women in Faith.

Let us honor her memory with kindness and support one another as we continue our work in faith.



South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith

There is nothing like the

# **POWER** of **PRAYER**

Have you registered as a prayer partner? Are you encouraging your Unit/Circle to register.

Contact Sandra Love at SLGTAR@aol.com for more information

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It's Not To Late to

# WRITE your LEGISLATORS

about items important to you.

SUPPORT

# PREDATORY LENDING CAP INTEREST RATE BILL S.518

contact your state senator

EVERY SOUTH CAROLINIAN
DESERVES ACCESS TO FAIR CREDIT!

IT IS TIME TO CAP INTEREST RATES IN SC AT 36%!

# SPECIAL EMPHASIS MONTHS

February - Wallace Family Life Center

#### April - Columbia Bethlehem Community Center

September - Killingworth

November - Bethlehem Center Spartanburg

#### This & That

Join us for bimonthly conversations with United Women in Faith, hosted by Jennifer R. Farmer.

Subscribe to the Faith Talks podcast.

Listen to previously recorded

episodes at

www.spreaker.com/show/faithtalks
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favorite podcasts.



#### What We Do!

**EQUIP • ORGANIZE • EDUCATE • SERVE & ADVOCATE** 

We equip women and girls around the world to be leaders.

We provide educational experiences that lead to personal change in order to transform the world.

We are connectional because together, we can do more to make a difference in our lives, communities and the world.

We work justice through compassionate service and advocate to change unfair policies.

# Wallace Family Life Center Continues To Thrive

Submitted by Sarah Woods, Conference Representative to WFLC Board

Wallace Family Life Center Continues to Thrive. I, Sarah Woods, as the SCCUWF Wallace Family Life Center Representative, have attended two board meetings and participated in a food distribution at the Life Center. The chairperson of the Wallace Family Life Center board is Rev. Maya Malachi and Mrs. Ethylene Simmons & Mrs. Linda Sanders continues to volunteer at the center

The 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was held at the center on November 16, 2024. The guest speaker was Kay Summerlin, of the Marion District. More than 60 people were in attendance, wherein the board received overwhelmingly positive reviews about the event.

The Wallace Family Life Center is still active in the Wallace Community with events/activities ongoing on a weekly basis as following:

• Bible Study: Tuesday at 11:00 am

Exercise Class: Thursday
 Dance Class: Wednesday
 Adult Education Class: Wednesday

Wallace Family Life Center Board Meetings are held bi-monthly at the Center. The center is also available for other programs. The board is still working on getting a GED (General Education Development) testing program and a summer program. The center has a greater opportunity for recruiting students this summer because the school district is not offering any summer programs. Volunteers are needed to support this program.

The last executive meeting was held on January 25, 2025. Th center has continued to receive funds from South Carolina Conference. Also, a \$1,200.00 donation was received from the Marion District. A discussion was held about the center's financial concerns and the group brainstormed means of bringing in additional revenue to the center. Several suggestions were made but the board concluded that a grant might be possible. Plans are in the works to bring in the CPA to discuss the legal components of a grant for this organization.

Upcoming events include:

- A food distribution in February (the food has already been purchased),
- A three-day finance workshop, Bennettsville & Dillon Cluster meeting,
- A clean-up day in March, and
- The center will host the Bennettsville Cheraw Area Cooperative Ministry Vacation Bible School, June 16-20, 2025.

Please remember the Wallace Family Life Center in your prayers and your giving.

Respectfully submitted by: Sarah

The Wallace Family Life Center is a family oriented facility. Their mission is to provide educational, cultural, recreational, and religious programs to enrich the lives of the people that live in the Wallace/Bennettsville communities.

#### PRAYER PALS

Growing spiritually is the best way that we can understand our part in God's mission and ministry in our world. Connecting with our other United Methodist Sisters in our conference through prayer and blessings can help us become stronger in our Christian journey. If you are interested in participating in this connection, please contact me or your District Spiritual Growth Coordinator. You will be given your prayer pals information and they will be given yours.

Please send this information to Sandra Love

email: slgtar@aol.com or

mail to: 107 Hexham Circle, Irmo 29063

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#### Please fill out the following information:

Name:
Address:
Email:
Birthday:
Phone:
Other information you wish your prayer partner may need to know:

Lent begins with a challenge: clear out the mental and spiritual clutter and discover how to live life to the fullest. -Maggi Dawn

# SCC UWFaith Traveled to St. Helena Island to Visit Penn Center



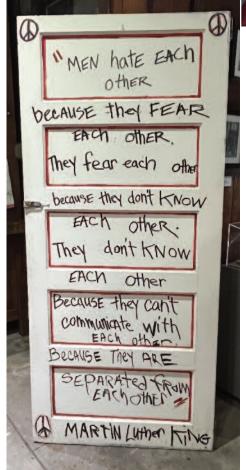
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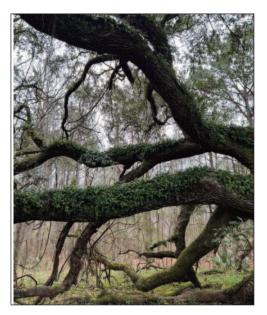


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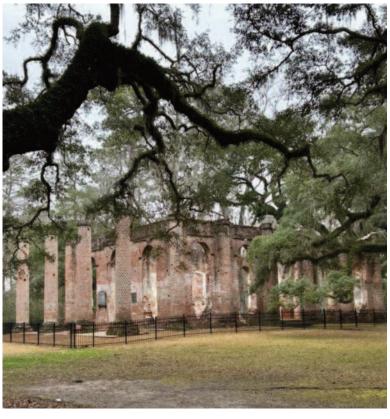
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and Lexie Chatman



"This was my first time visiting the Penn Center here on St. Helena Island. I learned so much,
I can't wait until I can come again,"
said one youth attendee.









### 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.

# 2025 SCC United Women in Faith Executive Team



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"I believe we are ready and able, with God's guidance and wisdom, to do the work needed to make our UWFaith grow and meet the challenges that face us."

- Debra Schooler, SCCUWF President

#### Announcements

Presidential Scholarship

Deadline

(postmarked by)

March1st

COME TOGETHER
BE TOGETHER
MAY 17TH @ 10AM
HOSTED BY:
GREENVILLE DISTRICT

**APRIL** 

SPECIAL EMPHASIS MONTH

BETHLEHEM
COMMUNITY
CENTER
COLUMBIA

March 23

Day of

**G**IVING

Spiritual Growth

Virtual Event

April 12th

@ 10 am

#### BOOK STUDY

**First Session** 

March 8th 12pm

Click Link to Register https://shorturl.at/ftPLM

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# Committee on Nominations

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#### Mission u

July 17-19th

Spartanburg Methodist

College

(In person event)



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