



United
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The Network News

Anderson District

South Carolina Conference

March 2025

SAVE THE DATE

March 15 A Day Apart Anderson Library McDuffie St Anderson 10am
March 18 Legislative Advocacy Day-Epworth Children's Home
March 22 Day of Giving 156th year!

April Columbia Bethlehem Community Center Emphasis Mo
April 12 Conference Spiritual Growth Event—Virtual
April 20 Easter

May 17 Conference Come Together Be Together—Virtual

June 8-11 SC UMC Annual Conference Greenville SC

July 17-19 Mission u - Spartanburg Methodist College

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**District President
Lynn Friedman**

A Note from Your President...



Greetings, United Women in Faith sisters,

2025 is off to a good start for Anderson District United Women in Faith. It was held on January 18, 2025, at Clemson United Methodist Church and we had the wonderful problem of having to set up more seating because we had more people than we anticipated! All told, we had 31 attendees representing 14 churches. We shared a wonderful morning of food, fellowship and learning as we listened as a group to the job responsibilities of each office. We missed those who couldn't be there and hope that you will contact any of our team members with questions you might have. Bonnie Surface, our Vice-President, prepared a wonderful handout with lots of good information for all who attended.

Our Anderson District Leadership Team is seeking to fill our unfilled positions and would like to encourage any of you who might be interested to contact Jane Hallums at 864-859-0537 or myself at 864-723-7090. Vacancies are a Communications Coordinator, Social Action Coordinator, Nominating Committee Chair, Education and Interpretation Coordinator and cluster leaders for Zones 2 and 3. Zone 2 consists of local units with Anderson addresses and churches in Starr, Iva, Townville and Abbeville County. Zone 3 consists of local units in Belton, Easley, Honea Path, Liberty, Pickens, Piedmont and Williamston.

The **communications coordinator** works actively to fulfill the Purpose and find creative ways to assist communications within United Women in Faith. **She will:** a. Work with elected leadership to promote the organization and Purpose as well as publicize United Women in Faith activities at all levels. b. Provide and promote United Women in Faith resources and how to use them, conduct training at least annually as determined by the leadership team, and learn skills and develop techniques in publicity, such as putting together a quarterly newsletter.

The **chairperson of the committee on nominations** will actively work to fulfill the Purpose of United Women in Faith. **She will:** a. Chair meetings of the jurisdiction committee on nominations. b. Oversee records of the committee on nominations. c. Assume responsibilities as assigned by the jurisdiction leadership team.

For information about the responsibilities of the Mission Coordinators, please contact me with your questions.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of "God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

**District VP
Bonnie Surface**

Field Trip to Penn Center

Beth Addis, Cherie Williams, Gail Gorry, Carol Weatherford, Mattie Jain, Susan Stepp, and I crammed ourselves and our luggage into Cherie's Toyota Highlander at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 15. Mattie led a devotion, and we were off to St. Helena's Island!

We arrived in time for our 1:00 tour of the Penn Center cultural center and museum celebrating the Gullah Geechee and African American history. It started as a school for freed slaves. We saw a short movie about the Gullah Geechee community. The room was overflowing, and it was great to see several children and teens among the audience. The museum was fascinating, and we all found items to purchase in the museum store. Several of us bought books

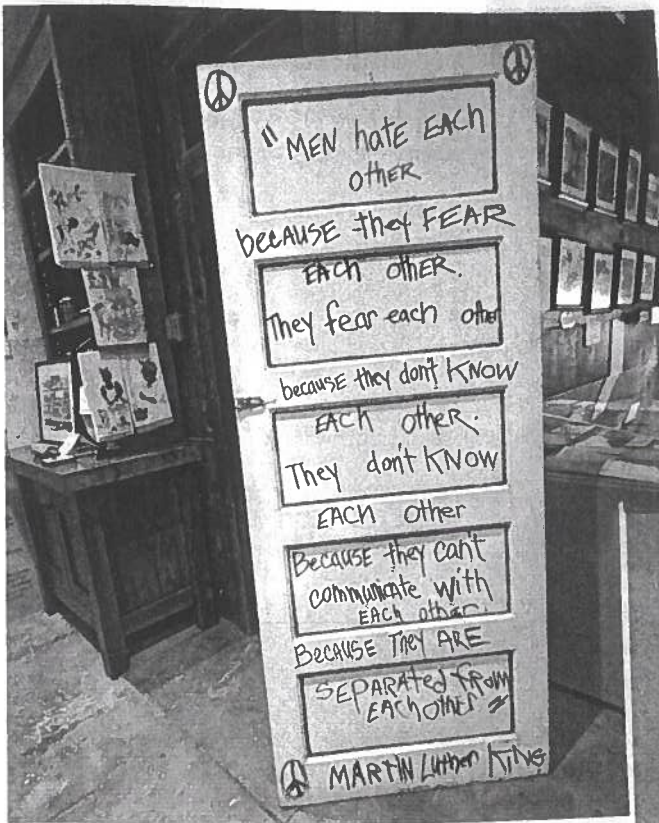
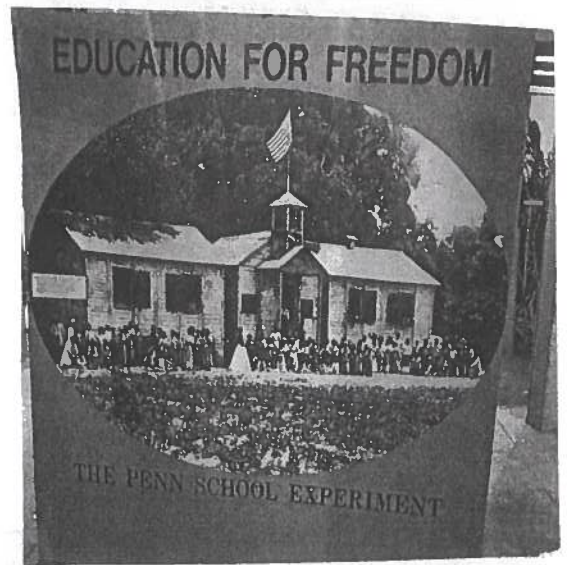
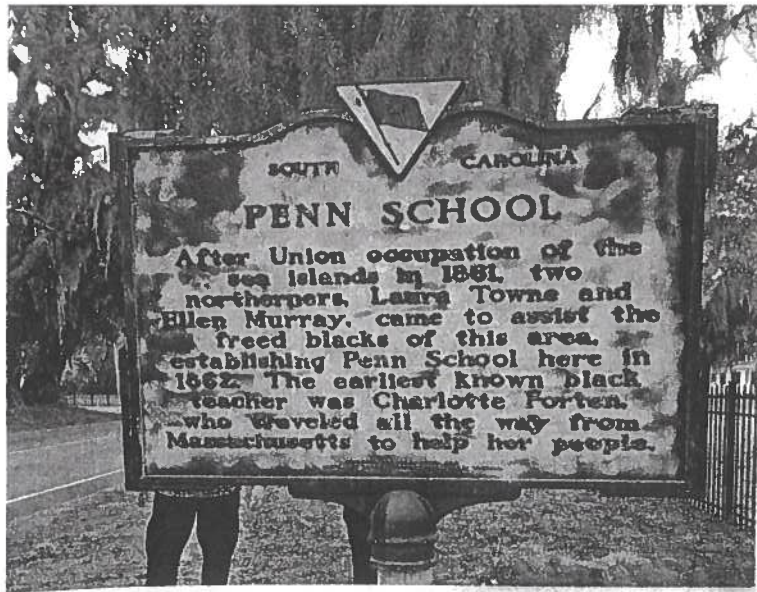
We checked in to our Bed and Breakfast there on the grounds. It was a beautiful old house with one bedroom downstairs and four upstairs, each with twin beds. All the floors (except the black and white tile kitchen), walls and ceilings were dark wood. We had a living room, dining room, kitchen and three bathrooms. The large front porch had 8 chairs (some were rockers) facing live oak trees with Spanish moss. We were able to get some exercise after our long ride by walking around the grounds. We were so glad we stayed there instead of at a hotel! That evening we went to Seaside Bar and Grill on the island. It was great food and service – highly recommend! After dinner we went back to our B&B and played Yahtzee and UNO. Fun!

Sunday morning, we had breakfast at the house and then attended church at the Brick Baptist Church, just down the road from our B&B and still on the Penn Center grounds. The church was built by slaves in 1855. The black church was so warm and welcoming. It was a wonderful service. We really enjoyed the music.

Next, we were off to Charleston to visit the new International African American Museum. We had timed tickets for 3 p.m. The museum is quite impressive. It's near the harbor and the Aquarium. There was a lot of information about the Gullah Geechee culture and a lot of exhibits of art and history.

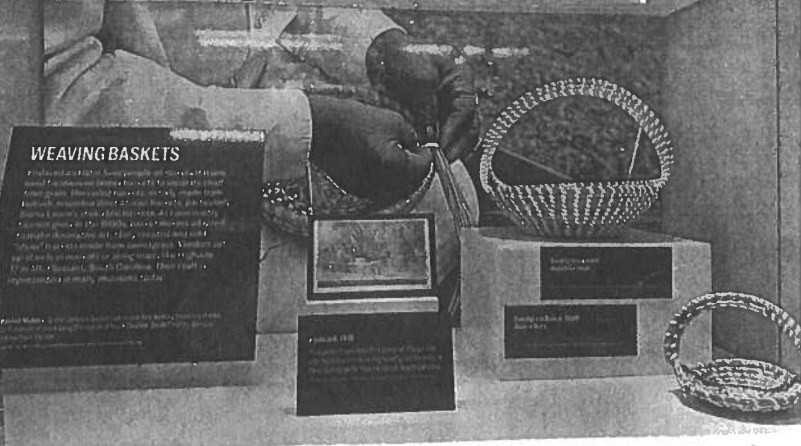
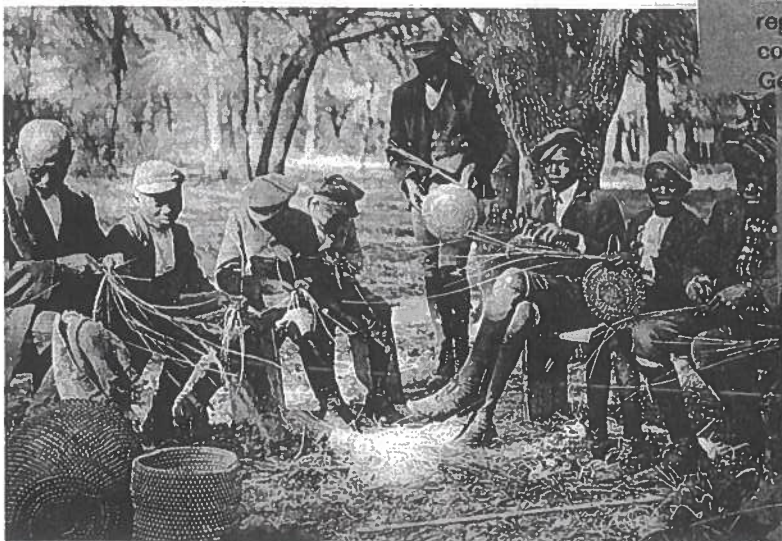
We couldn't go to Charleston without a visit to the Market. It was a quick run through, but we enjoyed it. The sweetgrass baskets are very expensive now, but one vendor did have hers on sale. We got to see several carriages going by with beautiful horses. Dinner was at Henry's, another good seafood place with other dishes to satisfy all of us. Before we left Charleston, Cherie drove us by the Battery to look at the stately houses. The view of the harbor was mostly blocked.

We arrived back home around 11:15 p.m. We were so grateful for safe travel and for Cherie's music playlist to sign along with. It was a weekend jam-packed with learning, fun, fellowship, and worship. We wish you all could have been there with us!



GULLAH GEECHEE

Gullah Geechee communities developed in coastal and interior regions of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and northern Florida—areas with large plantation systems and enslaved populations in the 1700s and 1800s. By the 1900s, large numbers of African Americans with roots in these regions migrated to southern, northern, and western cities, while others remained in rural communities. To honor the significance of this regional culture and its national and international connections, Congress established the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor in 2006.



Spiritual Growth
Donna Hopkins

A DAY APART
March 15th 10:00am
Anderson Library
McDuffie St.
<downtown>
300 N McDuffie St
Anderson SC 29621

Education &
Interpretation



Make plans to attend Mission u.
Remember to gather and donate items
for the craft room.

www.umcsc.org/umw

**District Treasurer
Eileen Blowers**



We are hitting the ground running in 2025! Thank you for the remittance reports I have already gotten—go ahead and get yours in the mail for the 1st Quarter.

You can always reach me:

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**1st Q 12-01 to 2/28 due 3/05
2nd Q 3/01 to 5/31 due 6/05
3rd Q 6/01 to 8/31 due 9/05
4th Q 9/01 to 11/30 due 12/05**

**Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God
my Savior and my hope is in you all day long Psalm 25:5**



**District Historian
Nancy Evatt**

**Welcome Nancy as the
Anderson District
United Women in Faith Historian!**

If your local church is having a milestone anniversary or if United Women in Faith participate in a historic event please reach out to Nancy and share the happenings.

Membership-Nurture &

Come Together Be Together

Saturday May 17, 2025

Greenville District Host

Zoom meeting starts at 10 am

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Registration Misson Echo news blast

Elaine Jones

Misson Coordinator Membership Nurture Outreach



PRESIDENTS COMPLETE UNIT SURVEY

The Unit Survey

As a leader in United Women in Faith, the Membership Office invites you to participate in this year's 2023 Unit Survey.

*The survey is intended to be completed by **Unit Presidents** and/or **All Access Group Convenors**.*

This year's questions will focus on membership engagement and growth, leadership development, and program awareness and participation, as we aim to support our new organizational vision of expanding our membership, increasing annual revenue, and strengthening our legacy funding.

Your feedback is crucial and your response matters—not just for understanding our current progress, but for guiding our next steps toward continued growth. We also want to be able to celebrate all the work you are doing on behalf of women, children and youth around the globe.

Survey link: <https://uwfaith.org>

Membership Nurture and Outreach: The membership census survey has been opened for all the input their information. **The portal is open from now until March 31st.** Please ensure to complete your UWF groups information.

Did you know? With the new launch of the UWFaith.org website, there are a lot of resources available to you at your fingertips! By registering through the website you will close the communication gap. This will allow you to get firsthand information on changes, events, and sponsorships opportunities. You are in control; you check what influences you like the most and that is the information that is geared to your profile. You might like leadership and networking information, or you might like would rather have spiritual nurturing and fellowship information. You can give directly on the website. Your church circle and district all still get the “credit” for your donation but you have the confidence to know that you have placed the gift to make the greatest impact where it matters most.

Membership Questions: What do I get as a member by registering?

In a word, **you get access.** Access to opportunities to take action in the areas that for your passions, along with connections to like-minded women, You get to be part of something bigger. This allows you to join and participate at the level that's best for you.

To Complete Survey, go to: <https://uwfaith.org>

Questions: Angela Allen Angela_Allen@charter.net

Anderson District Annual Training

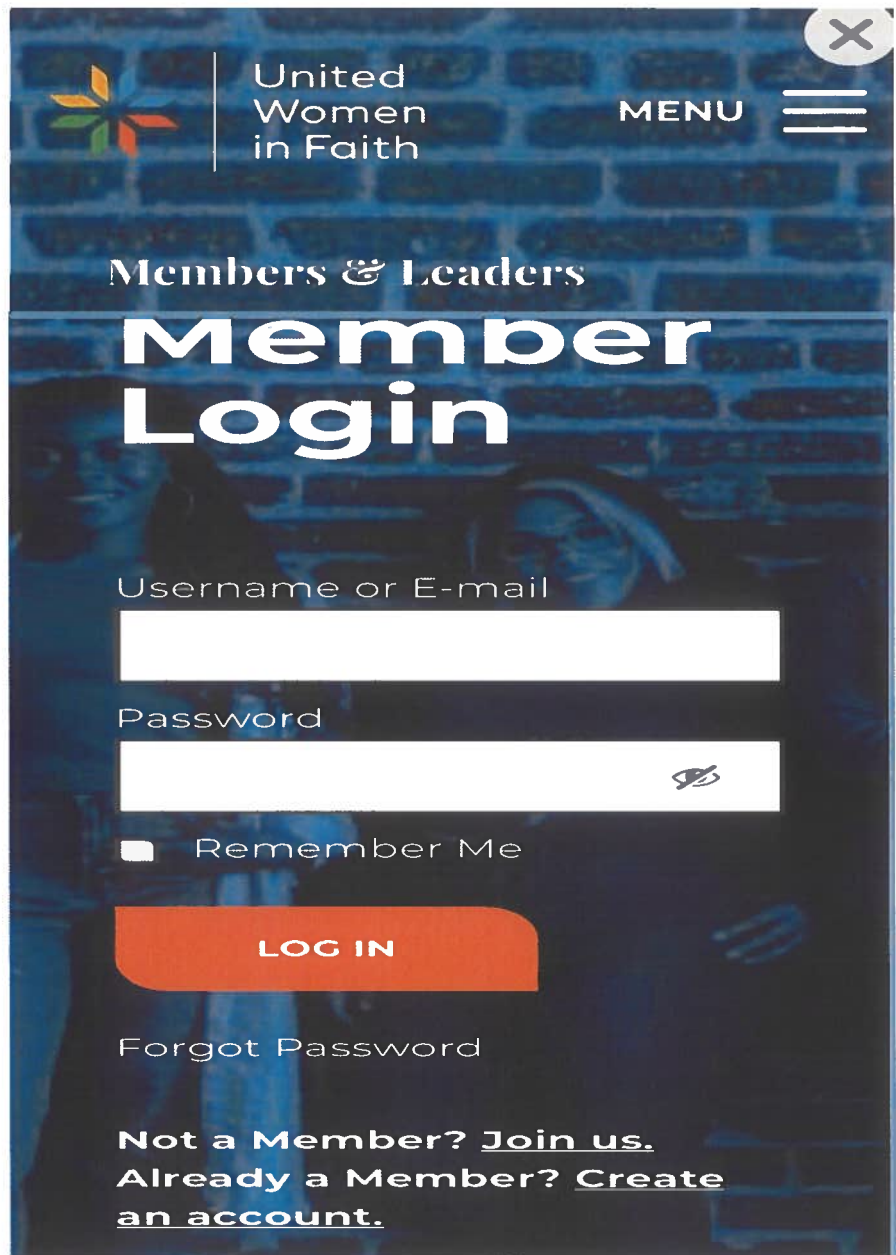
Bonnie Surface, Vice President

Over 30 Anderson District members attended Annual Training on January 18, 2025, at Clemson United Methodist Church. Donna Hopkins presented a devotion and prayer to begin the meeting. Officers and Mission Coordinators described their duties within the District and those in the Local Units. There was lively discussion and questions. A booklet of handouts included several forms and handouts about upcoming events. We enjoyed refreshments and fellowship as we learned from each other. Thanks to all who attended!



If you have not been on the UW in Faith website yet, simply click on the link below and it will take you right to the START page.

Begin exploring....



The screenshot shows the 'Member Login' page for 'United Women in Faith'. The page has a dark blue background with a faint image of people. At the top left is a logo with a stylized flower. To its right is the text 'United Women in Faith'. Further right is a 'MENU' button with a hamburger icon. Below the header, the text 'Members & Leaders' is followed by 'Member Login' in large white letters. There are two input fields: 'Username or E-mail' and 'Password'. The password field has an eye icon to toggle visibility. Below the password field is a checkbox labeled 'Remember Me'. A large orange 'LOG IN' button is centered. Below the button is a link for 'Forgot Password'. At the bottom, there are two links: 'Not a Member? Join us.' and 'Already a Member? Create an account.'.

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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 information visit
uwfaith.org/dayofgiving



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United Women in Faith
Church Center for the United Nations
777 United Nations Plaza, 11th Floor
New York, NY 10017

Save the Date: March 23, 2025

For Generations to Come 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 23rd!

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



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The Legacy Endowment Fund
is a permanent investment that
supports the work and the future
of United Women in Faith.

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Secretary of Educational Resources (Reading Program)

Several educational resources are available to members of United Women in Faith. You can find them on the United Women in Faith Website. Since January 1 this year, I've enjoyed using the Daily Prayer Guide 2025. In the Guide there is a bit of information for each day of the week.

Sunday – Usually a brief statement and art

Monday – A reflection

Tuesday – An example of how our funds are being used

Wednesday – Mid-week prayer request

Thursday – Thought and prayer for the day

Friday – Birthdays for the week

Saturday – Notes from the week

For each day there are two lectionary scripture readings. There is also a program prayer request.

We have a Program Resource Guide, *Carrying Our Faith Forward*. It has lots of ideas for circle programs. We also have a calendar. In addition, the curriculum for Mission U. Practicing Hope is available. This curriculum is excellent. I hope you will plan to attend Mission U this year in July at Spartanburg Methodist College. If you read the curriculum, you get credit for one book on our Reading Program. If you attend Mission U, you get credit for a second book.

Participating in our Reading Program brings me great joy. Our books are interesting, and many are transformative. Find all the details on UWFaith website. This is the last year to read books on the 2021 Reading Program List. There are 3 books from that list that I want to suggest you read. *Dinner by Candlelight*, *Women Rise*, and *Right Here Right Now*.

A book from the 2024 list that I highly recommend is *The Three Mothers: How the Mothers of Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and James Baldwin Shaped a Nation*. -----

If you attended the SC Conference sponsored trip to the Penn Center on Feb. 15 and 16, you may count it as one book. If you attend Legislative Advocacy Day on March 18. You may count it as one book.

Enjoy the Reading Program.





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**Committee on
Nominations
Jane Hallums**



**You
Just
don't
know it!**

It does not take any special skill to be a part of the Anderson District Leadership team, it only takes courage to step out and say YES.

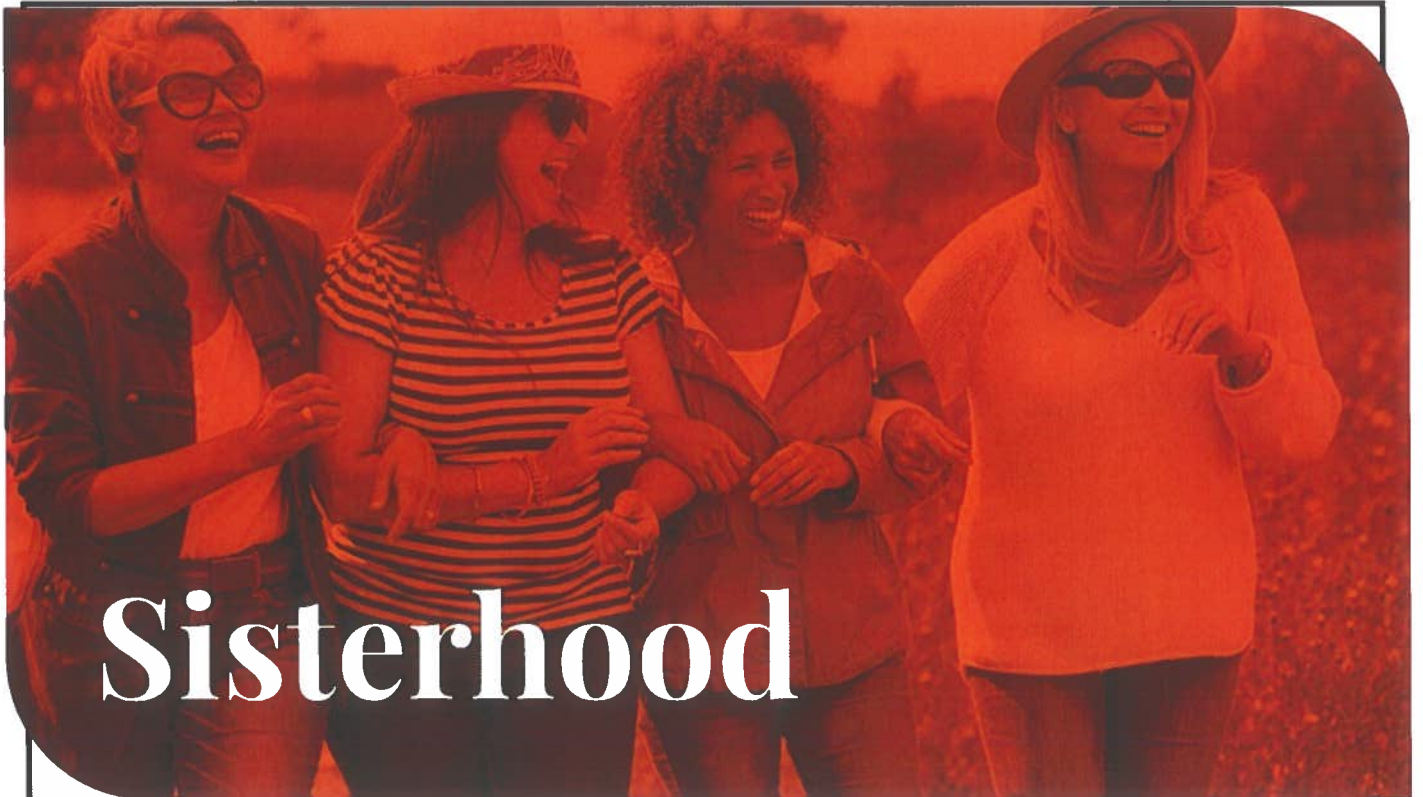
Very little time is required to receive very big rewards.

Reach out to Jane or anyone on the Leadership team roster from page #1.



What's Happening In
YOUR Church

You are an example of
Faith * Hope and Love in Action !



Sisterhood

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

South Carolina United Women in Faith 2025 Calendar of Events

January 18	Anderson District Officer's Training – 10am - Clemson UMC
FEBRUARY	Wallace Family Life Center: Special Emphasis Month
March 15	Anderson District Day Apart - 10am - Anderson Library McDuffie St
March 22	Legacy Fund Day of Giving 156 th year
APRIL	Columbia Bethlehem Community Center: Special Emphasis Month
April 12	Conference: 10am Spiritual Growth Event – Virtual
May 17	Conference: 10am Come Together Be Together – Virtual
June 8-11	SC United Methodist Church Annual Conference, Greenville SC
June 21	Conference: Charter for Racial Justice Event – Virtual
July 5	Limitless Event – 10am In Person
July 17-19	Mission u: Spartanburg Methodist College - Spartanburg SC
SEPTEMBER	Killingsworth: Special Emphasis Month
Sep 27	Anderson District 53 th Annual Meeting
OCTOBER	Bethlehem Center Spartanburg: Special Emphasis Month
Oct 25	Conference: SCCUWF 53 rd Annual Meeting – Spartanburg District
Nov 8	Conference: District Officers Training 9am – Virtual
Dec 6	Limitless Event – In Person
Dec 25	Christmas



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March 2025



Our Vision

Turning faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world.

Our Mission

United Women in Faith seeks 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.

Our Local Purpose

To be 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.

We believe
love in action
can change
the world.



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