



September Prayer

May God open our
eyes to see, ears to hear,
and our hearts to act with love
for the inclusiveness of everyone.
Giving space to each generation
is key as we work together.

-Frieda Mwebe Mofya
UWFaith Regional Missionary, Africa
From the Daily Prayer Guide 2025

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Looking Ahead: Upcoming Dates

Sept 27	District Annual Meeting	Cornerstone UMC
Sept 29	Leadership Zoom (all unit leaders, potential leaders)	
Oct 24-25	SCCUWF 53 rd Annual Meeting	Spartanburg
Nov 8	District Lead. Team Training on Zoom	9 am
Nov 15	District Lead. Team Meets @Winthrop Wesley	9:30
Nov 28	Informer articles due	
Dec 1	<i>Informer & Mission Echo</i> published	

Informer is the quarterly newsletter of the Rock Hill District UWFaith. It is published in December, March, June, and September and sent via email to UWF Unit Presidents who then share it with their circles and members. If you wish to be added to our *Informer* email list, please send your request to **rhduwf@yahoo.com**.

News items, photos, and event announcements for the *Informer* can be sent to your Cluster Leader or sent to **rhduwf@yahoo.com**. Keep in mind we are published only 4 times a year.



President & Communicator

After such a hot summer I'm ready for fall and cooler temperatures. It's almost time for falling leaves, apple picking, carving pumpkins, soups, stews, campfires, and s'mores! I love fall!

I am so appreciative of each member of the District Leadership Team. Working together, we completed another round of district events and even added a new event! It has been a great year! I also appreciate our Unit Presidents and their Leadership Teams. God continues to help us in our purpose of fellowship, spiritual growth, social action, and mission.

Please continue to pray for each other...for each unit...for our District Team...for the missions in our communities. God knows our needs. Pray for God to help us through the challenging times and celebrate each blessing.



Leaders'
Chat



We will have another Leaders' Chat on Zoom for any UWF Leaders or Prospective Leaders who wish to attend. It will be on September 29 at 7:30 pm. Please let me know if you would like to attend and I will send you the link.

If you missed sending in any reports, please do so ASAP. You can send them directly to me. If you need help or have questions call or text me.

Our District Annual Meeting is on Saturday September 27 at Cornerstone UMC. See page 14 for more information. Please register ASAP.

Conference Annual Meeting is in Spartanburg on October 24-25. The registration form is on page 15. I hope to see lots of Rock Hill ladies in Spartanburg. You'll notice the form asks if you are a voting delegate. Voting Delegates include all District Officers, each Unit President or her elected alternate, plus another elected delegate from each unit.

Please don't hesitate to call on me if I can help your unit in any way. I would love to visit with you in your circle or unit. Please call, text, or email me to make arrangements. No unit invited me to an event or meeting this summer so here I am with some of my circle sisters at Narroway.

With Sisterly Love,

Lynne Chandler

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Left to Right: Barbara Dill, Mary Alice Ratterree, me, Bette Jean Janicke, Debbie Bostic, Linda James, & Phyllis Wright.



Vice President

Sisters in Christ,

As we continue walking faithfully together, I am reminded of the strength, grace, and resilience that women of faith bring to every space we occupy. We are called to encourage one another, lift each other up in prayer, and step boldly into opportunities to serve. Our gatherings are not just events; they are sacred moments of fellowship, learning, and renewal that equip us to make a difference in our communities and beyond.

Looking ahead, we are prayerfully preparing for our **2026 District Annual Training, Day Apart Service, and District Annual Meeting**. These are cornerstone events that bless our district each year. To make them possible, we are now seeking **host churches** willing to open their doors and partner with us in hospitality and ministry. Hosting is a wonderful opportunity for your church to welcome women from across the district, highlight your ministries, and strengthen connections in fellowship.

We ask that you prayerfully consider if your church might serve as a host site for one of these 2026 gatherings. Together, we will continue to create spaces where women are inspired, empowered, and equipped to live out their calling.



I hope to have host churches lined up before September 17 so they can be included on the calendar in our Annual Meeting Program. I look forward to seeing each of you at Cornerstone UMC on September 27.

With gratitude and hope,

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United
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Our 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.

Inspire

Influence

Impact



Secretary

Dear Friends,

This will be my final message to you as I close my term of service as District Secretary. Whether you are continuing or retiring from your local secretary role, please remember how important you are to the success of your Unit. Maintaining accurate records and passing them to your successor assures that the Unit's history will be preserved and that answers to future questions can be found.

I pray that our Lord continues to bless each of you as you serve Him through United Women in Faith.

Barbara Gaither

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Treasurer

Unit Treasurers,

Thank you for submitting mission donations to United Women in Faith. The district pledged \$16,000 to UWF for this year; current contributions are slightly below this goal. If your unit has additional funds available at year-end, please submit any extra contributions by November 30 (4th quarter) to help meet the district pledge. Monies sent in during 4th quarter count toward your 2026 Five Star Award. When allocating funds to "Pledge" use the first line on the Remittance Form, please contact me for assistance.

Your continued generosity directly supports life-changing programs for women, youth, and children in our community and beyond. Every contribution makes a difference and helps fulfill our shared mission.

The 53rd Annual Meeting will be held on September 27, where 5-Star Certificates will be presented, and attendees can connect with other members of United Women in Faith. At the end of the meeting, please designate a representative from your church to collect the envelope containing all certificates.

Thank you for your dedication to the district's mission, your unit's local missions, and your support of projects that empower women, youth, and children.

Grateful for Sisters in Christ,

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Membership, Nurture & Outreach

As I write this article we are anticipating lower humidity next week, a taste of the fall weather that is sure to come. I find the changing of the seasons refreshing, a chance to appreciate different aspects of God's fabulous creation. And fall happens to be my favorite season! Those beautiful colors, pumpkins, apples, crisp air, homemade soup – what's not to love?

Serving as the MN&O Chair has been, and continues to be, an interesting experience. Am I really finishing up my second year in the position? Still, we have only completed one unit survey. But don't worry, the annual unit survey is coming! The word we have just received is that national is shifting "the launch from fall to winter (January 2026), so the survey will capture the entire 2025 reporting year." There will be some 2024 questions incorporated into the 2025 survey and that will get us caught up on our data collection. I will provide more information as it is received.



I recently had my first meeting with the conference MN&O Chair and other district MN&O Chairs. We met via Zoom to begin planning for the Come Together, Be Together event in 2026. The date for this virtual event has been set for **Saturday, May 2**. Our theme will be "Bloom Where You Are Planted" and our scriptural basis is Jeremiah 17: 7 – 8. Registration will begin with the March issue of the *Mission Echo*, our conference UWFaith newsletter. More information will be shared as plans are made.

July found several ladies from our district at the conference Mission u. We missed those who were not there! Your district leadership team is planning to hold another Mini Mission u. It is scheduled for **March 7** and will be held at St. John's UMC in Fort Mill. Please make plans to join us for this amazing day!

*Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,
whose confidence is in him.
They will be like a tree planted by the water
that sends out its roots by the stream.
It does not fear when heat comes;
its leaves are always green.
It has no worries in a year of drought
and never fails to bear fruit.*

Jeremiah 17: 7 – 8



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Spiritual Growth

Greetings Women in Faith!

UWFaith has a rich history of being in mission while learning and supporting each other. Many faithful women have gone before us and led the way. Maybe growing up you witnessed your mother or grandmother or aunt work tirelessly to enrich the lives of others, particularly women, children and youth. In your church it could be that a certain friend or older woman took you under their wing and helped you to see that you, too, could learn, grow and help others.

During our Annual Meeting we have an opportunity to remember and honor those women who have gone to be with the LORD. Our Memorial Service is such a special time to think back on those who have been a great witness.

We want to be sure that all UWF members who have passed on between September 1, 2024 and August 31, 2025 will be remembered. If you haven't yet sent me their names, please do so by September 5.

Blessings,

Linda James

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Program Resources

I am leaving my position as Program Resource secretary after serving for 4 years and plan to be the Social Action Chair. Thank you to those who encouraged others to read books from the UWF Reading Program List. Thank you for listening to the books I read on our Facebook group (*Rock Hill District UWF*).

I want to thank each of you who took part in the Reading Program this year and have turned in your Reading Lists for 2025. I look forward to presenting certificates at our District Annual meeting in September.

If you have borrowed a book, please remember to bring it back to me at our District meeting on September 27 at Cornerstone UMC.

As always, I want you to KEEP READING!

Bette Jean Janicke

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E&I Chair (Missions)

Thank you to all district units who participated in the pull tab collection for Ronald McDonald House. 86 pounds of tabs were recently delivered to the Ronald McDonald House in Charlotte. An additional 3 pounds of tabs was given to the conference E&I Chair at Mission u. It takes approximately 1,200 tabs to equal one pound!

Keep collecting for this worthy cause. Bring your pull tabs to any district event.

Congratulations to the seven churches in the RH district who completed 10 requirements and earned the Mission Today Award. Thanks also to the 2 units who completed 8 of the requirements. You were so close...make an effort to earn this award next year. I know you can do it. Reach out to the Leadership team if you need clarification or assistance. We're here to help.

I'll be rotating off as E&I Coordinator this year. May God bless you all. Continue to work for His glory in your mission endeavors.

Margaret Parker

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Nominations Chair

Our Annual Meeting is just around the corner. These people have been nominated and approved by your Leadership Team to fill positions for the next 4 years. Each has accepted their nomination.

District Secretary

Parniece Caldwell (Clover Chapel, Clover)

Program Resources

Barbara Gaither (St John's, Fort Mill)

Social Action Chair

Bette Jean Janicke (Woodland, Rock Hill)

Nominations Chair

Erica Odom (St. James, York)

The positions listed below are not yet filled. Nominations can be made from the floor at our District Annual Meeting. Please reach out to Lynne Chandler, 864 426-3501 (call/text) if you are interested.

Education & Interpretation

Historian

Cluster Leader for Lancaster/Chester

Nominations Team members from anywhere in the district

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Historian

My Sisters in Christ,

Due to health issues, I must resign my position as the Rock Hill District United Women in Faith Historian. I have thoroughly enjoyed working since 2015 with four dedicated District UWF presidents: Clara Horton, Sandra Jeter, Crystal Barrs and Lynne Chandler. These ladies along with a faithful group of ladies on the district leadership team have worked tirelessly and diligently to serve you, to continue our creed of helping women and children.

Please prayerfully consider working alongside these fabulous ladies to continue our quest that those eight faithful ladies began in 1869.

Always in Christ,

Jane Wood Carter

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The LORD is my strength and my shield in Him my heart trusts. Psalm 28:7



Social Action Chair

Thank you to everyone who participated in Diamond Unit Activities this year. Please continue to learn about other cultures and raise your voice when opportunities present themselves to speak up for Racial and Environmental Justice.

I am leaving my position as Rock Hill District Social Action Chair. Please pray for my successor.

Bonita Mobley



Support Team Members

Lancaster/Chester Representatives

Cluster Leader

Resigned

Nominations

Resigned

Rock Hill/Fort Mill Representatives



Cluster Leader

Juanita Meeks

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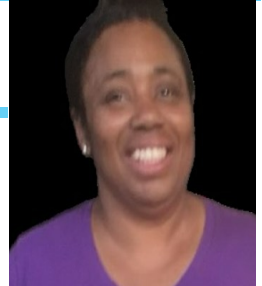
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York/Clover Representatives



Cluster Leader

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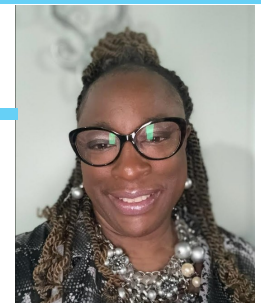
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Around the District

Hopewell UWF Creates Vision Boards

The Hopewell UWFaith unit in York, SC gathered in April, May, and June to create Vision Boards. Everyone had a wonderful time fellowshiping, learning more about each other, and reflecting on our goals and intentions for the future.



Above: Showing their Vision Boards are Kelly Shannon, Tonya Davis, Alice Adams, Alberta Miller



Left: Lewanda Brantley, Ernestine Littlejohn, Mary Jo King, Evelyn Shannon, and Johnnie Bryson display their completed boards.



Above: Mary Miller, Josie Lowery, Barbara Good, and Nalena Lowery are all smiles as they show their vision boards.



Above: Sarah Barnette, Shawn Wright, Flo Crawford show their boards along with the boards created by Ahrea Glenn and Janice Moore .

Around the District (continued)

Nifty Knitters of Cornerstone

Below: Debbie Betancourt displays a tote box filled with hats made by the Nifty Knitters.



Ten to 15 women gather weekly at Cornerstone UMC and get right to work creating hats of all sizes. The Nifty Knitters have given away over 100 hats to Bethel Men's Shelter and have more than 200 ready to go to Hospice House, Levine Cancer Centers in Pineville and Rock Hill, Levine Children's Cancer Center. They also plan to make hats for Epworth Children's Home and Devine Manor. The ladies make a difference in the lives of those needing a warm hat and encouragement.

Below: Knitters gather around the table and socialize as they work. Front: Nancy Evans and Stephanie Pilecko.



Above: JoAnn Till, Joan Owens, Maxine Smith & Debbie Betancourt work diligently.

Right: Ann Franklin & Carolyn Simpson keep their eyes on their work while socializing.



Above: Gayle White & Diana Deyton chat while working.

Left: Wendy Campdon gives assistance to Sherry Ovely.



Around the District (continued)

14 from the Rock Hill District attend Mission u



Above: Most of the Rock Hill people at Mission u gather in the dorm lobby for a group photo. **Seated:** Nancy Rivers, Crystal Barrs, Navaeh Williams, Zaria Spencer, and Linda Hughes. **Standing:** Jasmine Spencer, Marlene Spencer, Lynne Chandler, Linda Jammes, Barbara Gaither, Bette Jean Janicke, and Erica Odom.

Right: Ann Alexander smiles for the camera between bites. At Mission u we eat in the college dining hall where we get several choices of food.



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Right: Riding a golf cart to the dining hall sure beats walking! Bette Jean Janicke, Linda James, and Lynne Chandler catch a ride with driver Nancy Rivers.



Above: Ernestine Wright wears a smile as she greets old friends and meets new ones. Attending Mission u gives you the opportunity to develop friendships with ladies from across the state.

Around the District (continued)

District Units Feed Salkehatchie Camps

UWF Units across the district served Salkehatchie volunteers this summer. Aldersgate, Clover Chapel, Wesley, and Woodland all reported feeding Salkehatchie camps on their Annual President's Reports. Only Aldersgate and Woodland sent in pictures. Hopefully more units will report & send in pictures next summer.



Above: Aldersgate's Brenda Hochreiter serves Taco Salads to Salkehatchie campers..

Right: Susan Floyd, Brenda Hochreiter and Chris Dood stand ready to serve the campers.



Left: Tonya Janicke of Woodland UWF prepares salad greens for a Baked Potato & Salad Bar.

Below: Bette Jean Janicke (Woodland) pokes potatoes before baking them.



Left:: Linda James chops onions for the Salad Bar at Woodland.



Above: Woodland Ladies are ready to serve. L to R: Debbie Bartle, Mary Alice Ratterree, Barb Dill, Phyllis Wright, Jane Brigman, Bette Jean Janicke, Kim Blackwelder, Debbie Blackmon, Linda James, and Tonya Janicke.

Rock Hill District Annual Meeting

Cornerstone UMC (2697 Heckle Blvd, Rock Hill, SC 29732)

September 27, 2025

Speaker: Sue Owens

9:15 Registration/Refreshments

10:00 Worship/Business

An offering will be collected for UWF Mission Giving. All Christian Women are invited to attend. Join us in person for this time of fellowship and celebration.

Overflowing



May the God of all hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. -Romans 15:13

Use the form or include the requested information. You can register as a unit or individually.
Please register by Saturday, September 20, 2025.

Registrations should be sent to Lynne Chandler

mrs.lynnchandler@gmail.com

864 426-3501 (call/text)

Church/City _____

Name	Email	Phone

53rd South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith Annual Meeting
October 24-25, 2025

St. Paul United Methodist Church,
1320 Fernwood-Glendale Rd., Spartanburg, SC



(Please print legibly.)

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

Phone _____ District _____ Church _____

Check all that apply:

☐ First Timer ☐ Conference Officer/Appointee ☐ District Officer ☐ Past Conference President
☐ Under 40 ☐ Unit President ☐ Mission Director ☐ Clergy
☐ Missionary / Deaconess ☐ Invited Guest ☐ Voting Delegate (per guidelines – UWF Handbook)

Emergency Contact _____ **Phone** _____

Attending Friday dinner _____ Attending Saturday lunch _____ Gluten Free _____

****By registering for this event, you understand that your photo may appear in any SCCUWF publication/ media avenues. ****

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Friday, October 24 Registration check-in: 2:00pm- 5:00pm

Displays, project **Sidewalk Hope** truck tour, pull tabs & State missions gift cards drop-off, **I Have Talent** cards to complete, **Prayer Room, 4:00pm State Mission Projects speakers and Mission Giving** information session

Session 1: 5:00pm in the Sanctuary

Dinner: 5:45pm-6:45pm – Gym MEAL TICKET REQUIRED (in name badge holder)

Worship & Communion: 7:00pm Rev. Cathy Mitchell, Spartanburg District Superintendent, preaching - Sanctuary

Saturday, October 25 Registration check-in: 8:00am-9:00am

Session 2:

9:10am General Business, Informational Moments, Memorial Service, Mission Offering, Reports, Pledge Service, Keynote Speaker: Chip Walters, Executive Director of **Sidewalk Hope**, a children's Bible stories project Retirement of Officers, Nomination & Election of Officers, Installation of Officers, Announcements, Adjourned

Lunch – MEAL TICKET REQUIRED

Mail registration fee payable to **SCCUWF** to Registrar Michele Harvey, 810 Palmetto St., Spartanburg, SC 29302

\$45 if postmarked by **September 30**.

\$60 if postmarked by **October 15, the mail-in deadline. Onsite fee will be \$70** (also after October 15)

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

Annual Meeting Hotel Recommendations

Spartanburg, South Carolina

Ladies are encouraged to check current availability early

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

895 Spartan Blvd.
Spartanburg, SC 29301
864-699-7777

\$132
Plus Tax / per night

Ask for SC Conference United Women in Faith

Cut-off Date: September 23, 2025 | Cancellation: 72 hours prior to arrival

Hampton Inn & Suites I-26 Westgate

Reservations: Call 864-699-2222
and request the "UFW" rate

\$152
Plus Tax / per night

Online: Use the Group Booking Link
(or enter rate code "UFW" under "Special Rates – Group Code")

Cut-off Date: September 23, 2025 | 3-day cancellation policy

Hilton Garden Inn Spartanburg

Reservations: Call 864-913-1200
and request the "UFW" rate

\$164
Plus Tax / per night

Online: Use the Group Booking Link
(or enter rate code "UFW" under "Special Rates – Group Code")

Cut-off Date: September 23, 2025 | 3-day cancellation policy

All reservations must be made by September 23, 2025 to receive the group rate