

For The Record

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A Message from Our President



Tonya F. Mack, President
United Women in Faith
Heartwarming Hartsville District

My Sisters in Christ,
Let us continue to unite in faith,
making a difference in the world by
putting faith, hope, and love into
action. Please continue to be in
prayer for our United Methodist
churches and nation.

We have had our Day Apart, Mini
School of Mission, and Fun Day by
our District Coordinators, and what
an inspiration they have been!
Thank you so much, District
Officers, for coordinating these
events. Many of our local units have
had wonderful programs for
Women's History Month and
Mother's Day. Thank you for your
continued work in recognizing
women for their contributions to
society.

The SC United Methodist Church
Annual Conference was held June
8-11, 2025, in Greenville, SC, and I
want to thank the Hartsville
District for their support in
attending the conference. Bishop
Fairly gave a good word on
"Planting Seeds of Possibilities",
as he shared how we must remain
faithful, see the possibilities, and
live the promises. His message
was inspired by Jeremiah 29: 5-7.
We must plant gardens and eat
what they produce. Amen, to God
be the Glory!

In this For the Record, you will
find all forms needed to complete
the local unit President reports for
the Annual Meeting in September.
Local Unit Treasurers, please do
not forget that your quarterly
financial reports are due in June
2025 to the District Treasurer,
Soyini Lawson.

Thank you for all that you do to
serve and uplift this District and
each other!

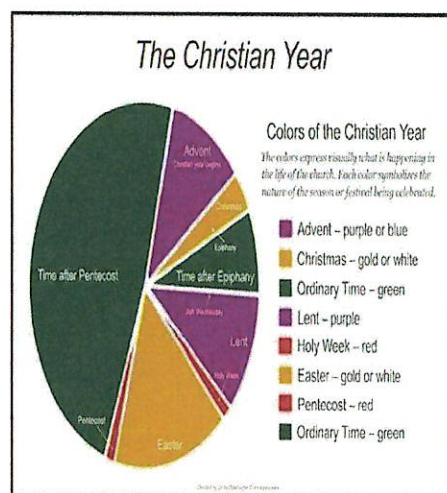
UWF Upcoming Important Events

July 3-12, 2025	UM General Conference		St. Louis, Missouri
July 5, 2025	Limitless Event	10:00 a.m.	In Person
July 8, 2025	Executive Committee	7:00 p.m.	Sandy Grove UMC, Jefferson, Host, Virtual
July 17-19, 2025	Mission u		Spartanburg Methodist College
August 9, 2025	Hartsville/Darlington Cluster Meeting	3:00 p.m.	Virtual
August 15, 2025	End of the Year Reports/Forms Due		
August 17, 2025	Bishopville/Camden Cluster Meeting	3:00 p.m.	Virtual
September 14, 2025	Sumter Cluster Meeting	3:00 p.m.	Virtual
September 27, 2025	District Annual Meeting	9:00 a.m.	Mt. Elon, Jefferson, Host, In Person
October 23-25, 2025	SCCUMW 53rd Annual Meeting		Spartanburg District Host
November 8, 2025	District Officers Training	8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Virtual
November 15, 2025	Deadline For the Record		
December 6, 2025	Limitless Event	10:00a.m.	In Person

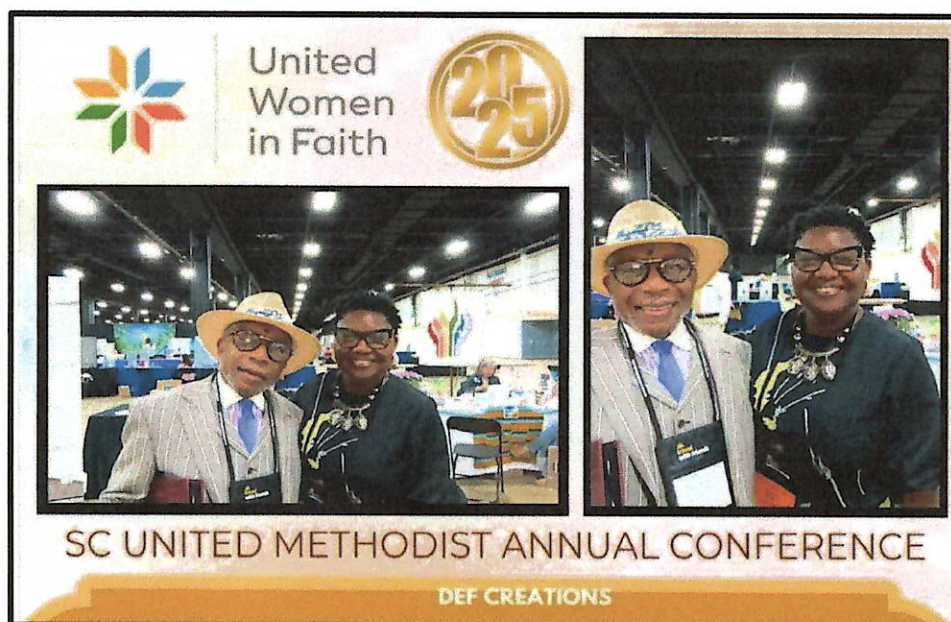
The United Women in Faith (UWF) of Centenary United Methodist Church in Hartsville hosted a vibrant and meaningful "Color Party" for their May meeting. Members were divided into small groups; each assigned a specific color to create themed baskets filled with goodies. The event fostered fellowship and sparked deep conversations on the symbolism of color in both biblical contexts and societal issues, such as racial prejudice and colorism.

Discussions included personal experiences with color-based discrimination, promoting healing and understanding. The group also explored the use of color in the United Methodist Church, particularly during Holy Week and throughout the liturgical calendar. Each group researched and shared the biblical meaning of their assigned color (e.g., red for atonement, purple for royalty, green for life).

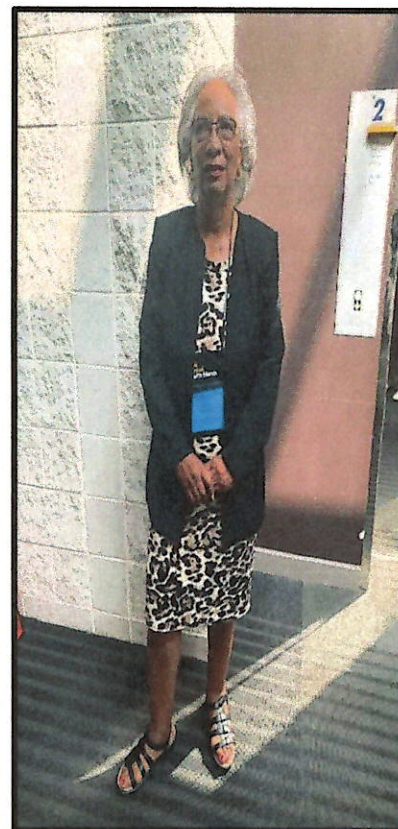
The gathering concluded with a fun competition, resulting in a tie between the green and pink teams, followed by a shopping spree from each team's colorful display. Everyone left with treats and a deeper understanding of the spiritual and social meanings of color.



UWF at the 2025 South Carolina Annual United Methodist Church Conference



Clarice Blakeney, Former President of the Hartsville District UWF, attended the 2025 SC United Methodist Annual Conference.



The United Women in Faith (UWF) made a dynamic and inspiring presence at the South Carolina United Methodist Church 2025 Conference, gathering in full force to represent their mission of faith, service, and sisterhood.

Among the distinguished attendees was Valarie Pryor, President of the Antioch United Methodist Church UWF Unit, who was pictured with Rev. Dr. James E. Williams, Pastor of John Wesley, Sandy Grove, and Ebenezer United Methodist Churches. Their presence highlighted the vital role of leadership and unity within the faith community.

The UWF's participation was marked by their energy, spiritual commitment, and continued dedication to uplifting women and communities across the state. From breakout sessions to worship services and fellowship events, the women of UWF showcased what it means to live out their faith boldly and with purpose.



Lillie Stephenson and Retired Pastor Blondell Miller
Ebenezer United Methodist Church UWF Unit
2025 SC United Methodist Church Annual Conference



United
Women
in Faith

Ebenezer UWF Represented at 2025 SC UMC Annual Conference

The Ebenezer United Methodist Church United Women in Faith (UWF) Unit proudly participated in the 2025 South Carolina United Methodist Church Annual Conference. Representing their unit were **Lillie Stephenson and Retired Pastor Blondell Miller**, both of whom brought warmth, wisdom, and strong faith to the statewide gathering.

Their presence highlighted the continued dedication of the Ebenezer UWF to service, spiritual growth, and active engagement in the life of the church. As part of the larger UWF community, Stephenson and Pastor Miller exemplified the mission of faith in action and sisterhood in service.

The annual conference served as an opportunity for fellowship, worship, and renewed commitment to the work of the church across South Carolina.

Women of Faith Stand United in Support of President Mack for Women's Day



As preparations continue for a powerful Women's Day celebration, **President Mack** is surrounded by unwavering support from dedicated leaders within the United Women in Faith.

Standing beside her are **Veronica Mack**, Hartsville District United Women in Faith Board Member; **Caressa Louallen** of Journey United Methodist Church in Columbia; and **Valerie Jones**, Vice President of United Women in Faith at St. James UMC in Sumter. These inspiring women are working together to ensure a spirit-filled and

an impactful event that uplifts and empowers women across the district.

Their unity and commitment reflect the mission of United Women in Faith—women putting faith, love, and leadership into action to transform lives and communities.

LaQuanda B. Washington Shares Powerful Messages During Women's Day Celebrations

LaQuanda B. Washington, MA, BSW, continues to make a meaningful impact through her inspiring words and empowering presence during Women's Day events across South Carolina.

Washington was honored to serve as the guest speaker at **Trinity Baptist Church** in Columbia for their 2025 Women's Day Program, delivering a message of faith, purpose, and perseverance that resonated deeply with those in attendance.

Just weeks earlier, on May 11, she brought a heartfelt and uplifting word to **Emmanuel United Methodist Church** in Sumter, where she encouraged women to walk boldly in their God-given calling and to support one another through prayer and service.



Antioch UMC Hosts Annual Women's Day Program Celebrating Faith and Courage

The Women in Faith of Antioch United Methodist Church proudly hosted their Annual Women's Day Program on Sunday, March 16, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. This year's theme, "Women United: Finding Strength in Faith and Courage," highlighted the power of unity and the unwavering strength women draw from their faith.

The celebration took place at Antioch United Methodist Church, located at 4040 Dubose Siding Road, Sumter, SC 29153, under the leadership of Pastor Franklin Garrett and United Women in Faith President Valarie Pryor.

Braber Spell, Spiritual Growth Coordinator for the Hartsville District United Women in Faith, served as the guest speaker. Known for her inspiring messages and deep spiritual insight, Spell brought a word of encouragement and empowerment to all who attended.

Sponsored by the Women in Faith of Antioch UMC, the program offered an afternoon of praise, fellowship, and inspiration as women came together to celebrate their faith and shared purpose.

Pictured from left to right are Rev. Dr. James E. Williams, Braber Spell, Spiritual Growth Coordinator for the Hartsville District United Women in Faith, and Pastor Franklin Garrett, Pastor of Antioch United Methodist Church.



St. Mark United Methodist Women in Faith Sneaker Tea
“Becoming A Cup of Purpose”



Scenes from the 2025 South Carolina United Methodist Church Annual Conference



Local Unit President and Secretary should work with the unit in answering the questions on this form to qualify for the Unit of the Year Award. The period runs from September 1, 2024, thru August 2025. It should be mailed by August 15, 2025.

Name of Church: _____

Local Unit President: _____

Pastor: _____

Number of Members in Unit: _____ Cluster: _____

Activities	Possible Points	Total Points
Reading Program	2 points per book per person	_____
Use Program Book	2 points per program used	_____
Use Response & World Outlook	2 points per subscription	_____
Use Prayer Calendar	2 points per calendar	_____
Attendance at:		
Conference Spring	2 points per person attending	_____
District Day	2 points per person attending	_____
Annual State Meeting	2 points per person attending	_____
Officer Training Event	2 points per person attending	_____
Conference/District Workshops	2 points per person attending	_____
Mission U	2 points per person attending	_____
District Annual Meeting	2 points per person attending	_____
Participated at:		
Call to Prayer & Self Denial	10 points	_____
World Day of Prayer	10 points	_____
World Thanks Offering Program	10 points	_____
Involvement & Growth		
Increased membership	10 points per new member	_____
Increased Pledge	10 points	_____
Met Pledge as stated to District	10 points	_____
Visited Conference Mission Project	10 points	_____
Formed New Unit or Circle	25 points	_____
Invited or was visited by a		
District Officer	10 points	_____
Hosted a District Wide Meeting	10 points	_____
Presented a Mission Study	10 points	_____
Elected Officers in October	10 points	_____
Mailed Names/Addresses of Officers to District Secretary	10 points	_____
Mailed Pledge on Time	10 points	_____
Total Points		_____

Five awards for each group will be given. Each group will be based on the number of members.

Mail by August 15, 2025, to: Dr. Tonya F. Mack
3057 Trent Drive, Florence, SC 29505
or email: macktonya@gmail.com

Local President's Report for 2025

For Period September 1, 2024 – August 2025

Due August 15, 2025

Unit: _____ President: _____
Church Name: _____ Cluster: _____

- I. *Membership*
Number of Members in Unit: _____
Number of Deceased Members: _____
Number of Members Pledging \$5.00 for Wallace Family Life Center: _____
- II. *Contribution:*
Actual Amount Sent for the Five Star Requirements:
Pledge to Missions: _____ World Thanks Offering: _____
Gift to Memory: _____ Gift to Mission: _____
Special Mission Recognition: _____ Call to Prayer & Self Denial: _____
Actual Amount Sent for the Gold Seal Requirements:
Killingsworth: _____ Wallace Family Life: _____
Columbia Bethlehem Community Center: _____
Bethlehem Center (Spartanburg): _____
Number of Rainbow Women (extra mile giving): _____
- III. *Participation:*
District Events: (Number of persons from your unit attending each meeting)
Annual Meeting (September 2024): _____ Day Apart (March 2025): _____
Local Officer's Training (January 2025): _____ Fun Day (May 2025): _____
Conference Events: (Number of persons from your unit attending each meeting)
Annual Meeting (October 2024): _____ Officer's Training (November 2024): _____
Come Together, Be Together (May 2025): _____ Mission U (July 2025): _____
Legislative Day (March 2025): _____ Spiritual Growth Retreat (April 2025): _____
Attended Events for the 4 Mission Projects (like Killingsworth Gala): _____
- IV. *Mission Education:*
Reading Program # of participants for 2025: _____
Subscriptions to Response # of participants: _____
Program Book Used: _____ Prayer Calendar Used: _____
Diamond Unit (Charter for Racial Justice): _____ Mission Today Unit: _____
- V. *Support Campaign for Children:* _____
Send in your yearly report for Campaign for Children by August 15, 2025.

Mail to: Dr. Tonya F. Mack
3057 Trent Drive, Florence, SC 29505
or email: macktonya@gmail.com

Activities for Campaign for Children and Youth

Date: _____

Church: _____

Unit Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Number of Members: _____ *Cluster:* _____

What we have done so far: _____

Approximate number of members involved: _____

If applicable, approximate number of hours spent (for example: 2 ladies each work 4 hours each month).

Please return form by August 15, 2025, to:

Dr. Tonya F. Mack

3057 Trent Drive, Florence, SC 29505

or email: macktonya@gmail.com

Charter for Racial Justice Diamond Unit

The Diamond Unit certificate is awarded at each District Annual Meeting to each unit that completes three or more activities from the list below that demonstrates the Unit's commitment to the ideals in the Charter for Racial Justice. At least one of the arrow (=>) marked activities must be included.

Name of church and

address _____

Contact person and

phone _____

DATE COMPLETED

ACTION CHOICES

1. _____

2. _____ =>

3. _____ =>

4. _____ =>

5. _____ =>

6. _____

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11. _____

12. _____

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14. _____

15. _____

16. _____

17. _____

1. Watch a video related to the charter for Racial Justice

2. Give a book report on a Reading Program Book selected from the Social Action area

3. Share articles from Response and Hew World Outlook or UWF Action Alerts relating to racism

4. Supply each member with a copy of the Charter for Racial Justice.

5. Present a program using the Charter for Racial Justice

6. Use a program on racial justice/human rights from the UWF program book

7. Participate in UWF Social Action/Human Rights Mission Study

8. Give a report to the unit about an experience of attending a musical of theatrical performance by persons of a different race, culture, or ethnic background

9. Send at least one member to UWF Legislative Day.

10. Participate in post card-writing which encourages legislation favorable to the economically deprived or challenged

11. Experience worship, Bible study or UWF unit program/activity with an ethnic group difference from your own

12. Attend or host an international tasting party, culture fair or other international even

13. Participate in a Bible Study on Racism

14. Celebrate Black History Month in February

15. Suggest and plan with your pastor a pulpit exchange with a pastor of another race

16. Plan an event with a unit of a different race or ethnic background (a celebration, worship, vacation Bible School, etc.)

17. Other

Mail form by August 15, 2025, to District Social Action Coordinator:

Felicia Belton

148 Wall Street, Apt. 531

Camden, SC 29020

MISSION TODAY ACTION FORM

Please Send Completed Form To: Dr. Tonya F. Mack, President, Hartsville District
3057 Trent Drive, Florence, SC 29505

Send by this date: August 15, 2025

Unit President: _____ Date: _____

Unit Name: _____ Number of Members in Unit _____

Units, which include all circles, must complete at least 10 of the following items. All units must complete #1.

Check if your unit:

- _____ 1. *Made and met its pledge to mission.
- _____ 2. Used the *Daily Prayer Guide* at most meetings to pray for people in mission and for our mission work with women, children, and youth.
- _____ 3. Added at least one or more members to its roll.
- _____ 4. Had at least one member who subscribes to *Response: The Magazine of Women in Mission*.
- _____ 5. Had at least one member (other than a conference or district officer) attend Mission u and/or a district or local mission study.
- _____ 6. Had at least one member (other than a conference or district officer) attend the District Annual Meeting.
- _____ 7. Had at least one member (other than a conference or district officer) attend the Conference Annual Meeting.
- _____ 8. Had at least two members who wrote to at least five people listed in the *Daily Prayer Guide* at least once a year.
- _____ 9. Participated in education programs for children through prayers and donations of funds, supplies or volunteer hours at schools, homes, and churches. This includes Vacation Bible School participation.
- _____ 10. *Is a Five Star Unit, contributing to all five channels of Mission Giving, which are Pledge to Mission, Gift in Memory, Gift to Mission, Special mission Recognition, and World Thank Offering.
- _____ 11. Had at least one person complete one of the Reading Program Plans.
- _____ 12. Invited a district or conference officer, other than a member of the unit, to one unit meetings during the year.

Check if your unit, circle, or subgroup:

- _____ 13. Included a *Response* moment where an article from *Response: The Magazine of Women in Mission* was lifted up as a way to tell the mission story in at least three meetings.
- _____ 14. Had at least two programs from the *Program Book* during the year.
- _____ 15. Implemented the Charter for Racial Justice Policies in at least two ways during the year.

* Those items noted with an asterisk will be verified by the district treasurer.

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**HARTSVILLE DISTRICT UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
LOCAL UNIT DECEASED MEMBER REPORT**

Due August 15, 2025

Name of Local Unit and City _____

Person Completing the Form _____

List below the names of deceased **United Women in Faith members who passed away between August 1, 2022 and July 31, 2023.** If none, please indicate on form and return. These names will be used in the Memorial Service at the District and State Annual Conference Meetings.

Please print legibly names of deceased members.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

(List any additional names on the back of this form or another sheet.)

MAIL THIS FORM TO:

**Braber Spell
640 Mac Jowers Lane
Jefferson, South Carolina 29718-8634**

E-MAIL TO: bspell@shtc.net

Telephone: (843)672-8157



**HARTSVILLE DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING**

WILL BE HELD

IN-PERSON

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

9:00 AM

AT

**MT. MORIAH
2033 CATARAH ROAD
JEFFERSON, SC 29718
REV. MARION L. COOPER, PASTOR**

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!