



48th SCCUMW Virtual Annual Meeting Hosted By Greenwood District UMW Was A Huge Success

Main Street UMC in Greenwood Was Host Site for First Ever Virtual Event

The United Methodist Women of the South Carolina Conference UMC responded in a big way to the 48th Annual Meeting on October 24th hosted by Greenwood District UMW at Main Street UMC in Greenwood. The first ever virtual Annual Meeting drew 254 registrants. Every district participated and contributed to the totals of 24 first time attendees and 5 under forty. Bishop Holston gave the greeting and message of encouragement that emphasized the event’s theme, *“Let Your Light Shine In A New Decade”*.

The women of the Greenwood District UMW, and particularly those of Main Street UMW in Greenwood, were commended by Cathy Ford, Conference UMW President for providing beautiful music performances, an inspiring Bible Study by Rev. Susan Maddox, and a powerful keynote speech by Rev. Thessa Smith sharing the many talents and gifts found within the district. Past Conference UMW Presidents, Mary Johnson and Harriet Mays led the Officer Retirement and Officer Installation respectively. Program Committee Chair Janice Eaddy and all serving on the committee were commended for their hard work and preparations to make the event a success. A keepsake Program Book was dedicated to Rev. Dr. Robin Dease, caring and supportive Cabinet Representative.

Special Mission Recognition

Mary Lynn Polk, Greenwood District Spiritual Growth Coordinator and President of Main St UMW, did so much during 2019-2020 in making plans for the October 2020 SC Conference UMW Annual Meeting. This meeting was hosted by Greenwood District and was supposed to be held at Main St UMC, but ended up being a virtual event because of Covid-19. Mary Lynn did a lot of work behind the scenes that not many people knew about. A big thanks to Mary Lynn for her hard work!!! Joyce Crouch, Greenwood District UMW President, personally presented Mary Lynn with a Special Mission Recognition pin on Saturday, Dec. 12th, in honor of the tremendous amount of work she did.



Joyce also presented a Gift to Missions in honor of Marcia Miller, Greenwood District UMW Treasurer, for all her hard work as Registrar of the SC Conference UMW Annual Meeting hosted by the Greenwood District on October 24, 2020. Marcia deserves a big round of applause for handling registration and keeping up with all the paperwork involved!!!

NOTE: In photo at left are Mary Lynn and Joyce; in photo at right are Joyce and Marcia. Photos were taken at March 2020 Day Apart and September 2019 Greenwood District Annual Meeting respectively.

News from District President

By Joyce Crouch, President, Greenwood District UMW



Greetings, Ladies of UMW,

I bring you blessings for this Holiday Season! We are approaching the most important time of the year—the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus. I hope each of you will have a blessed and safe holiday.

It is hard to believe what we have encountered during this past year—not only the Covid 19 virus, but a lot of other disheartening things going on in our nation. We have suffered, but endured and, with God’s help, we will overcome. Let us pray for our faith to be made stronger because of this.

Our September district annual meeting was not held because of the Coronavirus. We did send out the certificates your units earned as well as a copy of our 2020 Annual Report. I trust that your President and/or Treasurer has shared a copy of this booklet with you.

The Conference annual meeting was held October 24th and was a virtual event. Greenwood District had 12 ladies registered for this event. Thanks to those who attended.

Please try to continue giving to our missions, especially our four mission projects. They can truly use our mission dollars – Killingsworth, Bethlehem Center-Columbia, Bethlehem Center-Spartanburg, and Wallace Family Life Center.

We are planning on holding our Officer’s Training for your local unit officers on Saturday, January 23, 2021 at St Mark UMC in Greenwood. The program will begin at 10 a.m., with registration starting at 9:30 a.m. **If, for some reason, we have to cancel this event, we will try to notify the President of your unit. If you want to call me before that date to check to make sure the training is still on, you may call or text me - 864-981-0942 or e-mail me – jmcrouch59@yahoo.com.**

I hope each of you will have a wonderful Christmas. Please share this blessed time with those less fortunate, and share the message of our Savior’s birth with anyone you come in contact with. May God bless each and every one of you.

Love and Merry Christmas to all!!

Joyce

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News from District Vice President

By Carol Marse, Vice President, Greenwood District UMW



*Wishing each of you wonderful ladies of United Methodist Women a blessed
Holiday Season and a Merry Christmas!*

In putting 2020 behind us we can joyfully look to a New Year filled with hope and promise as the CO-VID 19 vaccine is being distributed. With that good news in mind we look forward to Greenwood District Officers' Training on January 23, 2021 at St. Mark United Methodist Church in Greenwood. Registration begins at 9:30. Things will be a little different this time due to concerns for health: We will have coffee and individually wrapped muffins or pastries instead of our usual fare. I extend a big thank you to Cathy Trevino and the ladies of St. Mark for hosting the event. Please plan to come!!

Carol

News from Greenwood District Treasurer

By Marcia Miller

Merry Christmas, UMW Ladies!

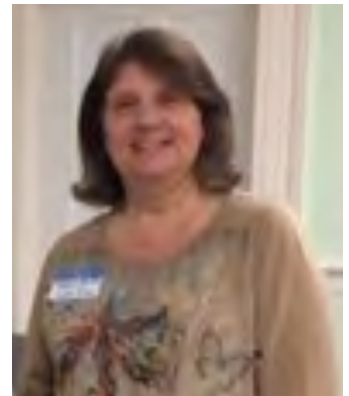
I hope and pray that you have been healthy this Christmas Season. I'm pretty sure that all of us know someone who has been a victim of Covid-19. This has been a tough year for many of us. But even tougher for others. Please remember our four mission projects. They are in need of our financial support and our prayers.

It's hard to believe that we are already in the second quarter of our giving year — December, January, February. As we begin to have our meetings again, please urge ladies to start paying into your Pledge Fund. The Greenwood District, as a whole, has made a Pledge of \$16,000 by August 31, 2021. Please do all you can to help us achieve this goal!

If you are a new treasurer and need assistance, please contact me and I will help. For my contact information, please see page 14 of this newsletter.

Thank you,

Marcia



“We are weak, but we are strong with God; We are separated, but we are together in God; We are fearful, but we have Faith in our Awesome God; We are strong United Methodist Women!” — Statement by Joyce Crouch, Greenwood District UMW President, at SCCUMW Officers Training on November 14, 2020 in response to Conference President Cathy Ford's request for each President to introduce herself and provide one sentence with something about their district that she would want others to know. This was how Joyce described the Greenwood District UMW.

**Greenwood District UMW
Local Officers Training Event
"COMMITMENT DURING THIS
TIME OF CHANGE!"**

COMMIT
to the *Lord*
whatever you do, and your
plans **WILL**
Succeed.
Proverbs 16:3

**Saturday, January 23, 2021
St. Mark United Methodist Church
1633 Rivers Street, Greenwood, SC 29649
864-227-2776**

9:30 A.M. – Registration Begins

10:00 A. M. – Worship Service Begins

10:30 A. M. – Training Begins

12:00 Noon – Conclusion

This Event is For All 2021 Local UMW Unit Officers & Any UMW Members Who Want to Learn More About United Methodist Women—Each Local UMW Unit Is Encouraged to Be Represented!

SPECIAL NOTICES:

“Respectfully, we will be social distancing and do ask everyone to wear masks.”

If, for some reason, we have to cancel this event, we will try to notify the President of your unit. If you want to call me before that date to check to make sure the training is still on, you may call or text me - 864-981-0942 or e-mail me – jmcrouch59@yahoo.com.—Joyce Crouch

Legislative Advocacy Days 2021



“Jesus, Justice and Action”

“This is what the LORD Almighty said: Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another.” Psalm 106:3

Our FREE Virtual Legislative Advocacy Days will be held on various days in February, 2021 and available via Zoom!

Our 90-Minute Workshops will feature knowledgeable Speakers on a variety of topics that address our South Carolina United Methodist Women’s focus for this very important year. The Covid Period has changed the ways that we live, worship, and connect with others. Unfortunately, the Pandemic has also multiplied the many challenges faced by our most vulnerable brethren. The Workshops have been planned to provide for an introduction, a 60-Minute Presentation by an expert, followed by a Q & A session to address participant questions. The UMW Tech Team also plans to record the four Workshops for future use and will manage the computer aspects of this delivery.

The Workshops are scheduled as follows:

- Wednesday, Feb. 3rd from 10 am – 11:30 am Juvenile Justice Reform
- Tuesday, Feb. 9th from 7 pm – 8:30 pm Elder Abuse or Opioid Epidemic
- Thursday, Feb. 18th from 2 pm – 3:30 pm Opioid Epidemic or Elder Abuse
- Saturday, Feb. 27th from 10 am – 11:30 am Christians and Justice

Our SCCUMW District Social Action Coordinators have chosen Mass Incarceration/Criminal Justice Reform, Quality Education, Environmental Justice, and Expanded Physical and Mental Health Services Access as our primary legislative issues for 2021. United Methodist Women are 8,000+ strong in South Carolina. We can make a legislative difference for our most vulnerable citizens. We all have personal perspectives and experiences that guide us as we approach social issues in a range of legislative ways. But, as God’s children who are charged to love one another, we are singular in seeking JUSTICE. To do so, we must educate ourselves, critically listen and learn, then take appropriate action. As Christians, we believe that “Faith Without Works is Dead” (James 2:14-17), and We are Alive in Christ!

To register online, please go to the UMW Website below:

<https://www.umcsc.org/discipleship/united-methodist-women/>

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Alternative Paper Registration should be mailed to Registrar Rebecca Eleazer,
5116 Burke Avenue, Columbia, SC 29203 Phone: (803)754-0942

Name _____ Email: _____

District _____ Church: _____

Phone _____ Address _____

Greenwood District United Methodist Women

DATES TO REMEMBER

December, 2020—News-A-Plenty Articles Due

January 23, 2021—Greenwood District UMW Officers' Training—St. Mark UMC, Greenwood, SC

February, 2021—News-A-Plenty Articles Due

February, 2021—Special Emphasis Month—Wallace Family Life Center

March 1, 2021—Presidential Scholarship Applications Due

March 6, 2021—Greenwood District UMW Day Apart—Aldersgate/Harris UMC, Greenwood, SC

March 23, 2021—Legacy Fund Day of Giving—152 years young!

March 31, 2021—Census Deadline

April, 2021—Special Emphasis Month—Bethlehem Community Center, Columbia, SC

April 24, 2021—10 a.m. Spiritual Growth Event, Host: Rock Hill District UMW, Virtual Event

May 15, 2021—Come Together Be Together—10 a.m. Host: Anderson District UMW, Virtual Event

June, 2021—News-A-Plenty Articles Due

July 22-24, 2021—Mission u, Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, SC

OR

July 24, 2021—Mission u, 10 am + 1 pm—Virtual Event

July 31, 2021—Mission u, 10 am + 1 pm—Virtual Event

August 7, 2021—Mission u, 10 am + 1 pm—Virtual Event

August, 2021—News-A-Plenty Articles Due

September, 2021—Special Emphasis Month—Killingsworth Home, Columbia, SC

September 25, 2021—Greenwood District UMW Annual Meeting—Grace UMC, North Augusta, SC

October, 2021—Special Emphasis Month—Bethlehem Community Center, Spartanburg, SC

October 23, 2021—SCCUMW 49th Annual Meeting 10 am & 1 pm, Host: Hartsville District UMW—
Virtual Event

November, 2021—Special Emphasis Month—Bethlehem Community Center, Spartanburg, SC

November 6, 2021—District Officers Training—10 a.m.—Host: Florence District UMW—Virtual
Event



Greenwood District UMW Day Apart

Saturday, March 6, 2021

Aldersgate/Harris UMC, Greenwood, SC

Mark Your Calendars—More Details to Follow in February News A Plenty



Charter for Racial Justice

Have you got a copy of the UMW's **Charter for Racial Justice**? Have you had a program on any of the ideas or statements found in that? Have you seen the evaluation questions on the programs we fill out each year that will qualify us to receive the individual awards?

Although I put the check marks in the blanks by the statements for my Unit to qualify for the different awards, I am not certain many of us have taken much time to go over those questions carefully as we plan our programs for the next year.

On March 6th, we are scheduled to have our Annual UMW Day Apart. I want our focus this year to be on Racial Justice. Of course, with the problems Covid 19 has given us in so many areas, it is unsure as to whether or not we will have an in-person meeting. If we are able to meet, I would like for us to consider the statements in the Charter on Belief and our response Actions on what we should be doing to follow our Charter. I am asking for each unit to secure a copy of the Charter and see that members also receive a copy of the Charter before March 6th. Please come to have a thoughtful and prayerful discussion of this Charter.

Mary Lynn Polk
Greenwood District UMW
Spiritual Growth Coordinator

**Be Sure That Your UMW Unit
Is Counted!**

**Your Unit will be counted for the 2020 Census if you go to
https://secure3.convio.net/umw/site/SPageNavigator/Census_2020.html**

Due By March 31, 2021

Blessings
COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE



REMINDER

During February, 2021, when our special emphasis is Wallace Family Life Center, units are reminded to donate your \$5.00 (or more if possible) to this mission project.



**South Carolina UMW
Presidential Scholarship**

South Carolina United Methodist Women offers a scholarship to future leaders of United Methodist Women. As a supportive community, our desire is to financially assist young women with their higher education needs.

Application
deadline
March 1



Legacy Fund Update

As of August 11, 2020: \$30,812,762 • 51% of the total goal of \$60,000,000

*Wishing A
Very Blessed Christmas
from
Greenwood District
United Methodist Women*



Program Resources

By Carolyn Cantrell, District UMW Coordinator of Program Resources

Welcome to the **2021-2022 United Methodist Women Reading Program!** Reading Books at home and sharing them with family can be a way to relax and engage in the world without leaving home.

The Reading Program has always included books showcasing diverse characters and provoking critical thinking about many issues, including race and racism. We hope you'll read at least one of these books that center stories around the Black experience and elevate our understanding of how to be antiracist.

I hope that you will consider participating in the Reading Program. For the first time, the program will span two years instead of one. The purpose of the Reading Program is to better understand and participate in God's mission today, to increase sensitivity to all human beings, to explore and act on self-knowledge. Even when we're apart, we're together—and still working to deepen our understanding of the interactions of race, class, sex, religion and gender through books and discussion

UMW Program Books, Prayer Calendars, Mission Study Books and a variety of free materials can all be ordered online. Please check out these materials at: umwmissionresources.org; Phone 1-800-305-9857.

Mail Order Department United Methodist Women 1650 Bluegrass Lakes Parkway Alpharetta, Ga. 30004

The UMW Program Book: *Knitted Together for God's Good Work* is an outstanding resource to use with your UMW group. You will find a different program to use each month to accomplish the UMW Purpose and Vision, the monthly programs can be fitted to meet your group's needs.

Our UMW Handbooks are not in print yet but can be printed under downloads 2021-2024 handbook umwmissionresources.org

Faith Talks: are monthly conversations with UMW. Each conversation explores themes and resources that empower us to put faith, hope and love into action. Check out interviews with UMW mission studies authors and more: [@unitedmethodistwomen.org/faithtalks](https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/faithtalks).

A list of our Reading books and a description of each is listed in the November /December issue of the Response Magazine.

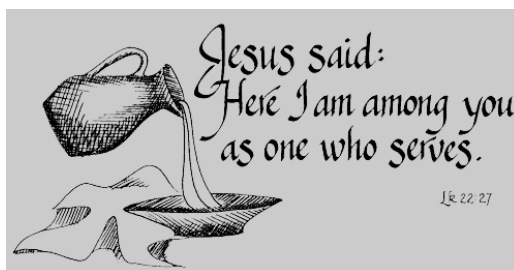
Please continue to read and be safe. Hope we are able to get together for District Officers Training in January. If you need help just call me at 864-223-0271 if I don't answer leave a message and I will get back to you.

Carolyn



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Click on Greenwood

**District—A good place to find
forms when needed.**



The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall 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.