



Greenwood District United Methodist Women

News A Plenty

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Greenwood District UMW Day Apart

Originally Scheduled for Saturday, March 6, 2021

Due to Continued Covid-19 Restrictions,

You are Invited to Participate in a

Special In-Home Day Apart Practice

Of Two Spiritual Disciplines from Previous Days Apart—

PRAYER *and* LISTENING

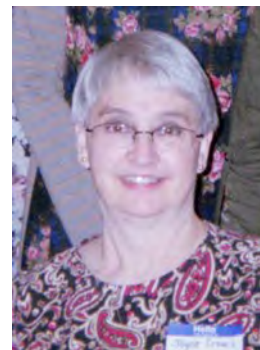
God speaks
in the silence of the heart.
Listening
is the beginning of prayer.

—Mother Teresa

(See Pages 5 and 6 For This Unique Experience)

News from District President

By Joyce Crouch, President, Greenwood District UMW



I hope each of you had a wonderful holiday season and stayed well. We are still experiencing Covid-19 cases and I hope that most everyone will soon be able to get the vaccine.

Greenwood District started off this year with almost a full slate of officers. Our Membership, Nurture & Outreach position is vacant. If you are interested in joining our District Mission Team in this position, please contact me and I will get you in touch with our Nominating Committee. We have a great District Mission Team and I know you would be blessed to serve with these officers.

Because of Covid-19, we chose to cancel our local unit officer's training that was scheduled for January 23, 2021. If your unit has any new officers that need information about their position, please contact me and I will see that they get whatever information is needed.

Our next event is Day Apart, which is scheduled for Saturday, March 6, 2021 at Aldersgate/Harris UMC, Greenwood. **Here again, because of Covid-19, we have decided not to have an in-person event.** Dr. Mary Lynn Polk, our Spiritual Growth Coordinator, has planned a very spiritual activity that each person can participate in. This Day Apart activity can be done at a date and time of your choosing and in a quiet place where you can spend 30 minutes alone with God. I hope you will share your thoughts with us about this personal activity. Please look for this activity in this newsletter.

Ladies, I encourage you or someone in your unit to complete the 2020 Unit Survey (formerly Census). We want everyone in Greenwood District to be counted. If you would like for me to input your unit's information, please call me with your information. If you would like to complete it, please go to: <https://secure3.convio.net/umw/site/SSurvey>. See pages 10 and 11 in this newsletter for more information on this.

As we enter this Lenten Season, please pray for healing for our nation and our communities from the Coronavirus. Also, please pray for peace in our country. We need to practice God's commandment in Matthew 22:37-39: *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself'."*

I know some of you may not be having unit meetings; however, please try to continue to give your pledges and mission dollars. Here is information that the Conference Education and Interpretation Committee would like all UMW units to receive:

We are asking for your help to make sure everyone knows about our 4 mission projects and Emphasis months:

February-Wallace Family Life Center-each members is asked to pay \$5.00

April- Bethlehem Community Center Columbia

September - Killingsworth Columbia

November - Bethlehem Center Spartanburg

Because of the Covid-19 they are asking that you call the center to see what they need during this season and how it can be delivered to them. Thanks for all you do in Mission Giving. Be blessed.

Thanks for all you do for United Methodist Women. Let us remember that we are a reflection of God's Love as we continue to put Faith, Hope, and Love into action.

May God Bless each of you,

Joyce

Lent IS A TIME TO
GROW
CLOSER TO JESUS

News from Greenwood District Treasurer

By Marcia Miller

Hello, UMW Ladies!

I am sure there may be some new treasurers out there who are wondering what they are expected to do. I am willing to help. You can get a copy of the blank remittance form online from the SC United Methodist Women website. Pledge cards are also a download now. Remember to make all checks payable to the Greenwood District UMW. Your goal for the year is to achieve Gold Seal status. To do this, make contributions to Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Gift in Memory, Gift in Mission, and World Thank Offering. Also, our four South Carolina Mission projects— Bethlehem Centers in Columbia and Spartanburg, Killingsworth Home, and Wallace Family Life Center. Call to Prayer and Self-Denial is not required, but we are thankful for your gifts. We can achieve great things when we work together! Let's make this an awesome year! May God bless each of you!

Marcia



THE READING CORNER

News from Greenwood District Program Resources Coordinator

By Carolyn Cantrell

Now is a great time to start or continue reading our UMW books for 2021. The reading program catalog for 2021-2022 can also be ordered from umwmissionresource.org Reading Program then scroll down to downloads.

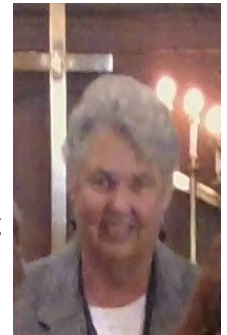
Books may be obtained from libraries, bookstores, and online. It would be helpful to order one book from each category for your unit. Zzif ordering from Amazon, please visit smile.amazon.com, Amazons charitable giving page. Select "United Methodist Women" as your charitable organization. For eligible purchases made on smile. Amazon will donate 0.5% to UMW.

Units might be interested in ordering from Missionresourcecenter.org Annual Sampler, which includes the Prayer Calendar, the quadrennial calendar Program book and Spiritual Growth study. When ordering the annual sampler saves \$4.00 and has free shipping. Also, now available for downloading is the 2021-2024 handbook (not in print yet); this handbook is recommended for those in leadership roles in their units and in the district.

May God bless and keep you and keep you safe.

If I can be of any help call me at 864-223-0271 or e-mail me at cwcantrell@embarqmail.com

Carolyn



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.



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 UMW Day Apart
Special In-Home Day Apart Practice
Of Two Spiritual Disciplines from Previous Days Apart—

PRAYER *and* LISTENING

Because of Covid restrictions and the strong possibility that many of us haven't gotten our protective shots, I think we need to spend our Day Apart practicing the two Spiritual Disciplines we have talked about in the last two meetings—**Prayer and Listening**. I pray that we can all benefit from this exercise because our country's great division right now demonstrates the desperate need for greater love, understanding, and patience for each other.

Select a time and a quiet place (where you can't hear noise or life going on around you) and where you can spend at least 30 minutes alone with God and your thoughts. Before you go to this spot and isolate yourself from others, get a rock, a seashell, or a picture that reminds you of God's Awesome Power. Get your Bible and light a candle to remind you that God is present with you. You might also want to have very low music playing in the background such as any instrumental selection or favorite hymn that soothes and relaxes you.

As you settle in a comfortable seat, pretend your mind is a blackboard with all your problems and distractions. Slowly erase it so that you can concentrate on being in the presence of God.

Begin with thoughts of God's amazing love for you. Think about a time you felt yourself in His presence. Take a deep breath and gradually let it go as you take yourself to God. Begin to imagine His presence—His arms around you--and the comfort and joy you feel in His presence. Thank Him for your most recent blessing (s). Then be quiet. **Listen** for his presence and what the thoughts of Him may bring to your mind. Be patient. (Remember we often sit for a long time on hold waiting for "an agent" to take our call.) Give yourself time to let Him stir your heart.

Open your Bible to your favorite passage about Love. These are three popular passages: I Corinthians 13, John 3:16, or the story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). Think of the power of the love you have for someone who is important in your life—husband, child, parent, or closest friend. Thank God for that person in your life. **Pray** for that person. **Think** about your love for God and how you show your love and God's love to that particular person. Now read the greatest Commandment (Matthew 22:36-40). This passage provides the order of who we are to love: **God** with **all** our mind, heart, and soul, **and** our **neighbor** as ourselves.

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(Continued)

Now **listen** for God's presence in your thoughts. Think about someone you have trouble loving. Is it a neighbor? Is it a church member? A member in your Sunday School class? Is it that person at work that you find difficult to tolerate? **How** can you **show** Her/Him that **God** loves Her/Him. How can you get the message to them that you love them because **God** loves them and **He** wants **you** to love them? Design a plan that you think **God** wants you to follow to **show** your love to this person.

In sincere **prayer**, begin with the Lord's Prayer, and then ask **God** for guidance and help in loving this person.

When you blow out your candle and you watch the smoke dissipate leaving only a faint scent of the extinguished candle, remember this time you have had with God. Just as the smoke has been absorbed by the air around you, God has your prayers. Remember He is always with you. He is only a thought away.

Of course, loving another person is not as easy as it may sound, but remember that the way of the cross is not easy. But we have **God's help** and with His help and Awesome power, we can do anything. We just need to stay **connected** to God.

This Meditative exercise can be modified as a Unit experience and/or an individual exercise at home.

Mary Lynn Polk

Greenwood District UMW

Spiritual Growth Chairperson

If you would like to send me feedback about your experience, please do so at mary.lynn.polk@gmail.com.



Save The Date!

Please mark your calendars for our exciting

SCCUMW Virtual Spiritual Growth Event

Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 10 a.m.

More Details To Come!

Prayer Pals



Growing spiritually is a better 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 journeys. If you are interested in participating in this connection please contact me or your District Spiritual Growth Coordinator. You will be given your Prayer Pal's information and she will be given yours.

Please send this information to Vickie Harvey, email vtharvey62@gmail.com or mail it to 440 Goldmine Road, Spartanburg, SC 29307.

Please fill out the following information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Birthday: _____ Phone: _____

Other information you wish your Prayer Pal to know: _____

Thanks for allowing me to work with you as your Conference Spiritual Growth Coordinator.

Vicki Harvey

Be Sure That Your UMW Unit Is Counted In The 2020 Unit Survey!

Your Unit will be counted for the 2020 Unit Survey if you go to
<https://secure3.convio.net/umw/site/SSurvey>
Due By March 31, 2021



(INFORMATION NEEDED FOR 2020 UNIT SURVEY (FORMERLY CENSUS))

NOTE: If you would like for Joyce Crouch, Greenwood District UMW President, to enter your unit's information, please call or e-mail her: Ph. 864-981-0942; e-mail: jmcrouch59@yahoo.com no later than Sunday, March 29, 2021, and be prepared to give her your unit's responses to the below questions.

Zip Code of church

Church Name

Unit Name

District Name

Unit mailing address (including city, state and zip code)

Unit type – local, cluster, district, other

Unit President's name, ph number, and e-mail

Number of new members added in 2020

Number of members lost by death or other reasons in 2020

Total number of active unit members as of December 31, 2020

Name of person reporting this data, their e-mail address, and phone number

Position of the person reporting this data – Unit President, Unit Treasurer, Unit Secretary, other

Average age of local unit members: (circle one)

0-17

18-34

35-55

56-69

70+

Are you an Active Unit? Yes or No

Is your unit considering becoming inactive? Yes or No

Please share your reasons for becoming inactive

Did your unit/circle attend Mission u virtually this year?

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***INFORMATION NEEDED FOR 2020 UNIT SURVEY
(FORMERLY CENSUS)
(Continued from Page 8)***

Is your unit involved in any international mission activities?

If yes, check all that apply:

Church

General Board of Global Ministries

General Board of Church and Society

United Methodist Committee on Relief

Annual Conference

Is your unit/circle interested in targeted giving campaigns?

On May 5th – Giving Tuesday Now – did your unit/circle participate?

In the past year, has your unit engaged in programs related to racial justice?

As we seek to understand the racial and ethnic diversity of our national membership, please share the current demographics of your local unit:

A mix of women of color and white women

Exclusively white women

Primarily white women, with some women of color

Exclusively women of color

Primarily women of color, with some white women

Which social justice priority campaign did your unit work on in 2020:

End Maternal Mortality

Living Wage for All

End the School to Prison Pipeline

Reduce Carbon Emissions

None

Please check all campaigns that you would like to receive more information about:

Climate Justice Just Energy for All

Racial Justice Interrupt the School-to-Prison Pipeline

Not interested

During the 2020 pandemic, most in person gatherings have moved to virtual/online or have been cancelled:

How have you stayed connected:

Phone calls

Conference calls as a unit

Virtual meetings

Meeting in person

Cancelled in person and online meetings until the pandemic is over

E-mail

Greenwood District United Methodist Women 2021 Calendar of Events

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



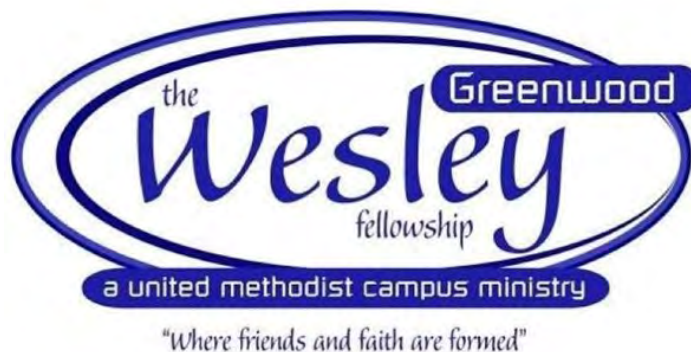
South Carolina UMW Presidential Scholarship

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

SHARE THIS IMPORTANT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY WITH YOUR UNITS

The **Greenwood Wesley Fellowship**, formerly known as Lander United Methodist Campus Ministry, is a ministry of the Greenwood District of the United Methodist Church that provides a community of Christian fellowship for students from Lander University and Piedmont Technical College. The group is established so that they can worship, have Bible study, have fellowship, and have a service with emphasis on the United Methodist tradition.



Rev. F. Hillary Taylor, currently serving as interim GWF Campus Minister, emphasizes the importance of young people empowering other young people. The GWF is currently seeking financial support to hire a full time campus minister, and they also seek donors of meals for the group's meetings that occur on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Most importantly, they thank you for your prayers for this ministry!

If your unit would like to make a donation, please send it to:

Greenwood Wesley Fellowship
211 Main Street N
Greenwood SC 29646

Or you may donate online at https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=LUUJWDC27YERS

If your unit would like to help provide a meal for one of the group's meetings, please contact Rev. Hillary Taylor at fhtaylor@umcsc.org or 864-445-4835 (work)

Check **The Greenwood Wesley Fellowship** Website at <https://greenwoodwesleyfellowship.weebly.com>

News from District Vice President

By Carol Marse, Vice President, Greenwood District UMW

It was regrettable that it was necessary to cancel the Greenwood District Officers' Training on January 23 due to the coronavirus and concerns for health: We do appreciate the willingness of Cathy Trevino and the ladies of St. Mark UMW to host this event, and look forward to being with them at some time in the future.

You will notice that it also was necessary to cancel this year's Greenwood District Day Apart scheduled for March 6, but as you see in this newsletter, Dr. Mary Lynn Polk, Greenwood District Spiritual Growth Coordinator, has provided a very unique and spiritually uplifting opportunity for us to have our day apart experience in the comfort of our own homes or whatever comfortable setting you choose. We appreciate Mary Lynn's efforts to make this opportunity available to us. We also appreciate the willingness of the ladies of Aldersgate/Harris UMW in Greenwood to host this event and look forward to being with them at a later date in the future.



Carol

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Wondering What Your Officer Duties Are?

If you are an officer in your Local UMW Unit and wondering what the duties of your position are, feel free to contact the District Officer in your position and ask them for help.



Ladies for Jesus



Deepening Our Walk

Find Your Unit's Cluster!

Cluster 1

Leader: Sarah Greene
(803) 321-2506 (H)
(803) 271-2903 (C)

Aldersgate
Bethel
Cambridge
Ebenezer
Harmony
Harris
Hodges
Lowell Sreet
Lupo
Main Street – Greenwood
Matthews
Mays
McCormick
Mt. Bethel – Greenwood
Mt. Carmel – Ninety Six
Panola
Rehoboth
Republican
St. Mark
St. Paul – Plum Branch
St. Paul – Ninety Six
Tranquil
Trinity – Greenwood
Troy
Ware Shoals

Cluster 2

Leader: Cassandra Daniels
(864) 543-4638
san.daniels@yahoo.com

Broad Street
Capers Chapel – Pomaria
Central
Central/Sandy Springs – Laurens
Epting Memorial
Epworth
First – Laurens
Hopewell – Sharon
Lewis Memorial
Mt. Carmel – Laurens
Mt. Pleasant – Pomaria
New Hope – Pomaria
O'Neal Street
Soule Chapel
Springdale
St. James
Trinity – Newberry
Trinity
Waterloo
Wightman
Zion – Prosperity

Cluster 3

Leader: Mary Ann Bayer
(864) 992-8713
maryatbayer@gmail.com

Bath
Belvedere
Bethany – Saluda
Capers Chapel – N. Augusta/Beech
Island
Edgefield
Emory
Grace
Harmony – Johnston
Johnston
Langley
Leesville
McKendree
Monetta
Nazareth
Pentecost
St. John – Batesburg
St. John – Graniteville
St. Paul – Saluda
Trenton
Vaucluse
Warrenville
Zoar

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www.umsc.org/umw

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.