



## News and Notes

***Belin Memorial United Methodist Church***

***May 2017***

### ***FROM YOUR PRESIDENT.....***

Ladies, we had a wonderful start to the month of May with the *Blessing of the Inlet*. A big thanks to all of you who helped make it so successful. Even with the weather, we had a good time and sold a lot of ice-cream and strawberries. Once again, the bake sale sold out in record time yum-o!

I hope you have a wonderful summer. Start gathering all your extra "stuff" to sell at our annual Yard Sale, the first weekend in August. We will need lots of help with that. The yard sale and the Blessing booths are two major fund raisers that provide us with the funds to give back to our community.

It always gladdens my heart to be a part of such an organization that provides help for women and children.

Have a blessed summer,  
Sue

***UMW YARD SALE  
AUGUST 5, 2017  
7:00 AM - 2:00 PM***



Customers wait all year for our annual Yard Sale! The picture from last year's sale tells why!

Many volunteers are needed to receive donations, sort, price, and arrange items for sale. Prep for the event begins at the Family Life Center on Monday, July 31 and continues through Friday, August 4. We work from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, with lunch provided—as well as great fellowship and fun. If you cannot stay all day, come for an hour, morning, or afternoon---every hour counts and is much appreciated!

***Frances Wilson Circle*** spearheads the prep; ***Miracle Seekers*** manages the finances on the day of the sale; and, ***Grace Circle*** cleans up.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**  
**Blessing of Inlet Booths: Very Successful**



**Strawberry Shortcake**  
**Frances Wilson Circle**

**Gross: \$5,019**

**Net: \$3,662**



**Bake Sale**  
**Miracle Seekers Circle**

**Gross: \$1,197**



**BELIN MEMORIAL CHURCH UMW READING PROGRAM**

**“Book Chat”-- Reader Shares Her Thoughts With Us**

“I have been participating in the *Book Cart* program made available through the United Methodist Women at Belin. This program appeals to me because it gets me involved in reading material out of my comfort zone and out of the mindset of needing to be entertained into the reality of what is really going on all over the world, not just in my little corner.

The monthly *Book Chat* brings together all of us who are taking part to share our own stories as well as those we have read and how we have been touched and even how we can get involved doing even a small part. Come join us and meet some new friends.”

---Lucia MacKenzie, member of Miracle Seekers

## WE'VE BEEN BUSY.....

Circles prepared and served 300 delicious Lenten lunches !



Twenty (20) circle members spent three hours slicing strawberries.



## WE'VE BEEN BUSY.....(Contd)

### BELIN UMW HOSTED MARION DISTRICT'S A DAY APART

Eighty (80) UMW members from throughout the District attended. They enjoyed a delicious continental breakfast and catered lunch. The program included inspirational speakers, special music, and communion with the Reverend Walter Cantwell officiating. Thanks to our UMW board for the arrangements and welcoming atmosphere!

The Day Apart, a yearly event, is intended to bring UMW members together to worship and reflect on our mission



**BELIN UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 19, 2017**

The United Methodist Women board met in the Family Life Center at 1:30 PM. Attending: President Sue Walters, Vice President Susan Malachefski, Secretary Jo Bendick, Treasurer Dottie Burnham, Grace Circle chairman Peg Otterberg, Miracle Seekers Circle chairman Iva Coker and Resource chairman Diane Lewis.

**Secretary's Report:**

Report was read and approved.

**Treasure's Report :**

A copy was given to everyone and items gone over by the treasurer.

**Circle Reports:**

No circle reports were given

**Old Business:**

President Sue Walters wanted to prepare for the Day Apart Event this coming Saturday and the Blessing of the Inlet Event the next Saturday.

**New Business**

- The board discussed the details for each event and assigned responsibilities for each.
- Strawberries should be delivered to the Family Life Center by Friday and volunteers will cut them up. Also ice cream and pound cakes will be stored in the FLC freezer.
- The Frances Wilson Circle will be selling the strawberry ice cream shortcake. A request for baked goods to come in for pricing on Friday was placed in the Church newsletter.
- Miracle Seekers Circle will be in charge of the bake sale tent again this year.
- Sue Carreiro and Phyllis Wrigglesworth will be selling the shelf sitters among the crowd.

President Sue Walters closed us with prayer and our benediction.

Closing: "May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from another".

Next meeting will be **Wednesday, May 24 at 1:30 PM** in Family Life Center.

Respectfully Submitted

Jo Bendick, Secretary

**Annual Conference of the South Carolina  
United Methodist Church**

Greenville, South Carolina  
June 4-8, 2017

Find out more about the Conference at

[www.umcsc.org/home/resources/2017-annual-conference/](http://www.umcsc.org/home/resources/2017-annual-conference/)



## ***CIRCLE NOTES***

**FRANCES WILSON CIRCLE** will not be meeting in June, July, or August. However, we are planning an informal lunch meeting at King Street Grill (Business 17 on the Inlet) on June 14, 2017, at 11:30 AM. Please confirm your attendance with Sue Carreiro so she can make reservations for everyone.

A big "thank you" to all the ladies who volunteered at the strawberry shortcake booth for the *Blessing of the Inlet*. We were very successful in raising money to contribute to charities in support of women and children.

Last, but not least --- be sure to mark your calendars for the week of July 31 - August 4. As you know, this is the week that we are responsible for setting up the UMW Yard Sale, August 5. We hope you can come as long and as often as you can! Join us at the Family Life Center during the hours of 9:00 AM -3:00 PM --- lots of work, but great fellowship. Hope to see you there!

*Circle co-leaders:* Sue Carreiro (843-357-3533) and Nancy Heintz (843-947-0873)

**GRACE CIRCLE** met on May 8 at the home of Donna Harrill for our last meeting and social gathering until September 11. There were 20 members present.

Betty Alexander gave an update regarding our Africa University student, Kabanza who will graduate next year. She wrote us a very touching letter thanking us all for what we have done for her.

We distributed funds to:

Smith Medical Clinic - \$500

Salkehatchie - \$250

Belin UMC/Asbury Hills Summer Camp - \$500

Coastal Educational Foundation - \$200

*Circle leader:* Peg Otterberg (843-651-2688)

**MIRACLE SEEKERS CIRCLE** had a very successful bake sale at the *Blessing of the Inlet*. Thanks to all the good cooks in our church who contributed delicious baked goods for the sale. Good weather and a large crowd as well as Circle members who gave their time on the day of the Blessing certainly made the day a happy and profitable one. Thank you to all.

Our June meeting will be our annual picnic on the 20th at the home of John and Carolyn Jackson. Husbands are welcome to join in, too. Watch for an email around June 1, giving all the particulars. Be sure you SAVE the date.

*Circle leader:* Iva Coker (843-344-2003)

## **2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

June 9	Book Chat	10:00 AM	FLC
July 27-29	Mission u		Spartanburg Methodist College
July 31 - August 4	Preparation for UMW Yard Sale	9AM-3PM	FLC
August 5	Yard Sale	7AM-2PM	FLC
September 8	Book Chat	10:00 AM	FLC
October 27-28	UMW Annual Meeting		Union Methodist Church,
		Columbia	
December 9	Annual Christmas Luncheon	11:30 am	Kimbels, Wachesaw Plantation



### UMW OFFICERS

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#### **GOD'S WAY**

#### **Day by Day**

By Charles Stanley

#### **THE LORD'S WORK**

*Whatever you do, do it heartily,  
as to the Lord and not to men.*

Colossians 3:23

Paul defined the Lord's work as "whatever you do." Because we are servants of God, everything we do is considered part of that service. God makes no distinction between what is spiritual and what is secular. . . .

All of us who know the Lord--homemakers, bankers, mechanics, assembly line workers, construction workers--are involved in God's work. We are all a part of what He is doing. It takes just as much dependency on the Holy Spirit to do any of these jobs well as it does to preach a sermon or sing in the choir. In some cases, it takes much more.

*News and Notes* is an informal UMW newsletter. Please submit your Circle information/pictures by e-mail either to Fran Wesner (franza6@aol.com) or Betty Mar Little (bmlittle2@aol.com).