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2018 *THEME:*
CHANGING THE WORLD WITH COURAGE

Priorities: SPIRIT OF JOY

*Goals: TAKING CARE OF SELF
PHYSICALLY & SPIRITUALLY*

Mission u is for You!

August 3-4, 2018

Velda Rose UMC
5540 E. Main St. Mesa, AZ

Mission u gives you the opportunity to:

- Grow Spiritually,
- Gain Continuing Education Credits,
- Have Fun and Fellowship,
- and Make a Difference at Home and the World

Mission u is for You!

Anyone can attend, learn and enjoy!

- United Methodist Women
- Pastors and Lay Leaders
- Men and other Lay persons

Three Studies

Spiritual growth study: [Embracing Wholeness](#)
 Geographic Study: [Missionary Conferences of the U.S.](#)
 Issue study: [What About Our Money?](#)

[Click Here](#) for more information and to register online

LEGACY ROCK-A-THON

WOW

You are amazing!

The United Methodist Women groups of the East and West Districts rocked their way to **\$12,749.18 for the Legacy Fund**. It was wonderful to see everyone embrace the Rock-A-Thon and make it their own. There were 41 rockers at Cross in the Desert United Methodist Church on March 10th. Not everyone was able to join us on March 10th at Cross in the Desert United Methodist Church, but you rocked where you were. Not everyone was able to join us on March 10th, but again you rocked when you could.

We were able to have much of the funds raised matched on the March 23rd Day of Giving to make our contribution go even further.

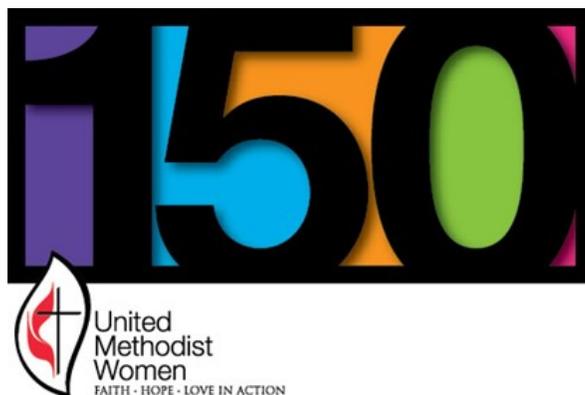
United Methodist Women announced the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign goal of \$60 million in June 2017. **The Legacy Fund** will undergird the capacity of future generations of United Methodist Women members to carry forward our mission of service and advocacy with women, children and youth in the United States and around the world for the next 150 years. To date \$20,399,729 has been contributed.

“The Legacy Fund will provide a firm foundation that both builds on the generosity and commitment of women before us and enables future generations of women to engage in mission that makes a difference in the world by improving life for women, children and youth,” said Shannon Priddy, president of United Methodist Women’s Board of Directors.

United Methodist Women is laying the groundwork for our next 150 years in mission through the Legacy Fund. You have helped to the goal possible with your support.

Carla Whitmire

Everyone Deserves a Lifetime!



The PURPOSE of United Methodist Women

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.



Successful East and West event raised over \$10,000 for the Legacy Fund

Not to be outdone by North District's successful Rock-a-Thon to raise money for the Legacy Fund, East and West Districts joined together and held their own Rock-a-Thon on March 10th at Cross in the Desert United Methodist Church. Additional locations that rocked or sent in contributions from the West side were Liberty United Methodist Church, Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church, Glendale First United Methodist Church, Prescott United Methodist Church, Willowbrook United Methodist Church, Trinity United Methodist Church Phoenix, and New Song United Methodist Church. (Forgive me if I left anyone off the list.)

Never let it be said that when a group of Methodist Women decide to take on a project, they only do half a job. The Rock-A-Thon was a wonderful gathering of women who shared a meal, rocked, watched the movie "Hidden Figures," crocheted and knitted and never forgot why they were rocking. We were even blessed with a pair of dogs who patiently rocked with their masters.

The event was coordinated by East President, June Hansen, Carla Whitmire, conference staff, and myself. The event was also attended by several of the conference United Methodist Women officers. Many thanks for everyone, men and women alike, who supported our Rock-A-Thon.

Grace and Blessings,

Cheryl Buchholtz,

President, ckbuchholtz@cox.net



***If the word isn't getting out,
United Methodist Women are losing out.***



Please be sure to share the information in this newsletter with those who don't have access to a computer or printer.



TREASURER'S OUTLOOK



Hello and Happy Spring from the west side of the Valley of the Sun. Taking part in the Rock-A-Thon was a hoot (as my grandmother used to say) and the money raised will help those following us to continue the mission work that United Methodist Women is all about. (Article written in May.) I will be heading to Columbus, Ohio, for the National Assembly of United Methodist Women and I am hoping that they will report on the status of our efforts for the Legacy Fund. I'm sure we will be apprised about the success of all our efforts.

Last month I provided some information regarding the treasurers financial reporting, good uses for our monies and financial audits and reviews for local units. I thought it would be good to relay information on what are unacceptable uses for local United Methodist Women funds. United Methodist Women funds should not be used for items that are the responsibility of your church, such as the operating budget, building fund, upkeep, repairs. Our members already give to this through their weekly, monthly or yearly offerings. The easiest way to remember how United Methodist Women monies are to be used is to just think "Mission." Whether it is local, district, conference, national or international, if it's Mission, it's good. There are nearly 100 mission institutions nationally. If you would like new ideas for mission giving, just go to www.unitedmethodistwomen.org website (click on that address). The February *Response* magazine was devoted to missions around the globe. If you are interested in a local mission, just ask any United Methodist Women member in another church. We all have those missions locally that are close to our hearts. This link shows missions around the United States and around the world www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/maps/mission-maps (click on this address). If there are any resources regarding your unit's financial reporting or record keeping, please give me a call.

Your sister in Christ,

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ROCKING AT LIBERTY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



EDITOR'S NOTE: *If you have read a book from our Reading Program Book list and have written (or would like to write) a book report and have it published in the Cactus Patch, please forward it to me, Sharon Weber, at sweber08@cox.net. I will put it in the next issue of the Cactus Patch. This encourages others to read these books and learn about new things.*

SECRETARY'S TIDBITS

I want to start with a quick reminder. In 2017, I was offered a scholarship to attend Mission u. I was still new to the church and to United Methodist Women. It was a resoundingly wonderful experience, an opportunity to learn, share, and grow with my sisters in Christ. It is with such small beginnings that the world is changed. If you have not yet decided to attend Mission u, please let me encourage you to do so. It is just so rewarding. The date and location for the West District Mission u is August 3-4 at Velda Rose United Methodist Church. See page 1 of this newsletter for more information and the link to the website for information and registration forms. I am really looking forward to it.



I also want to give a special shout out to the New Song United Methodist Women. They organized a baby shower for Maggie's Place, an outreach organization that supports homeless pregnant women. They invited me to their program, and what a great program it was. It was an exciting day and an inviting group of women. I am so glad I had the chance to see even more members of my family in Christ. And I never would have had that opportunity, if I hadn't said yes to the invitation to be part of the West District United Methodist Women. Thank you for making me part of your family.

Your Sister in Christ, *Christine Jones*, jones.sensei@gmail.com



PROGRAM RESOURCES and MEMBERSHIP CARE CORNER

On April 7, many United Methodist Women gathered at St. Matthew United Methodist Church in Mesa for the Conference Social Action Event. I was happy two women from my local unit went with me. First on the program, we watched a Webinar: "Mass Incarceration 101." We learned of many disturbing statistics about women in prison and the impact on families. A short break followed so we could have 1-on-1 discussions with others present. Two speakers, Timothy Overton and Janet Livingston, then spoke about the School-to-Prison Pipeline and Women in Prison—Kairos inside. Both were very interesting and thought provoking.



Hope all of you are reading. We have many interesting books in the program this year. I have already read 18. Some of my favorites were "A House in the Sky," "Sally Ride," "House of Purple Cedar," and "The Promise." Currently I'm reading "50 Women Every Christian Should Know" and "The Power of Serving Others." Remember, only 5 books read and you will receive a certificate. But 10, 15, or 20 would be even better.

I am anxious to hear from Allie Lakey, our Conference Membership Coordinator. Cheryl, our District President, and I think the West District reported 100% on the Membership Census website. I commend all of you for your efforts in making this happen. Just a reminder: I will need a **memorial list** from each local organization in our district **by September 1**. This is so no names will be left out of the memorial service at the West District Annual Celebration in October.

Start planning now to attend Mission u on August 3-4, at Velda Rose United Methodist Church in Mesa. Scholarships are available for first time attendees. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Your sister in Christ,
Colleen Becker, cbecker14@cox.net



COMMITTEE OF NOMINATIONS' COMMENTS

2018 has been a very busy and challenging year for the Committee of Nominations. We are still learning our responsibilities as Chairman. I, Pam, am still writing my Faith Journeys which I base off my Pastor's sermons. I am currently working on three of them. They are on Believing, Witnessing, and my biggest one is from the Lenten Study I took with my Pastor.



The team now has some real challenges to face as we approach the sizzling summer. Our biggest challenge is going to be looking for some new faces to fill six district officer positions. We need the following:

- Secretary
- Communications Coordinator
- Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth
- Mission Coordinator for Membership
- 2 more members for the Committee on Nominations team

If you are interested or know of someone who might be interested, please let us know so we can speak to you or to that other person. Being a district officer is fun, learning new things, helping others and enjoying the many activities of United Methodist Women. Time commitment is not as big as you might think. We can discuss all of this and more with you. The district needs you!!

Your District Committee of Nominations has been very busy with district responsibilities and at First Glendale United Methodist Church. First Glendale is getting ready for our Vacation Bible School the week of June 4-8. Our theme is "Shipwrecked." Helen will be helping with the registration. Pam will oversee the music videos and the games. Helen will also be attending the weekly Bible Study that is being led by our fellow district officers Judy Cleaveland and Christine Jones. I am hoping to do the Bible Study on my own.

Co-Chairs of Committee on Nominations,

Helen Jackson, phjackson1@q.com

Pam Jackson, pd-jackson36111@live.com

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR NOTES

Thank you to all those who supported and/or rocked the East/West Districts Rock-A-Thon and any of our local units who held their Rock-A-Thon. Everyone had a great time rocking and we raised a lot of money for the Legacy Fund.



Mission u is our next upcoming event on August 3-4 at Velda Rose United Methodist Church in Mesa. See page 1 of this newsletter for more information and the link to the conference website explaining more about Mission u and the registration form is also located there. It is a great time for learning and getting together with other ladies throughout the conference. Very enjoyable time!. Hope to see many of you there!

Thank you to all who submitted articles. It is great reading and learning for all! It is especially important for the local units to send in articles. It helps others learn of what you have been doing but also gives them new ideas on how to raise money for their missions work as well.

God Bless You, *Sharon Weber*, sweber08@cox.net

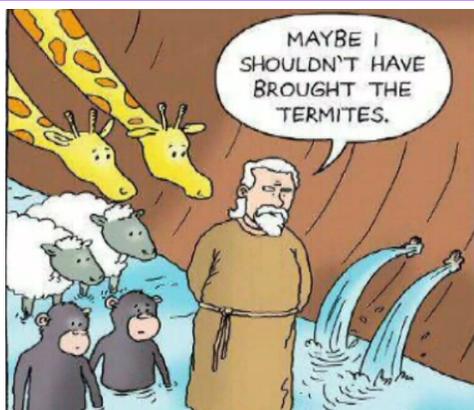


**2018 WEST DISTRICT
LOCAL ORGANIZATION CALENDAR**

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| July 13-14 | Mission u North District/Las Vegas – Advent UMC, 3460 N. Rancho Rd., Las Vegas, NV |
| August 3-4 | Mission u East/ West Districts –Velda Rose UMC, 5540 E. Main St., Mesa |
| August 15 | Cactus Patch Article Due |
| August 24-25 | Mission u South District – St. Mark’s UMC, 1431 W. Magee Rd., Tucson |
| October 6 | West District Annual Celebration – Trinity – Phoenix 3104 W. Glendale Ave, Phoenix |
| October 26-27 | Conference Annual Celebration – North District - Desert Spring UMC – 120 Pavilion Center Dr., Las Vegas, NV |
| November 15 | Cactus Patch Article Due |

WHEN REPORTS ARE DUE

| <u>DUE DATE</u> | <u>REPORT NAME</u> | <u>SEND TO</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Mar. 30 | Census Report Form | National Website to complete |
| May 15 | Marilyn Jean Chapman Scholarship and Marilyn Sue Stout Scholarship Applications | District President |
| Sept. 1 | Memorial List | District MC Membership Care |
| Nov. 30 | Your local organization’s officers information | District Secretary |
| Dec. 10 | Local Organization Final Financial Report | District Treasurer |
| Dec. 10 | Reading Program Participant’s Information | District Secretary of Program Resources |
| Dec. 31 | Living the Charter for Racial Justice Reporting Form | District MC Social Action |
| Dec. 31 | Mission Today Forms | District President |
| Dec. 31 | Outstanding Local Organization Form | District MC for Education for Msn |



SPIRITUAL GROWTH'S WORDS OF WISDOM



I want to stress today that we as United Methodist Women try to live a God-shaped life. Proverbs 11:17 says *“When you’re kind to others, you help yourself; when you’re cruel to others, you hurt yourself.”* God loves each of us more than we can imagine and that helps us to love one another. I recommend seeing the movie “I Can Only Imagine” which demonstrates how God helps us to forgive and build relationships.

I want to share a testimony I heard on the Christian radio station. A grandpa was sharing a story about his granddaughter getting lost in the forest. The granddaughter was walking with the grandma when she decided to turn around and catch up with grandpa. However, she ended up wandering away by herself. A search party was sent and the grandpa was afraid they were not going to find her when a radio call told them they had found her and she was ok. A lady found her sitting on a rock and went to talk to her. The little girl said, “I can’t talk to you. You’re a stranger.” The lady said, “I am a teacher.” So, the little girl said, “I guess I can talk to you then.” The teacher said, “Are you lost?” The little girl said, “No, my grandpa is lost!” When the little girl was reunited with grandpa, did he say “Bad bad girl?” Did he say, “Your evil grandma is going to be mad?” No, he whispered in the little girl’s ear and said, “I love you.” Grandpa stated that even if she would not have been found, he would still have his faith in God. He reminded us that God rejoices when one of his children accepts Jesus and have eternal life.

Knowing that God loves us even more than we love our children gives us the desire to live a God-shaped life. Let us remember to read our Bibles, pray everyday and we will spiritually grow.

God bless each and everyone,

Judy Cleaveland, sunsjudy@cox.net



MISSION u STUDIES OVERVIEW

Spiritual Growth Study:

“Embracing Wholeness” explores the ways God has called us to live in covenantal relationship with all of creation and challenges readers to work toward stronger and healthier relationships with creation, their communities, themselves, and God.

Issue Study:

“What About Our Money? A Faith Response” explores how we relate to money within the context of our faith. Through this connection between our faith and our money, readers discover how to live closer to God and God’s people, even in our North American culture that is so deeply defined by money. She explores the biblical foundation of abundance (sufficiency), which stands in opposition to the scarcity narrative our culture tells us from the time we are very young.

Geographic Mission Study 2017-2018

“Missionary Conferences of The United Methodist Church in the United States.” This is a repeat of the class offered last year. The aim of the study is to give an overview of the three missionary conferences in The United Methodist Church, the contexts out of which they grew and their current engagements: The Alaska United Methodist Conference, Red Bird Missionary Conference, and the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference.

UMCOR



UMCOR is a world wide emergency relief organization. It is a nonprofit agency of the United Methodist Church. The organization provides relief in five core areas: Hunger, Health, Refugees, Emergencies, and Relief Supplies.

UMCOR was formed because of the “devastating effects of World War II.” The 1940 General Conference of the Methodist Church (U.S.A.) passed a resolution to a relief agency. Originally named the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (MCOR) was formed as a temporary agency “to respond to the vast needs of human suffering world wide.” These needs were to be relayed to local churches who would provide monetary assistance to these needs. From the beginning, the agency promoted ecumenical partnership with other denominational relief efforts.

In 1972 the General Conference changed the name to UMCOR and legislated it as a permanent entity under the United Methodist Church’s General Board of Global Ministries. As UMCOR grew, the committee focused its efforts on the five stated areas of relief.

The mission of UMCOR has changed very little from its beginnings. It was formed to “provide relief in disaster areas, aiding refugees and confronting the challenge of world hunger and poverty.” According to the United Methodist Book of Discipline, UMCOR’s responsibility is “to provide immediate relief of acute human need and to respond to the suffering of persons in the world caused by natural, ecological, political turmoil, and civil disaster.

UMCOR was designed so that 100% of donations go directly to the intended projects. This goal was achieved by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) donations. An annual collection is taken in Methodist Churches around the world in March. UMCOR receives enough support to cover all operating expenses and fund its projects.

UMCOR is unique in its funding structure. The organization is led by a board of 18 directors from around the world. They oversee operations, develop strategies, and search out opportunities for providing aid. When a need arises, the committee sends requests to all the churches world wide. The churches and their organizations collect donations and send them to distribution centers. UMCOR acts as an information relay point between needs and donations.

SOURCE: Wikipedia

Submitted by

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A rectangular graphic with a background of a sunset over water. The text is centered and reads: "When I'm worried, it's usually because I'm trying to do everything myself. When I'm at peace, it's usually because I remember that God is in control."

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EDUCATION FOR MISSION UPDATES



Retirement is great. I am involved in so many good things. I have taken on new responsibilities in my church, First United Methodist Church of Glendale, and in United Methodist Women. It borders on being too much, and sometimes I have anxiety over meeting all the obligations I have agreed to. Lately, a cup of warm milk, sipped in the dark by moonlight, and prayer for guidance and peace from the Holy Spirit help me sleep at night. Sometimes it seems I am responsible for just about everything. I do care. I guess that makes me a little responsible. So I pray. I like that song, "I'm Going to Live So God Can Use Me, Anywhere, Lord, Anytime." I pray for God to guide me to do his will, then try not to panic when the opportunities present themselves. Trusting God is my strategy.

(This article was written in May.) I am getting pretty excited about going to Assembly in Columbus, Ohio, May 17. I have never been to one. I'll take notes and pictures and report in the September Cactus Patch newsletter.

I have read some good books lately. "The Weight of Mercy, A Novice Pastor on the City Streets" by Deb Richardson-Moore, was especially good, very readable, entertaining and relevant to my church life at Glendale First.

I read "A Higher Loyalty: Truth, Lies and Leadership" by James Comey. It is not on our United Methodist Women's Reading Program list, but I think it should be. Every American should read it. James Comey is dedicated to the truth. I'm not mad at him anymore after reading his account of things.

I also made myself read "Massacre at Sand Creek, How Methodists Were Involved in an American Tragedy" by Gary L Roberts. It was a real chore to get through, since the author documented what happened meticulously through the evidence of newspaper accounts, letters, testimony. It was very thorough in showing what was going on in Colorado and the Southwest in the 1860's, what people were thinking, what the political atmosphere was. Sad to say, many whites were in favor of exterminating Indians, friendly or not. Very depressing.

I'm reading "A House in the Sky" by Amanda Lindhout and Sara Corbett. Remind me never to go to Somalia or Afghanistan. Amanda, a Canadian working as a news correspondent, was kidnapped in Somalia and was held captive for 460 days. My personal safety and freedom are at the top of my priority list. I do enjoy travel, and don't want anything to deter me from doing what I want to do, going where I want to go.

Speaking of travel, United Methodist Women supports wonderful missions all over the world and in the United States, helping children, women and youth. The United Methodist Women Prayer Calendar tells all about them. It makes me proud to be a United Methodist Woman! This is a very satisfying job!

Excited to be your sister in Christ,

Linda Triolo, lindatriolo@cox.net



Women:

You are beautiful, intelligent, creative, loving, brave and worthy of your own admiration and affection.



Linda Triolo's Notes on "Church Leadership the Disney Way"

Rev. Dan Hurlbert of First United Methodist Church-Prescott, a Disney enthusiast, presented this workshop at the United Methodist Church West District Day of Learning, February 17, 2018. I took a few notes. Dan attended training at the Disney Institute, which holds training at Disney sites all over the world. He told us about his visit to Disney Aulani Resort, on the island of Oahu in Hawaii, which I had never heard of.

Walt Disney said this, and it may apply to our business as well: "In this volatile business of ours, we can ill afford to rest on our laurels, even to pause in retrospect. Times and conditions change so rapidly that we must keep our aim constantly focused on the future."

Other nuggets of wisdom:

- ◆ What do good leaders make? Other leaders.
- ◆ Know your brand and how to communicate it.
- ◆ Emotions outweigh everything. Better to be pleasant than right or smart. Have no tolerance for a bad attitude, damaging to the organization.
- ◆ Be welcoming and warm. People learn better when they are having a good time.
- ◆ Look twice, think three times. What do we need to accentuate? What do we need to overcome?
- ◆ Anticipate needs. (Like rest rooms) Try to think about every little detail.
- ◆ Try to keep your facility spotlessly clean. Everyone's second job is to pick up trash when they see it, clean up messes.
- ◆ Do you have to be happy all the time? No, you just have to be able to act like it.
- ◆ You can't yell and scream at people.
- ◆ When they fire someone, they say "You'll have to find your happiness elsewhere."
- ◆ EPCOT stands for **Every Person Comes Out Tired**.

Dan said we are not saved FROM something but FOR something, something about making disciples and transforming the world.



First Glendale United Methodist Women and Fiesta Time



Cinco de Mayo is a Mexican remembrance of the Battle of Puebla which chased the French army from the Yucatan Peninsula in 1862. It is not independence day for Mexico. And guess what? It is celebrated more here in the United States than in Mexico, just as Kwanzaa, an African new year's celebration, is observed more in the United States than in any African country. Indeed, another example of how our melting pot nation absorbs and concocts a new culture from the old and from the far corners of the globe. And what better way to identify with our neighbors than to set aside some time, a day or more, to appreciate a particular ethnicity? So at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Glendale, it was the whole enchilada for their *Cinco de Mayo* luncheon, with everything Mexican, from table decorations to menu to entertainment.

Without having to travel south of the border, guests were able to partake of typical Mexican cuisine, including beans and rice, pulled pork, enchiladas, guacamole and chips. Iced tea and a colorful and tasty punch replaced tequilas; however, diners finished with a delicious light cake and vanilla cookies decorated as miniature sombreros.

Table decorations included piñatas, flowers, placemats and napkins. As is the tradition at First United Methodist Church - Glendale, the United Methodist Men assisted by serving food and drink at this annual event. As serving was buffet style for this occasion, their job was a bit easier than usual. A final attraction was authentic mariachi music presented by Melissa Medina of Scottsdale.

The women and their guests enjoyed the celebration and the opportunity to share and interact with others of like faith and cultural awareness. It was a day of fellowship and *agape*. The Executive Board is now looking ahead to the second annual luncheon of the year which will be the Christmas Tea on December 1st at 2 p.m. Mark your calendars, as this will be a very special event.

Your sister in Christ,

Eva Ndavu, erndavu@yahoo.com

West District Vice President and President, First United Methodist Church - Glendale

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUN CITY WEST

Our Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Women in Sun City West have had a very busy spring. March came in like a lamb with our annual Easter Basket preparation. We love doing the baskets which are then donated to Sidewalk Sunday School—Faith Methodist Church and Valley View Community Food Bank. Our April program was a beautiful and informative presentation by a Phoenix Museum Art Docent—gorgeous slides of paintings depicting the Easter season and the resurrection of Christ. We rounded out the program/luncheon year with Rachel Ott's personal journey on Mercy Ship, the worlds' largest civilian hospital ship providing state of the art care to those in desperate need—free of charge—around the world.

We wish our fellow United Methodist Women sisters a happy, healthy and blessed summer!

Submitted by

Cindy Larson, Secretary

MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH—COTTONWOOD

UMW SUNDAY: UMW Sunday rolls around quickly and Mountain View United Methodist Church ladies are always ready with new ideas for their spirits filled and information once a year at the Sunday morning church service. This year Mountain View members and guests had the opportunity on March 18th to hear Jenise Rideout speak about the Adopt-A-Vet Foundation that was created by her husband, Marine Gary Rideout, "to give back" and help his fellow military veterans. The congregation learned about Cottonwood's Adopt-A-Vet Program and the recently opened Patriot House that provides affordable housing, whether transitional or permanent, and partners with Vets 4 Hire that gives skill training and placement to assist and encourage veterans towards long term financial stability and personal enrichment. This was a timely topic for springtime and brought knowledge and interest in the programs that benefit our area veterans and people in our community.

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE: On Thursday, April 19th, after a week of daily preparation, Mountain View ladies gave a big sigh! Each chairman and her helpers had their area beautifully organized, sparkling and ready for the big Mountain View event, the annual United Methodist Men / United Methodist Women Rummage Sale, April 20th and 21st. The men had the parking lot and the ladies the interior of the Fellowship Hall. The Mingus Room filled with racks and tables of men, women and children's clothing, shoes and accessories. Sycamore Room filled with its bookshelves and tables of books, games, CD's and DVD's. Verde Hall was bursting with areas for Christmas, babies, linens, kitchenware, household items, jewelry, treasures and miscellaneous. Saturday at noon, another big sigh was heard!! The Rummage Sale was over for this year. Once again, it was successful! May enthusiasm garner itself again for next year.

Wishing you a lovely, calm and cooler than usual summer!

Submitted by, Mary Steiger, Publicity Chair



Faith is to believe what we do not see, and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe.

- Augustine

"May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace."

Numbers 6:24-26

PRESCOTT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ROCK-A-THON NEWS

Saturday, March 17th, we had a great St. Patty's Day Rock-a-Thon! We celebrated by selling green ribbon leis made by Jean Franovich. Each person who donated \$15 got a free ribbon lei. We had a potato bar to go with our theme and we watched the Irish-themed movie "The Quiet Man" while we rocked the afternoon away. We earned \$602 for our United Methodist Women Legacy Fund to add to the District's funding. We had fun and we felt it was a great success! Not bad for an afternoon of rocking J!



Submitted by,
Karon Keeler
President



NEW SONG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH—SURPRISE

Our United Methodist Women held a baby shower on May 12th in honor of Mothers' Day. It was a great success. We were supporting Maggie's Place in Glendale with gifts of clothing and various other articles that they needed. We had 28 people in attendance including a nice visit with Christine Jones from the district as a guest. We had some fun games and prizes for the winners. Everyone enjoyed guessing who the babies were on the board of members of our church and United Methodist Women. The biggest hit and fun was the Jeopardy game. Answering nursery rhymes questions really tested our memories! The presentation from Maggie's Place was very interesting as we learned what their functions were within the lives of the babies and the mothers. The lady who did the presentation was great and answered all the people who had questions about their program. We enjoyed some great punch, cakes and other desserts. All the gifts that everyone brought were really out standing and well received by Maggie's Place. Everyone had a fun time.

June 9th is The Call to Prayer and Self Denial Program at 10:00 a.m. Lila Dell'Aringa, our treasurer, will be presenting the program which will be followed with a lunch of sandwiches, chips and desserts. This will be an interesting program.

July's meeting is still in the planning but promises to be a fun time for all of the women in the church.

August 3rd and 4th is Mission u being held in Mesa at Velda Rose United Methodist Church. A scholarship is being provided by the New Song United Methodist Women for anyone who wants to attend this year.

August 11th is our United Methodist Women Movie Day. At 10:00 a.m., our movie will be "Wonder."

Ongoing The United Methodist Women books are available to all people from the church. We have a great selection of books in our bookcase.

Submitted by, Bev Regoulinsky, Communications Coordinator