Hello everyone, it's hard to believe that this is May already, and the weather is warm, with beautiful blue skies and lots of sunshine which is God's promise to us that all is right in our world. I pray all is well with each of you, children are graduating, vacations are being planned, and life in general is worth living.

I had the amazing experience of attending my very first Assembly since joining the United Methodist Women. And what an experience it was. Our Assembly, which by the way, was attended by approximately 6200 women from all over the world, was held at the Greater Cleveland Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio. This facility is huge and is as tall as it is long and wide. The theme for this Assembly was THE POWER OF BOLD. You could feel the energy in the room. The singing, music, speakers, etc., certainly empowered everyone to put on THE POWER OF BOLD, and energized each of us to go forth and make a BOLD difference in the world. As United Methodist Women we are a power to be reckoned with. We get the job done, no matter how small or large. We advocate for Women, Children and Youth, and when we speak and act, we make a difference. We are Faith, Hope and Love in Action. Therefore, dear United Methodist Women, let's take action on our four priority issues: Economic Inequality; Climate Justice; Mass Incarceration and Criminalization of Communities of Color; and Maternal and Child Health. We can bring about positive change when we work together. We are BOLD women.

May God continue to bless each of you.

Bobbie, President, South District United Methodist Women
ANNUAL SOUTH DISTRICT CELEBRATION 2018

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 13 and get ready for a short road trip to your

ANNUAL SOUTH DISTRICT CELEBRATION

Where: First United Methodist Church of Eloy
605 Santa Cruz, Eloy, AZ 85131

Theme: “Unto the Least of These” Matthew 25: 42-44

Cost: $25.00

Our Keynote Speaker: Doug Bowers “What is Kairos Prison Ministry?”

We pray you are as excited as your South District team to learn more about this much needed ministry

Doug will also be our song leader picking and strumming on his guitar

Two focus groups, Conversations about The Way Forward-Led by Alberta Farnsworth & Dealing with Aging: resources & advocacy-Led by Martha Lundgren, Deaconess

Mission project: Non perishable food items for The Lord’s Pantry

Registration form will be in the next newsletter

Blessings,
Marilyn Neal, Vice President of Programming

CONFERENCE ANNUAL CELEBRATION

148 Days
22 Weeks & 1 day=October 27, 2018
Or
45.2% of 2018
Until Conference Annual Celebration
Unlike any you’ve ever attended

Where: Desert Spring United Methodist Church in Las Vegas
Watch for information about registration for Annual Celebration and for bus trip
MISSION u ASSISTANT DEAN

North District: July 12-13
Advent UMC, 3460 W. Rancho Drive, Las Vegas, NV - Registration Due July 6

East/West Districts: August 3-4
Velda Rose UMC, 5540 E. Main St., Mesa, AZ - Registration Due July 27

South District: August 23-24
St. Mark’s UMC, 1431 W. Magee Rd, Tucson, AZ - Registration Due August 17

$65.00 - Registration and Attendance

I am excited to be your Assistant Dean for Mission u.

Dean Barbara Emri and I went to Mission u training in Pittsburgh earlier in May. We have lots of ideas to share with you: Plenaries, singing, hands-on activities in addition to the studies.

There are 3 different studies across the conference and the whole country.

Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living

Rev. Khalif Smith – Mesa and Las Vegas
Rev. Evy McDonald – Tucson

What About Our Money? A Faith Response

Rev. Peter Vaught – Mesa and Tucson
Sharon Scobie – Las Vegas

Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church

Rev. Ida Easley – Mesa and Tucson.
(Some of you took this one last year – same book.)

Mission u starts with check-in on Friday 2:30-3:30 and ends Saturday at 4:30 after closing worship. You can choose only one study at each event. But you can choose to attend one event, two events or all three if you are really ambitious!

Ask your local president for a form, or even easier, register for one or 2 or 3 events at the same time from the same form on the conference website. REGISTER HERE (I did that the last 2 summers, and I will again this year, of course. Registration and attendance cost is $65. You choose to send payment electronically or mail a check. Transportation and housing are on your own. Carpooling is recommended.

We will not have the Missionary Conferences of the UMC class in Las Vegas in 2018. Because of our smaller numbers in Las Vegas, we do not offer the study that is a repeat from last year.

It is recommended that you read the study book before coming to Mission u. There will be a limited supply available at the event for purchase. Don’t take a chance that we will run out!

To order books from United Methodist Women Mission Resources click here or call 800-305-9857. They are also available on Kindle.

United Methodist Women National – home page. And the national Mission u page have lots of information and links to more information. Explore the website.

For local information check out the conference United Methodist Women webpage here. Southwest Winds February and March 2018 had biographies of our study leaders.

Or send me an email – glendagill@iCloud.com Glenda Hill, Mission u Assistant Dean
Books are truly magical. Please bring new or gently used books for children from birth to age 18 that we will take to Make Way for Books in Tucson.

Make Way for Books [http://makewayforbooks.org/community-based-literacy/](http://makewayforbooks.org/community-based-literacy/) serve families in locations they already frequent, helping to make books and programming available for the many children and families who do not have access to preschool or childcare.

The Blue Book House Project places new and gently-used books in waiting rooms of social service agencies, medical clinics, and other community locations throughout southern Arizona. Families are invited to enjoy books while waiting for services and to take books to keep. Blue Book House books are collected from donations.
SOUTH DISTRICT SOCIAL ACTION COORDINATOR

Hello, I’m Erin Fly. I have taken over the position of Social Action Coordinator. I am working to learn as much as I can about United Methodist Women’s different social action topics. United Methodist Women have chosen to focus on the issues of climate change, maternal and child health, criminalization of communities of color and economic inequality.

The main part of social action is “action.” This begins with becoming informed. These issues cover a wide spectrum and are not topics you are familiar with. I would encourage you to go online and learn more about these issues. One place to start is on the United Methodist Women’s website. There are links to learn about the different areas as well as to request action alert emails about the areas you find interesting. Also, you can search the topic online through Google or other search engines to see what is being published about these issues.

By becoming informed you may find a topic that interests you. There are many ways to take action in the area that you are interested in. One way is to look at how these issues affect your local community. Talk to your friends and fellow members, they may also be interested and know of ways to take action.

For example, economic inequality covers a wide spectrum. Some ways to become involved include volunteering with a nearby food bank, learn about literacy and education programs for people who need to finish high school or learn job skills or see if there are programs in your city to help the homeless get off the streets.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming involved in social action please feel free to contact me. My email is erinflyaz@gmail.com or if you would prefer to write to me my address is:

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Tucson, AZ 85711

Senator John McCain
520-670-6334
407 W. Congress #103
Tucson, AZ 85701

Senator Jeff Flake
520-575-8633
7325 N. Oracle Rd
Tucson, AZ 85704

President Donald Trump
The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
NW, Washington, D. C

United Methodist Women encourages us to continue praying for the elected President and Vice President, all members of the Arizona and US Congresses, and other elected officials.

The best way to let your state and federal representatives know your thoughts is to write a letter. Letters sent to the Washington, D.C. office will be delayed because they have to go through an irradiation process (checking for chemicals) before they are delivered. There is no delay in letters sent to the local office of your representative. You may also call them at their office, but written letters expressing your views are more effective than a phone call.
As chair of the nominating committee I'm asking for those who may be contacted by a member of my committee to please prayerfully consider saying yes to serving on the South District team. We work together as a team to complete whatever the task might be. If you are asked we can provide you with job description & timeline for the position.

I know it can be a scary thought to serve on the district, but we are just like all of you who care about United Methodist Women and it's purpose.

When you attend Mission u this year my team members will be passing out talent bank forms. They are going to be coming around to see that you have filled one out. Please help us out with this, because it's our only way of having names & talents of those in our district.

Please prayerfully consider being a part of our team.
Linda Salfen
Chair of Nominations

Well, we are just winding down for the summer break from most of our local unit meetings. This gives us all time to rejuvenate and catch up on reading books for the Reading Program.

The end of June is fast approaching, and all local units should have their audit reports to me by the end of June. If you can scan your report you can send it to me by email at pjune6@cox.net.

Have a restful, cool summer and prepare for the busy remainder of the year.

Patsy June
South District Treasurer

2017 South District United Methodist Women’s Census is Complete

A BIG THANK YOU to all our Local Organizations (Units) of United Methodist Women in the South District. We had 100% participation. Once we have the final totals from national we will post the grand total of how many United Methodist Women we have in our district and our conference.

Again, thank you for helping us reach our goal of 100% participation
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**June 14-17**, Annual Desert Southwest Church Conference, Renaissance
**June 24**, TMM Metropolitan Ministries Open House, 4-6pm
  Introducing their new Senior Apartments
**July 14**, Church Women United in Tucson,
  Forum-Meet a Teacher, Catalina UMC
**August 20**, Footprint articles due
**August 24-25**, Mission u South District, St. Mark’s UMC
**September 28**, Church Women United in Arizona,
  Leadership Development Event, Casa Grande, AZ
**October 12**, South District rehearsal, Eloy, AZ
**October 13**, South District Annual Celebration, Eloy, AZ
**October 26**, Dinner & Discussion, “The Way Forward”, Las Vegas, NV
**October 27**, Conference Annual Celebration, Las Vegas, NV

Happy July 4th

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