Praise God in all things and to His name be the glory. It is through Him all things are possible.

You might ask, “Why start off an article in this manner?” I can honestly say some things are beyond our logic, and we must rely on faith. We have all read the parable of the small mustard seed, and at times our faith can be that of a mustard seed. Let me take you back to the beginning, to the birth of an idea, the sprout of a seed.

When I returned home from the United Methodist Women Legacy 150 training held in early 2017, I was stoked and a “girl on fire”, ready to encourage others to come up with a fundraising idea for the furtherance and growth of the Legacy 150 Fund. I went to the North District Leadership Team Meeting and I explained that every conference, district, and local unit was encouraged to come up with ideas to implement fundraisers to help United Methodist Women reach our established Legacy 150 financial goal of $60 million. (Yes, that’s sixty million U.S dollars!) I told the attendees that we still had a way to go to reach that goal.

I presented the idea of a 5K run/walk or a 5K bike ride. The team members rolled their eyes and chuckled, saying “We don’t think so!” Then, Sharon Scobie, our District Treasurer, laughed and said “About all I can do is rock, so how about a Rock-a-Thon?” Immediately, in my head I envisioned sewing a skirt with an embroidered poodle on it and searching online to find a pair of black and white saddle shoes. What I thought I heard Sharon say and mean was a rock and roll dance. More laughter, then she said “No, a Rock-a-Thon, in rockers!” Sharon planted a seed. Our next step was to set a goal. The goal was to raise $1,869, representing the year United Methodist Women first organized for mission. At the time, I thought that was a pretty lofty target, but I did not let anyone know that I doubted we could reach that goal. Oh, me of little faith. When I attended the Desert Southwest Conference team meeting and explained what the North District was planning to do as a Legacy 150 fundraiser, I encouraged each district to think of a way they could support fundraisers within their respective district and local units.

We of the North District held our Rock-a-Thon in August 2017, featuring 12 “rockers,” and we exceeded our goal, raising $2,109.76! I remember being thankful and telling God in prayer I was sorry for doubting. I reported the success of the North District fundraiser to the Conference Team, letting them know how easy the event was, and how enriching it was, as well.

I explained that people brought their rocking chairs with them, to rock. One member, Kay Leonard “rocked” in her great-grandmother’s rocker that was over 100 years old. Her great-grandmother was a Methodist, and her grandmother and mother were United Methodist Women too. During our time of
rocking, we all watched the movie *Hidden Figures* and had discussion following the movie. Some women, while rocking, did needlework or "loomed" to make baby hats for a local mission. Others did adult coloring, and some ladies read children’s books from the United Methodist Reading Program. One of our fondest memories of the event was being able to share time and conversations, which afforded everyone the opportunity to get to know one another better.

That tiny mustard seed that was planted and took root in the North District, spread to other Districts within our Conference. Women of the East and West Districts decided to combine their efforts to present a similar Rock-a-Thon event, modifying the event to their needs. Wow, did they accomplish their goal! They not only rocked at churches, but some ladies got sponsors and rocked in their own homes. It was probably best I didn’t know they’d set a fundraising goal of $7,500, as I would never have imagined raising that amount of money! When I received word via email on March 26, 2018, as to how much money the East and West Districts raised, I was in awe.

All night long, I just kept saying to myself, I should never have doubted the power of God. I should know better than to put Him in a box! The next morning, I walked down the hallway to my kitchen table, where my laptop sits. With each step I took toward my computer, I told myself over and over in my head, I should never have doubted. My phone was sitting next to my computer but was turned off.

I get "chicken skin," even now as I tell you the next part of this story. I turned on my computer, and before my browser had even fully opened, I heard a voice, as plain as day. That voice was familiar to me, very audible and clear, not garbled. It was the voice of my mother, who passed away many years ago.

I know this event does not seem logical, but my name, "Eileen", was announced through my computer’s speaker, in those early morning hours. Just as surely as I am typing these words and you’re reading them on this page, I heard my mother’s voice, coming from my computer, and all she said was my name, "Eileen. My name was not said in anger, but more like, “Eileeeeeeen,” in a tone she would use when she would imply I cannot believe you didn’t know that. My mother spoke to me, just as I was telling myself out loud that I couldn’t believe I had once again put God in a box.

I immediately checked my phone and confirmed it was not activated and that no one was trying to call me. I do have a laptop that came with a voice system installed, Cortana, which I have never activated. My computer does not greet me by name each morning when I turn it on. My name was said only once.

While still in disbelief, and asking myself what just transpired, with chicken skin on my arms, tears in my eyes, and a lump in my throat, my browser opened with incoming emails. The very first email to appear was from Carla Whitmire, one of the organizers of the East and West District Rock-a-Thon. In her email she indicated that in her previous email she had initially reported an incorrect total amount of money raised. They had forgotten to include the cash that had been received during the fundraiser. Oh my! Goose bumps again. More tears.

Over the years, I have heard stories of God speaking to people. I will admit that I have even asked for signs when talking and praying with God on many issues throughout my life. I think we all have. But this time, when I least expected it, when I wasn’t asking for it, when I was totally unprepared, I heard God speak to me, through my mother’s voice. Hearing my name said in the voice and tone it was said, I believe GOD was letting me know that I should never doubt, because I do know that all things are possible through Him. This experience was mind blowing in that I had recently attended a training session about how we have to think big and that we must be willing to give our testimony. I didn’t think I had a testimony to share. Coincidental? I think not, for I know God has a plan. I may not understand the plan, but there is one nevertheless.
I am thankful and give all praise and glory to God that through the women of The East and West Districts they were able to raise over $9,917.83. The East and West District Rock-a-Thon was a little different in that they did not all rock at the same time. Members participated in various activities while they waited to take their turn as a “rocker”. They watched a movie, did some reading, crafts, and games. Shared conversations and friendships were deepened. A story shared with me was about one member, Pat Goss, a retired Deaconess, and former United Methodist Women’s Division Director, who “rocked” in a chair that was over 154-years-old, made by her great-grandmother’s brother. Wonderfully, this is not the end of the story. The East/West District still has one more unit scheduled to hold their Rock-a-Thon in late April 2018. There is no doubt in my mind that the next Rock-a-Thon fundraising event held in the Desert Southwest Conference will put conference totals well over $12,000.

I pray that the seeds you plant take root and spread, and may you all continue to rock-on.

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DESERT SPRING UMW PLANNING 2018 CRAFT AND ART FAIR

Alison Kerr, President
Desert Spring United Methodist Women

On October 6th, DSUMW will hold our annual Craft and Art Fair at Desert Spring Church, 120 N. Pavilion Drive in Las Vegas. We are looking for vendors to participate! If you or someone you know is interested, please email or phone Margo Williams: margowilliamslasvegas@gmail.com or 702-870-5221. A vendor application is available on our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/DSUMWFair/

Every year this event is bigger and better! Mark your calendars and visit our Fair for unique items, art pieces, baked goods, and more.
A New Cluster Unit in the Making
Flagstaff Federated Community and Trinity Heights UMC
Janet May, Unit Contact

It’s not like I needed another time-consuming volunteer activity! Since moving to Flagstaff a year ago, I’ve taken on sewing community service quilts with the Coconino Quilters Guild and feminine hygiene kits with Days for Girls and I’ve donated about a hundred volunteer hours to the Grand Canyon Trust. My husband, Roy, and I have also participated in the offerings that Flagstaff Federated Church has taken up for the local food bank, shelters, and Head Start program. But something was missing and that something had a definite United Methodist feeling to it.

Roy and I left the US in 1973, assigned as missionaries by the General Board of Global Ministries to work with the Methodist Church in Bolivia. We thought we’d serve a term as missionaries and then return to the Southwest Texas (now Rio Texas) Conference, where Roy was an Elder. But we stayed in Bolivia for a dozen years. Roy served churches and worked in community development. I worked mostly in Christian Education and public relations, but the final year in Bolivia I also served on the pastoral team of a local church.

In 1985, we returned to the US for a year of study leave, during which I was ordained a Deacon and finished my Master of Divinity at Saint Paul School of Theology. In 1986, we left the US again, this time for a new assignment at the Latin American Biblical University in San José, Costa Rica. The UBL began as a women’s biblical training program in 1923, founded by an Irish Methodist, Susana Strachan, and her husband, Henry, a Scottish Presbyterian. In 1941, it became the Latin American Biblical Seminary, and in 1997 it was recognized by the Costa Rican Ministry of Education as the Latin American Biblical University (or UBL, as it is abbreviated in Spanish). Since its founding, it has received support from both of these traditions, including international faculty members.

For the next thirty-five years, Roy taught courses in ethics and systematic theology. Although I began teaching courses in Christian Education, my course-load gradually migrated to teaching feminist theology, sexuality, and gender issues in ministry. At the same time, we volunteered our clergy services with the Episcopalian Church and a small, non-denominational house church as well as numerous other organizations. After we retired from the university, we remained in Costa Rica for several more years, finally wrapping up our volunteer commitments in 2016 and moving to Flagstaff, AZ, where we have a son and daughter-in-law.

While we very much appreciate the interdenominational character of Flagstaff Federated Community Church, after a few months, I began to want a closer denominational connection. Both Roy and I came from families of strong mission and UMW support. In our years as missionaries, the Women’s Division of the GBGM and the UMW had been interconnected, even subsidizing the salaries of all GBGM missionaries. In addition, local UMW units had channeled contributions to support our ministry. While at the UBL, this support continued and even strengthened as the Women’s Division contributed to the salary support of the university’s first modern-day woman president, Elsa Tamez. When the UBL moved its campus from the downtown out to the east side of San José, the Women’s Division contributed funding for the construction of a residence hall that it could also use to house women for regional training events. A Women’s Division missionary was sent to the UBL to assist in fund-raising to build this campus, but also to establish the Women’s Economic Development Network. The Network is an independent organization, housed in the UBL, that connects women’s small cooperatives and community groups in order to facilitate dialogue, information sharing, and resources to promote integral development. It seemed to me that participating in a local UMW unit was a way to have a stronger connection to my own denominational heritage and to support the mission of the United Methodist Church. However, Flagstaff Federated has no local unit!
One evening as a friend of mine and I were heading home after a Quilters’ Guild meeting, I asked her, “Marsha, does Trinity Heights UMC have a UMW unit? I really would like to participate in a UMW and Federated doesn’t have one.” Marsha Sweet, who attends Trinity Heights, replied, “No, but let’s organize one.” We talked for a bit and I consulted with Glenda Hill, and the three of us decided to ask around and try to locate a few more women who might be interested in forming a Flagstaff UMW that included women from both local churches. We held our first meeting the third Tuesday of March, with four of us present, and a second meeting in April, with six of us. We are planning a summer potluck in July, hoping to draw in a few more participants. Hopefully, by the end of the year we will have a core group well enough established to formally organize and elect officers.

So, yes, I really do need another time-consuming volunteer activity! I hope this new UMW unit in formation will bring the women of the two United Methodist congregations closer together, provide spiritual nurture, learning opportunities, and challenge all of us to continue expressing our faith through community service and support of the mission of the church.

--Janet May and her husband Roy are retired GBGM missionaries and members of Rio Texas Annual Conference, now living in Flagstaff, AZ.

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Journey United Methodist Women Correspond with Seminary Student

Allie Lakey, Membership Care Coordinator, Journey UMW

A few years ago, I was in Phoenix for a UMW leadership team meeting and stayed with my good friend, Arvilla. She invited me to go to church with her on Sunday morning before I returned to Las Vegas. At Cross in the Desert UMC, Rev. Keller included a memorable illustration in his sermon in which he described being encouraged by letters he received from a friend during his years in seminary.

I continued thinking about Rev. Keller’s story and realized our United Methodist Women at Journey UMC had an opportunity to bring encouragement and a touch of home to our seminary student, Diamond Pate. The women in our unit were enthusiastic about corresponding with Diamond. The notes we shared when we gathered each month included prayers, encouraging remarks, and the kind of things you share with friends who are away.

Diamond graduated a few days ago! We couldn’t be more proud of Diamond. It was a joy keeping in touch with her, and her comments below reflect how important it is to stay connected.

Diamond says, “I have been so fortunate these past three years to receive monthly letters from the UMW at Journey. It has been such a blessing to receive these letters. To see their notes and receive updates about what they are doing. Even though I am far from home, it is nice to feel connected to this amazing group of women back home. I feel loved and included. I keep all the cards on my bookshelf so I can see them for encouragement. When I felt down or tired, I would see those cards and know there was a group of women rooting for me and counting on me to do well so I can return to them. I am so thankful for the UMW at Journey UMC!”

Update: We just learned Diamond has been appointed associate pastor at First UMC in Gilbert, AZ effective July 1, 2018. Congratulations, Pastor Diamond!

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From the Treasurer
Sharon Scobie, Treasurer

I have been enjoying this lovely spring weather with thoughts of summer fast approaching. Funds have been coming in quite regularly and I thank you for that. Look at your finances to see if it is possible for you to pay at least half of your yearly pledge if you haven’t already done so. There is one unit that has already met the five-star giving level. It would be great if we could have 100% five-star units this year.

It is good to see so many Mission Recognition pins. That could be another of your goals if you don’t usually do it. Honor one of your members with a special day and recognize her for her work. One of our units annually selects a “Woman of the Year,” surprising her with a pin at their mother/daughter banquet. Our unit has also recognized some men who have been especially helpful and supportive.

I hope to see many of you at Mission u July 13-14 at Advent UMC. As always, it is a great time of learning and fellowship with other sisters in our district.

One final note, if any of you would be interested in serving as treasurer for the district, please let me know. It is not a hard job in our district because we have so few churches that have active units. I would be glad to work with you throughout the year. You do need computer skills as the financial files are kept on the computer and it is necessary to have access to United Methodist International. The financial program we use is QuickBooks. The district owns a computer so that would be passed on to you. I have done this job for over six years which means I have served more than the limits set by the constitution and bylaws. It is time to pass on the responsibility.

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First Henderson UMW Begins New Mission
Karla Tucker, President, First Henderson UMW

After completing our successful “Developmental Hearts” mission, we began a different mission this year.

Our UMW group is making crib cards for local hospitals in the Las Vegas/Henderson area. The crib cards are decorative cards used in the nursery. The nurses write the baby’s name and weight on the front of the card. The crib cards are placed in the front of the layettes for identification.

UMW members gather together an hour before our meeting each month to decorate and have fellowship. We have made about 100 cards so far for Summerlin Hospital in Las Vegas, NV. We look forward to continuing our mission in the Fall.

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2017 CENSUS UPDATE
According to the preliminary report from the National office, North District reached our (almost) impossible goal of 100% reporting!
Thanks to local organizations who completed the online census form independently or with assistance from district and conference officers.
We did it!
Mesquite United Methodist Women  
“Choose Joy” Retreat

For the past nine years, the women of the Mesquite United Methodist Church have hosted an all day women’s retreat, usually near the end of February. This tradition was born when the local pastor urged the group to try something new. It seemed like a huge endeavor at the time. But then they learned that a group of ladies from Pahrump presented such a retreat at their church, they asked them to come to Mesquite and present it for them. It was a success and by the third year, the Mesquite ladies were ready to jump in. The rest is history.

Each year they plan and present their own unique style retreat, a blend of fun, food, and inspiration. A deluxe salad bar at lunch time is a big hit. Each year a new theme is chosen and the entire day’s activities are built around it. The theme of the 2018 retreat was “Choose Joy”. The eight pillars of joy from the book “Choose Joy” were adopted as a framework on which they build the day’s program. Participants were invited to come “dressed for joy”. Balloons were chosen as the central decoration theme, appearing in the table center pieces and napkins.

This event is not intended to be a fund raiser. Rather, it is truly a community outreach. All women in the area are invited, and normally at least one half of the participants are from outside the local church congregation. Many return year after year and ask that they be notified of the date so they can plan to attend. The 2019 retreat has been scheduled for February 23rd with the theme, “Be the Light”. Anyone interested in traveling to Mesquite would be more than welcome. Contact Mesquite United Methodist Church for more information (702 346 4663).

Opportunities for Spiritual Growth

20th century social activist and Catholic worker Dorothy Day brings to question how we revolutionize the world around us. Like her and many of our foremothers, we strive to answer Day’s question of revolution – and many of us have found that the work for change does, in fact, “start with each one of us.” Spiritual growth has been a long-held part of the work of United Methodist Women and is an expression of our personal and communal commitments to see Christ in the world.

See full article at https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/spiritual-growth
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At each event, we start with check-in on Friday 2:30-3:30 and end at 4:30 after closing worship on Saturday.

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 and more.

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 all 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, but transportation and housing are on your own.

There are 3 different studies across the conference and the whole country, but at Advent UMC, Las Vegas you may choose one of two studies being offered:

- **Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living** – Rev. Khalif Smith is study leader.
- **What About Our Money** – Sharon Scobie will guide us through this study.

In Mesa and Tucson Rev. Ida Easley will guide us in learning about the Missionary Conferences of the UMC. Ida led this class in Las Vegas in 2017, but because of our smaller numbers in Las Vegas we do not offer the study that is a repeat from last year. If you really want to learn about the Missionary Conferences, please join us in Phoenix or Tucson (or ask to borrow my book).

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. But don’t take a chance – we may 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

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More MISSION U News

Glenda Hill
Mission u Assistant Dean

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. [Link to a longer summary.]
See “response” April 2018 p 18 and p 33

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. [Link to a longer summary.]
See “response” March 2018

Note from Glenda: I have read the book and found it much more interesting and thought provoking than I had anticipated.) I also recommend looking at the youth study.

For those who have purchased the book, the link above has this note:

**Errata:** **What About Our Money: A Faith Response**, Susan Taylor, page 29, column 1, paragraph 3

**Currently reads:** “Children of color were not included in public education until 1954, and schools in much of the United States remain racially and economically segregated today.”

**The sentence should read:** “Children of color were not **equally** included in public education until 1954, and schools in much of the United States remain racially and economically segregated today.”

Geographic Mission Study 2017-2018 (Not offered in North District)

**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:

- Alaska United Methodist Conference
- Red Bird Missionary Conference
- Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference

See “response” magazine May & June 2017 and May 2018 and [link to a longer summary.]

(Explanation: everything that is in blue and underlined is a link to a webpage.)

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Books are truly magical. Please bring books for *Spread the Word Nevada*. This is a children’s literacy nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing early childhood literacy by placing books in the hands and homes of children within Southern Nevada’s at-risk, low income communities. The goal of *Spread the Word Nevada* is to promote literacy and to make it possible for all of Nevada’s children to experience the magic of books.

For other ways to help please see their website at [https://spreadthewordnevada.org](https://spreadthewordnevada.org).

There was an article in the Las Vegas Review-Journal on May 20, 2018, page 2B, titled “Reading Rangers trying to reverse ‘summer slide’. *Spread the Word Nevada* gave out free books at an event on Saturday. Children were allowed to take as many books as they wanted as theirs to keep.

We will also accept adult books and we will find a place to donate them.

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Book Review

*Born on Third Base* by Chuck Collins (this is not a book about baseball!!)

-In Sharon Scobie,

In addition to the study book, this is an informative book to read in preparation for the “What About Money?” study for Mission u. Here is a quote from another author who read this book. “I have never read a story remotely like the one Chuck Collins has to tell. Born to the one percent, he grew an outsized conscience and gave up his inherited wealth for a life of fighting the vicious inequality that is destroying our country. Somewhere along the way, he came to understand that the rich can be part of the solution instead of the problem and started organizing them to join in the struggle for a fair economy. The result is an electrifying challenge to the affluent as well as the one percent."

*Born on Third Base* is in the Reading Program’s 2018 Social Action, category.
Journey United Methodist Women are involved in many missions. One of the local missions we support is the Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth.

We have supported this organization for several years through events such as Undie Sunday and donations of holiday gift cards. We currently are sponsoring a young adult/youth bowling team from Journey United Methodist Church to participate in the Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth fundraiser.

There are over 23,790 known homeless youth in Nevada. The services provided by NPHY to this population is in alignment with the vision of United Methodist Women.

The United Methodist Women organization’s vision is “Turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth”. As an organization we have been doing this for almost 150 years. Journey United Methodist Women supports the mission of NPHY and trust that this fundraising event supported by many within the community will reach those in need.

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Crafts and Blankets and Pies, Oh My!
Mohave Valley United Methodist Women Support Local Missions

Jeannette Henderson, Vice President
Mohave Valley UMW

The Christmas holidays are months away, but the planning, preparation and work is already underway.

Pictured from left to right are Judy Pletting, Jeannette Henderson, Debbie Dibb, Maggie Whitehead, Lori Clary, Sharon Anderson, Diane Gagne, and Betty Poulin. Present and crafting, but not pictured, is Peggy Diegan. Also crafting, but behind the camera capturing the group in action is Denise Kjos.

The group gathers every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. at the church, which is located at 1593 Lipan Blvd., Ft Mohave, AZ 86426. We make lap robes for the local nursing homes which will be given out in December along with scarfs and Kleenex during the annual Christmas caroling at the homes. The group is also making blankets and hats to be supplied to the local hospital for newborns whose parents may lack financial resources. It is also a great time for sharing stories and deepening friendships.

This craft group is open to any interested individuals. You do not have to be a member of this church or unit to participate. Even our “snowbirds” can get in on this action. All hands are welcome.

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Our ladies held a pie auction Sunday, April 8th. Pastor Gene Stouffer was the auctioneer. We sold about twenty pies after first service, for a total of $290.00. And then, after the second service there were at least thirty pies. Again our pastor was the auctioneer and raised $410.00, making a grand total of $700.00! I even found a blackberry tart and a peanut butter pie on the back shelf that were overlooked. Our circle enjoyed them at our meeting Monday morning. All the money will go to our missions, mostly local.

May 24th we will serve lunch to the kids from Builders Academy School on their last day for the school year. We are a busy group!

For further details contact the church office at (928) 768-3092.

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Looking for something new?
These resources and many more at https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org

Ubuntu Day of Service Toolkit: Ministry WITH the Poor

You want to change the world for the better. This toolkit shows you how to work with people in your community to just that.

Social Action Resources
Waking in Oak Creek

This documentary shows the powerful and inspiring community response to intolerance after deadly hate crime shootings at a Sikh temple in Wisconsin. Part of the Working Together for Safe, Inclusive Communities Initiative, it is a collaboration between Not In Our Town and Community Oriented Policing Services.

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Trinity United Methodist Women Celebrate UMW Sunday
Including Woman of the Year Award & Luncheon, April 29, 2018

UMW President Donna Canfield, Vice President Alene Ernest Unger, Secretary Donna Pinteralli-Buda, Co-chairmen of Nominating Committee Darlene Goldstein and Ema Herbert and Pastor Khalif Smith. We missed our Treasurer Jo Ann Magner who was on “family duty” in Ohio!

Alene Unger is recipient of Trinity UMW
2018 Woman of the Year

Denyse Royer, 2017 recipient of the award, presented Alene with her flowers. The UMW Mission Recognition Pin and gift card were presented by Ema Herbert

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Pastor Khalif congratulates Alene.

Guests Rev. Ida Easley and North District Preside Eileen Guillermo graciously assisted in the service.

At the luncheon, Donna Canfield, Darlene G. **Rhonda Miller** (a “behind the scenes gal” who helped put this event together) and **Donna Pinteralli-Buda**.

Youth Leader Mike Ford and the TUMC Youth Legacy assisted in the event by providing dessert AND serving it at the luncheon. YUMMY!!

Ernest Unger created the beautiful Sunday bulletin.

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## North District United Methodist Women June-December 2018 Calendar
### Schedule of Meetings, Events & Activities

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### UMW Purpose

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.