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Priorities: SPIRIT OF JOY
Goals: TAKING CARE OF SELF PHYSICALLY & SPIRITUALLY

WEST DISTRICT ANNUAL CELEBRATION
Theme: “Changing the World With Courage”

Saturday, October 6, 2018 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Check-in begins at 9:00 a.m. — Gathering & Singing at 9:50 a.m.

Trinity United Methodist Church
3104 W. Glendale Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85051

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 22, 2018
Cost: $15 (includes lunch)

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Tamera Zivic
Executive Director of WHEAT
“The Power to End Poverty”

Appropriate attire is essential for succeeding in an interview and acquiring a job, but most economically disadvantaged women can’t afford appropriate clothing. WHEAT’s Clothes Silo solves this problem by providing a personal shopper to each client in our boutique, filled with women’s apparel. Donations of new and gently used women’s clothing and accessories will help. WHEAT will also receive the offering fund.

Registration form is located at the following website: https://dscumc.org/event/west-district-annual-celebration/

Come and enjoy a day with your United Methodist Women sisters.
MISSION u...Are You Attending?

One of the reasons I am so proud to be a woman in the United Methodist Church is that we take social issues very seriously. We educate ourselves on issues that are happening around the United States and world and therefore stay on top of the social issues of the day. And then, we act.

The East and West Districts of the Desert Southwest Conference United Methodist Women completed their Mission u studies at Velda Rose United Methodist Church in Mesa. Mission u is one of the ways we educate ourselves on the critical issues of the day: You saw us demonstrate against the pipeline. We are active whenever there are occasions when sex trafficking is happening. We are currently protesting methane levels against Chevron. We are supporting the clean water campaign in Flint, Michigan. We have gone to Puerto Rico as part of a team to clean up after the hurricane damage done there. We are calling attention to the immigration issue and the over-criminalization of people of color.

This year at Mission u we learned about
  Missionary Conferences in the United States (there are three – can you name them?)
  Living as a Covenant Community
  What about our money?

But, first we talked about the Doctrine of Discovery. This is a doctrine that has governed much of the politics of America since our birth. The Doctrine of Discovery is a principle of international law dating from the late 15th century. It has its roots in a papal decree issued by Pope Nicholas V in 1452 that specifically sanctioned and promoted the conquest, colonization, and exploitation of non-Christian territories and peoples. Hundreds of years of decisions and laws continuing right up to our own time can ultimately be traced back to the Doctrine of Discovery—laws that invalidate or ignore the rights, sovereignty, and humanity of indigenous peoples in the United States and around the world.

In simple language, many years ago a pope decided that all discovered land could be owned by European Christians, only. (That meant Catholics.) The Methodists and other Christian groups played their parts in taking land away from the indigenous people in the United States. Our own courts played a big part in this, too.

Associate Justice Joseph Story, a Unitarian, (1779-1845) later wrote: "As infidels, heathens, and savages, they [the Indians] were not allowed to possess the prerogatives belonging to absolute, sovereign and independent nations."

I must admit, I hadn’t heard about this doctrine (a precursor to the Manifest Destiny) but Mission u taught me so much more this summer. I hope more of our women will attend and become more educated about world issues. Join us, will you?

Grace and Blessings, Cheryl Buchholtz, President, ckbuchholtz@cox.net

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.
VICE PRESIDENT’S THOUGHTS

General Assembly 2018
Some Main Speakers: Bold Dreamers and Doers

The United Methodist Women have profound, bold leaders! And the quality of the main speakers at the 2018 General Assembly in Columbus, Ohio, was exceptional, beginning with Harriet Jane Olson, General Secretary and CEO of United Methodist Women since 2007. Ms. Olson led participants into the opening ceremony; introduced the march of the districts, conferences and jurisdictions with their identifying pennants; applauded the 150th United Methodist Women Anniversary Celebration; introduced the 25 new deaconesses and home missioners; and gave the final words about the “Power of Bold,” the theme of the Assembly.

Leymah Gbowee began her Friday evening keynote speech by saying “Do not spite humble beginnings.” She began her faith journey in a small village in Liberia, but her advocacy and activism led to the Nobel Peace Prize shared with President Ellen Sirleaf Johnson in 2011. Specifically, she was rewarded for leading a women's peace movement that brought an end to the second Liberian civil war in 2003. Gbowee has never stopped advocating for women's rights. She is the founder and president of the Gbowee Peace Foundation Africa. The foundation provides educational and leadership opportunities for girls, women and youth in West Africa. Ms. Gbowee, mother of eight children, has spoken to countless groups around the world, telling her story and speaking out for the rights and lives of women. She was an inspiration to all.

Michelle Alexander is the celebrated author of The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness. A legal scholar and civil rights litigator, Alexander has taught at several institutes, including Stanford University Law School, the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, and the Moritz College of Law at Ohio State University.

Ms. Alexander spoke about the millions of African-Americans who are imprisoned and then relegated to a permanent second-class citizenship and legally denied what was gained during the Civil Rights Movement. She spoke out against the school-to-prison pipeline which prevails today and which is largely responsible for the fact that almost 60 percent of black men in the United States are in prison. She described the war on drugs which led to this imbalance and lamented the fact that prisons have become big business. She called for action and change, mass movements and organized techniques. The United Methodist Women Reading Program for 2017 included Daniel Hunter's Building a Movement to End the New Jim Crow, a good resource for action and advocacy.

The New Jim Crow philosophy, according to the author, includes criminalization of all persons of color in the U.S.A. Imprisonment has increased 500 percent in the last 30 years. Can our tax dollars pay for these institutions? Can we afford to waste human lives? The United Methodist Church Book of Discipline says “…[W]e recognize racism as sin and affirm the ultimate and temporal worth of all persons….” One of the United Methodist Women justice issues for the next quadrennium is to actively work for a 25 percent reduction in school arrests and the redesigning of school zero-tolerance policies that place children on an adversarial path with law enforcement.

The issue of mass incarceration and criminalization of communities of color is a priority. The other three issues for 2016-2020 are economic inequality, climate justice, and maternal and child health.

Your sister in Christ,

Eva Ndavu, erndavu@yahoo.com

West District Vice President
TREASURER’S OUTLOOK

It has been one hot slog of a summer and I bet you are as ready as I am for relief from the heat.

Funny, only in Arizona do you use oven mitts to drive your car ;-) 

West District Treasurer news includes the Budget for 2019 that was drafted and submitted to the Desert Southwest Conference for approval. I am sad to say that due to the closing of a couple of units, we had to lower our pledge amount for 2019. But we are still going strong and some of our units have grown and added members and many increased their pledge amounts for the coming year. Our District Annual Celebration will soon be upon us, and I pray that you all will attend and join in our fun-filled Celebration. West District United Methodist Women are finishing out another successful year raising monies for countless mission projects. And not just locally or in Arizona, but also nationally and around the world. I found a good quote that cheered me when I was feeling a bit tired from the heat. It reminded me of my mom and my grandma. I thought I’d share it with you and hope it gives you a smile.

“You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.”

Your sister in Christ,
Michele Justice, sgbd2@outlook.com

SECRETARY’S TIDBITS

What an exciting and busy summer we have had. Did you attend Mission u? Not only did I attend the Mission u at Velda Rose United Methodist Church in Mesa, but I also sat with two people who had never been to Mission u before. What a wonderful experience to share. Once again, I have learned so much. Not only did I learn from the course I attended, I also learned from the ones my friends attended so they could share when we got back together. It is such a wonderful shared experience. In addition, the main session by the plenary speaker resonated long after the event. Cheryl, our district president, was so struck she has not stopped talking about it! I am delighted to have been able to share the event with so many of my sisters. If you have not attended, please consider doing so next year. And don’t forget about the scholarship opportunities.

I want to encourage everyone to attend the District Annual Celebration on October 6th, just around the corner. This year’s theme is “Changing The World With Courage.” As a fairly new member of the United Methodist Women, I am blessed to have had the opportunity to see the courage of my sisters in Christ so many times this year and look forward to the changes that we make together in Christ. We have a very special guest speaking at the District Annual Celebration, Dr. Tamera Zivic, the Executive Director/CEO of the World Hunger Education, Advocacy & Training organization (WHEAT). Unlike many of my sisters, I am not familiar with WHEAT and expect to learn a lot. As I have prepared the program and the PowerPoint for the celebration, I just grow even more excited. The District Annual Celebration will be at Trinity United Methodist Church in Phoenix. More details are on page one of this newsletter. I hope to see you there.

Your Sister in Christ, Christine Jones, jones.sensei@gmail.com
COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS COMMENTS

Is it time for something new and fun?? I think it just might be!

Calling all UMW members !!

Please consider using your skills of a lifetime, to enhance your West District team.

Three positions currently available: Membership, Communications, and Nominations.

Your help can ensure that West District continues to run like a well-oiled machine.

2019 West District Slate of Officers

Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth
Jen Kessler, Trinity UMC - Phoenix

Committee on Nominations
Vicki Keel, Trinity UMC—UMC - Phoenix (Class of 2022)

Appointed Officers:
Committee on Nominations
Lila Dell’Aringa, New Song UMC (Class of 2019)

Officers continuing:
President
Cheryl Buchholtz, Trinity UMC - Phoenix

Vice President
Eva Ndaavu, First UMC - Glendale

Secretary
Christine Jones, First UMC - Glendale

Treasurer
Michele Justice, Liberty UMC - Buckeye

Secretary of Program Resources
Colleen Becker, First UMC - Sun City

Co-Chairs of the Committee on Nominations
Helen Jackson, First UMC - Glendale
Pam Jackson, First UMC - Glendale

Mission Coordinator for Social Action
Paula Sallas, Trinity UMC - Phoenix

Mission Coordinator for Education for Mission
Linda Triolo, First UMC - Glendale

As you can see, we still have several important positions vacant – Mission Coordinator for Membership Care, Communications Coordinator, and at least two (2) ladies for the Committee on Nominations. Please help fill these vital roles.

We hope you have been able to fill all of your local offices. When ladies move or go to their heavenly home, it is hard to fill their positions – but that is where faith comes in, faith in knowing that our community is willing to teach and open our hearts to prospective women.

We, the Committee of Nominations, want to thank the ladies who are willing to continue serving in their offices and are grateful for those who accepted a new office. May God bless us all as we fulfill our duties in 2019.

God bless you always,

Co-Chairs of Committee on Nominations,

Helen Jackson, phjackson1@q.com
Pam Jackson, pd-jackson36111@live.com
PROGRAM RESOURCES and MEMBERSHIP CARE CORNER

What a wonderful time many of us just experienced at Mission u. The class I took this year was “Embracing Wholeness.” Rev. Khalif Smith from Trinity Las Vegas was the leader again this year. He is totally awesome. Cindey Blaydes, Conference Program Resources, led an interesting session promoting some of the books from the reading program. I hope many of you have been reading during this hot summer. Only four more months left in this year to complete whatever plan you are reading toward. Remember the books from 2013-2018 can be counted until the end of this year. If you read one of the study books for Mission u, it can also be counted.

I just emailed all of the local membership coordinators to remind you it is time to submit to me your list for the memorial service at the District Annual Celebration in October. This is a time to honor those women who have gone before us that have done so much to help women, children and youth.

I hope all of you will plan to attend the District Annual Celebration. This year’s speaker will be Dr. Tamera Zivic, Executive Director/CEO of WHEAT. There will also be Fair Trade items for sale. This might be a great time to do some Christmas shopping. Available will be many unique and beautiful items. We will also be collecting clothing, shoes and accessories for donation to the Clothes Silo. These must be suitable for job interviews and work attire. Remember though not all work is in an office.

Your sister in Christ,

Colleen Becker, cbecker14@cox.net

SPIRITUAL GROWTH’S WORDS OF WISDOM

I am not saying goodbye to all my friends I have made in United Methodist Women, but as one of my friends told me, she would say “SO LONG.” Yes, it is true. We moved back to Iowa. I really feel at home since this was the state where I was born and lived for 40 years. We moved to Madrid, Iowa, where we absolutely don’t know anyone. However, as my friends predicted that is changing. Our new address is 248 Southern Prairie Drive, Madrid, Iowa 50156. My phone number remains the same, 602-799-0949. My email for right now is sunsjudy@cox.net. Email will be changing as there is no Cox where we live. Why would we move to Iowa? My reason is to be closer to family than we have been for 30 years and my husband’s reason too, but he also includes missing seasons. The weather here has been beautiful so far, but I am sure that will change.

The big question is where will we go to church? There is not a United Methodist Church in Madrid except in the country. Our decision at the present time is between two churches. The United Church of Christ and the Evangelical Free Church. We have attended both and like them, but we will go again. Our neighbors are wonderful and the people we bought the house from go to The Evangelical Free Church. Does Prayer work??? Yes, prayers were going up at the EFREECHURCH for selling their house and all of you were praying for us to sell our house which it sold in three days. God is in the miracle business and we have had many miracles during our moving from one state to another.

So for now I say “So Long and God Bless each and everyone.”

Judy Cleaveland, sunsjudy@cox.net

Former Spiritual Growth
2018 United Methodist Women Assembly Notes  
Columbus, Ohio, May 17-20

I never saw so many women in one place!

Starting Friday morning, the sessions were titled "Called to Bold," "Bold Dreams," "Cost of Bold," "Bold Action" and "The Power of Bold." Each gathering focused on a scene from the life of Mary, mother of Jesus. First was a depiction of the Annunciation, the angel appearing to Mary to tell her she had been chosen. Then the angel started tap dancing! I wish I had that on YouTube, so I could show everybody. The next day, we had a portrayal of Mary meeting up with Elizabeth. Elizabeth did her speech in a rap, and tap danced! Another priceless memory. We are not boring!

There were women from Korea, Japan, Philippines, Tonga, India, and Africa.

My favorite speaker was Leymah Gbowee, winner of the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize, who formed a women's movement and stopped the brutal 14 year civil war in her native Liberia. I wanted more information about her, so I looked her up and found a documentary DVD about her and the events, called "Pray the Devil Back to Hell." I got it from Netflix and watched it twice. It had subtitles, very helpful to me. Here is a [link](#) to a preview of the movie.

One of the workshops I attended was about Freedom Schools, organized by the Children's Defense Fund. There are more than 100 scattered all over the United States, operating in churches, community centers, and in secure juvenile justice facilities. They are meant to divert the school-to-prison pipeline. They are 6 week summer school and after-school programs for up to 100 disadvantaged school aged children, emphasizing literacy and empowerment. They have 45 minute pep rallies to start off each day. You can watch their pep rallies and their performance of one of their theme songs, "Something Inside So Strong" on YouTube. Here is a [link](#) to my favorite, with subtitles. They are very animated and will bring tears to your eyes. Freedom schools began when the slaves were freed, to help people who had been denied education before to catch up and learn. Marian Wright Edelman, the head of Children's Defense Fund, is one of our United Methodist Women heroes and was present at the assembly. The Freedom Schools use college students for teachers. The presenter, Garlinda Burton, from Nashville, said one church probably can't get a grant to fund a school, but if they band together with other churches and start a movement, then they are more likely to get funding.

Another workshop I went to was called "The Role of Women in Global Health." A healthcare worker from Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church told about providing health care at clinics in rural Africa.

I came face to face with our National Director, Harriet Jane Olson, in the Columbus airport, on my way home, and told her how much I appreciated the Assembly. I was a little awestruck. She seems to be a good role model for the rest of us.

Yours in Christ,

Linda Triolo, lindatriolo@cox.net
COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR NOTES

Our next big event is the West District Annual Celebration to be held on Saturday, October 6th, at Trinity United Methodist Church, Phoenix. More information is located on the first page of this issue of the Cactus Patch. Please be sure to let everyone know about this and encourage all to attend. Our guest speaker, Dr. Tamera Zivic, Executive Director of WHEAT, and speak about “The Power to End Poverty.” This should be a very interesting talk.

Thank you to all those ladies who sent articles in for this issue of the Cactus Patch. It was great seeing so many articles!! This is a great way for other local organizations to find out what everyone has done and what great activities that are planned. Please keep sending me the information. You may even get some visits from our other local organizations!

God Bless You,

Sharon Weber, sweber08@cox.net

2018 WEST DISTRICT CALENDAR

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Desert Southwest Conference United Methodist Women Annual Celebration - *Pondering Possibilities with Hope and Help* 
October 26 – 27, 2018 
Desert Springs United Methodist Church – Las Vegas, Nevada

For more information, a registration form for the bus from Arizona, and a registration form for the event, please go to our web page (https://dscumc.org/united-methodist-women/) and scroll to the yellow orange box on the left or click here. Be sure to note the deadlines when the registration forms must be submitted, and the hotel reservation be made.

*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.
IMMIGRATION AND MIGRATION

Biblical Reference: “When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not op-press the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God.” (Leviticus 19:33-34)

United Methodist Church: Our church welcomes immigrants as a faith community of love, loving others as we love ourselves, recognizing and embracing them as members of the family of God. We also expect them to have the same rights as native born citizens, equal opportunities for employment, access to housing, health care, education and freedom from social discrimination (Social Principles 162.H)

Social Principles of the United Methodist Church

Immigration: a person who comes to live permanently in a foreign country. We urge the church and society to recognize the gifts, contributions and struggles of those who are immigrants and to advocate justice for all. We oppose immigration policies that separate family members from each other or that include detention of families with children, and we call upon local churches to be in ministry with immigrant families.

Migration: a person who moves from one region to another for seasonal opportunities. For centuries people have moved across borders in search of work. In our global world, this is still a relevant and increasing form of immigration. Improved wages, better working conditions, and jobs that are available are reasons for immigration due to work opportunities. Workers from other countries are an important resource to fill society’s need for workers. We urge the church and society to recognize the gifts, contributions and struggles of those who are immigrants and to advocate justice for all.

The Social Community: We affirm all persons as equally valuable in the sight of God. We therefore work toward societies in which each person’s value is recognized, maintained, and strengthened. We support the basic rights of all persons to equal access to housing, education, communication, employment, medical care, legal redress for grievances, and physical protection. We deplore acts of hate or violence against groups or persons based on race, color, national origin, ethnicity, age, gender identity, or religious affiliation. Our respect for the inherent dignity of all persons leads us to call for the recognition, protection, and implementation of the principles of The Universal Declaration of Human so that communities and individuals may claim and enjoy their universal, indivisible, and inalienable rights.

Submitted by

Paula Sallas, topjsallas@yahoo.com

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WHEN REPORTS ARE DUE

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WORDS FROM TWO OF OUR 2018 MISSION u MARILYN JEAN CHAPMAN SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

SUSAN BRINER
My name is Susan Briner and I live in Sun City with my husband Kale. I am originally from Elkhart, Indiana, where I organized and ran a soup kitchen for 20 years. I also was an Executive Director for a Big Brothers Big Sisters organization, worked for a mental health facility as a case manager working with both children and adults.
I have made four mission trips to Haiti and two to Mexico. In Haiti we built houses and ran a Bible School, and in Mexico we built houses. I also am an avid reader and quilter. I am a member of Lakeview United Methodist Church where I am a lead cook for Amazing Greys, Organized two Mission trips to Mexico, a member of the Mission and Outreach Committee, Vice President of Lakeview United Methodist Women and Rummage Sale Chairperson. This will be my third year as chairperson.

I have 3 grown children and a step daughter, 9 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. I really appreciate the honor you have bestowed on me with the Marilyn Jean Chapman Scholarship award. I will do my best to put the information I learn to good use.

NANCY PREVOST
I've been a United Methodist my whole life. After retiring and moving to Arizona, I joined Willowbrook United Methodist Church in Sun City and got involved in United Methodist Women which has given me great joy and a lot of great opportunities. Winning this scholarship to Mission u is again another great opportunity with United Methodist Women. Originally from Pittsburgh, PA, I am the mother of three children and grandmother of seven grandchildren who live in Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Oregon. Aside from church activities, I belong to a book club and Altrusa International. I enjoy the outdoors, exercising, music and movies to name a few. My role model, who taught me to love and live in my religion, was my best friend, my Mother, who lived to be 102.

UMOM BOOK DONATIONS AT MISSION u

The East and West Districts combined Mission u for this year and asked for donations of books to be given to Justa Center and UMOM. Any children’s books were designated for use by the Read To Me Program at UMOM. Every Tuesday night children from pre-school to 6th grades can attend the Read To Me event that pairs a UMOM New Day child with an adult volunteer who reads to the child for about an hour. Snacks are also provided. This weekly event allows children one-on-one time with a caring adult and shows them the fun of reading. If the child wants to keep the book that was read to them they may. It is easy to see that children going through homelessness would not have books of their own, or the books they had would have been left behind. Educational studies show that children who have been read to when they were young have a greater appreciation for reading, and thus have more success in school. UMOM has asked me to express their gratitude for the wonderful response of 142 books that were given to UMOM from the East and West District United Methodist Women members and friends.

If any circle or unit would like to hear more about UMOM, I would be happy to present a short program for you.

Kaye Rountree
UMW East District Leadership Team and
UMOM Board Member representing Desert Southwest Conference UMW
CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Although the United Methodist Women hasn’t been meeting all summer, Crafty Chix has continued to meet every week. Several of us worked on a quilt which had been started by a friend’s mother who had passed away. The top was done but it needed to be quilted. It was finished and returned to the daughter. One member read books to us as we worked. One member finished almost 100 hats on the loom while on vacation. One member finished several crocheted hats. Some worked on hats, skinny scarves, and purses. 100 hats will be given to a Pendergast School for the students and the others will be given to Stitches of Love for Back to School.

Submitted by,
Karen J. Willard, Secretary

MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH—COTTONWOOD

Fun Day Best Ever! The fun and laughter never stopped! May 19th Annual United Methodist Women Fun Day at Cottonwood Mountain View is still being talked about.

From the red and white checkered table cloths to the fresh flowers on every table to the large black paper cut-out ants on the walls, one knew upon arriving they were about to enjoy an "Indoor Picnic." The aroma of barbequed pork filled the fellowship hall. A table of gift wrapped door prizes caught everyone’s eye. But the real fun began with hearing from the piano player only the first few chords of a tune and then anyone or everyone shouting out the title. This brought back many smiles and memories of the TV show “Name that Tune.” The “William Tell Overture” (the Lone Ranger’s theme) and Fats Domino’s "Blueberry Hill" were two of the easier ones to identify. With hearing only a short beginning of a piece, quite a few were misnamed. This always brought chuckles and laughter.

Next was name the product in advertising slogans of the 40's, 50's and 60's, followed by trivia questions from the same time period. To wind things up, there was a rousing sing-a-long that included "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," "I've Been Working on the Railroad" and more from a delightful by-gone era. In conclusion, all stood and sang with gusto "God Bless America." A fitting closing to a truly fun, "Fun Day!"

June's program was learning about local thrift stores, their location, purpose and something special about each one. July and August are vacation months for Cottonwood United Methodist Women, but already we are looking forward to fall to see what our United Methodist Women has in store for us next.

Submitted by,
Mary Steiger,
Publicity Chair
NEW SONG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH—SURPRISE

Summer activities at New Song Methodist Church, Surprise, have kept us all busy planning. Saturday, June 9th, we had our Prayer and Self Denial Program. The program was presented by Lila Dell’Ariinga. The music and the program were well presented and we learned about the roles of women in our country and other places. Following the program, we enjoyed a nice luncheon and fellowship.

On July 21st, at 11:00 a.m., was an all women’s lunch out for all the women in the church. We encouraged ladies to bring a friend along as well and we had a nice time with old friends and new friends. August 11th was our all church movie, “Wonder.” There was pizza and salads before the movie. All had a great time and enjoyed the movie!

September 8th was our Mission u Program at 10:00 a.m. Two of our ladies shared their first experience at Mission u. Our president shared with us pertinent information from the United Methodist Women Assembly which was held in Columbus, Ohio.

October 19th will be our Friday Evening Fundraiser “New Song Has Talent Night” (time to be determined later). Save the date. There will be culinary art samples, visual arts display, and a performing arts show. Tickets are $5 per person, $20 per family.

November 10th, Saturday 10 a.m. This program will be from the Program Book and we will receive our World Thank Offering.

December 8th, Saturday, will be our Christmas Tea. Save the date. (Time to be determined later.)

Submitted by,
Bev Regoulinsky
Communications Coordinator

PRESCOTT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

At our June unit meeting at Prescott United Methodist Church, we were pleased to have our West District President, Cheryl Buchholtz, attend our meeting. She treated us to a power point presentation on Assembly held in May at Columbus, Ohio. We were happy to have Cheryl tell us the interesting hands-on activities and other special events the thousands of women attending were able to experience. We served a lunch in Cheryl’s honor. After the meeting, we took Cheryl and her hubby, Buck, on a tour of “The Little House” here on the church campus. It’s a wonderful little project that serves poor families Tuesdays and Thursdays with a lunch, playtime, companionship and extra food from the pantry to take home. When children come with their family, they receive a gently used book to take home.

In August, six of our unit members attended Mission u. Four of us selected the study on “An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living” and two ladies took the “What About My Money?” class. It was a good time to meet new women and to reconnect with old friends. We took a picture with the West District Team. Everyone enjoyed the meals provided along with the opening and closing spiritual moments. Thanks to the Dean of Mission u and the entire Mission u Team!

Submitted by,
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