Hello from your District President

Well, here we are past the middle of August, and it has been a very hot summer. Many of us have experienced some great monsoon rains, and some of us not so much and where I live it happens to be not so much. However, I can positively attest to the very hot temperatures and high humidity. I am definitely ready for the fall weather to move in and would be very happy if it happened right this second. That being said, I pray you have all weathered our weather in good health and spirits.

It has been a busy time of year. I have spent the summer attending many meetings, such as the Assembly in Columbus, Ohio. Another first for me, and I can happily report that it was an enjoyable time spent with 6200 United Methodist Women. The Convention Center was huge, but for a first-timer it was awesome. I also just got back from the Church Women United Regional Assembly held in Los Angeles, CA. Spent August 10-13th at this one and it was held at the Double Tree in Los Angeles. The hotel was great,
accommodations, great, and the staff if the best I have ever dealt with. They deserve a gold star. There were 62 attendees, and I can tell you that the Worship Services were awesome.

Now we are gearing up the Annual South District Celebration is October 13, 2018, at the First United Methodist Church of Eloy. Registration Forms are available, so please be sure to get registered. This is a first time event for this Church, and I can assure you that you will not be disappointed. I urge each of you to come out and support your District.

I look forward to seeing all of you. Remember, I am always available to assist all of you in any way I can.

May God continue to bless each of you,

Bobbie, President, South District United Methodist Women
"UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE"

We are really excited about our SOUTH DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

When: Saturday, October 13, 2018
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

Blessings,
Marilyn Neal, Vice President of Programming

Click here for registration form https://dscumc.org/event/umw-south-district-annual-meeting/

SEE YOU ALL THERE!!!!!

DIRECTIONS TO THE CHURCH

I10 to Sunshine Boulevard Exit 208
Make a right onto Sunshine Blvd
After the railroad tracks go straight ahead at the red light
(Watch your speed, Eloy Police are watching)
To Sixth Street and make a right you will see the church on the left
CONFERENCE ANNUAL CELEBRATION

There are a few things that I really look forward to in life. One is riding the bus to Las Vegas with Judi Nibbelink in charge. There is never a dull moment and you hardly have time to visit or sleep or even snack. Well, maybe snacking will take place. Judi will have games, songs and who knows what else.

All of this is leading up to attending the Conference Annual Celebration being held this year at Desert Spring in Las Vegas on October 27. The theme is “Pondering Possibilities with Hope and Help”. There will not be a speaker. Instead there will be multiple agencies on hand to give us the HOPE and HELP that we need to move forward. There will also be a dinner and program on Friday night.

The bus will leave Catalina UMC at 6am, yes that is six in the morning on October 26, we will pick up more people in Tempe and Phoenix and away we go.

Please think about joining us on this adventure

Judy Brummet
Conference Vice President

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.
The wheels of the bus go round and round, round and round, round and round ...

It’s the time of year for all United Methodist Women to sign up for the bus ride to Las Vegas for our Annual Celebration on Saturday October 27th. The ride will be filled with FUN AND FELLOWSHIP and we want you to join us!

The bus is a new 52 passenger vehicle from Mountain View Tours. On Friday, October 26th the bus will be making three stops to pick up passengers: Catalina UMC in Tucson, Dayspring UMC in Tempe and a location in Sun City. The first pick up at Catalina will be 6 am. All information on the trip will be emailed to those who sign up for the trip. We will arrive in Las Vegas at the hotel around 3 pm. There will be a one hour stop for lunch in Kingman, Arizona.

We will leave the church in Las Vegas, around 3:30 pm on Saturday for our return trip to Arizona. The bus will make the same three drop off stops as the pickups.

All registrations for the bus must be submitted by September 21st, so get yours in early. If you have questions, email Judi Nibbelink at judiannaz@msn.com. The price for the bus is $99 per person. This includes the round trip to Las Vegas, bus driver tip and water.

So, blow off the dust from that suitcase in the closet and join us on our adventure to Las Vegas! We’re looking forward to seeing you on October 26th!

PONDERING POSSIBILITIES

WITH

Hope & Help:
SOUTH DISTRICT CHAIR OF NOMINATIONS

As I said in my summer newsletter article the committee of nominations is asking people to serve on our South District team. It is now getting to the time I will have to present our slate of officers for the coming Annual Meeting. I'm asking you to prayerfully consider a position as Vice President or to serve on the nominating committee. We are a team that works together so you would have lots of help. Having served in many areas I can attest to it being a wonderful growing experience.

I'm asking again for you to prayerfully consider serving.

Linda Salfen
Chair, Committee of Nominations
Linda Salfen

Things are going to be starting up again soon. It is nice to have the summer to balance accounts and check on who is moving toward their goals for 5 Star Units.

I attended the Conference Budget & Finance meeting in Phoenix on Saturday, August 18th and presented the South District Budget for 2019. Once approved by the Conference Finance & Budget Committee I will present to all our attendees at the South District Annual Meeting for approval in Eloy.

There are still a few units that I have not received their 2018 audits. They can be emailed to me at pjune6@cox.net.

Enjoy the remainder of the long, hot summer.

Love, peace and happiness,

Patsy June
South District Treasurer
I hope you all have had a great summer and are staying cool. I’ve been wracking my brain to come up with something uplifting and profound but I fear the heat has sapped my creativity. Instead I will try to be informative and practical.

Over the summer United Methodist Women members have met for Mission u gatherings around the country. It’s a chance to study current issues impacting our society and to share in worship and prayer for our continued mission. Through fellowship we can gain strength and renew our drive to serve our communities.

Even if you weren’t able to make it to our Mission u event, you can still read the books we went over during the classes. “Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective For Covenantal Living” looks at the foundations of our covenantal relationship with creation and moves into our community. It examines our responsibilities to those around us and looks at current issues facing our world. “What About Money? A Faith Response,” looks at money and how it works with our faith. It helps us explore our own relationship with money, the choices available to us and how we would respond to economic inequalities in light of our faith.

These books are available to purchase online or your local chapter may have a copy you can borrow. You can also search out materials related to these topics. Again, I hope you are having a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you at events around our district in the coming months.

**HOW TO CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVES:**

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520-881-3588
4400 E. Broadway Blvd
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.
Autumn leaves will soon be falling. . . . .

And soon, it will be that time of year again when we remember those of our United Methodist Women sisters who have left us behind to go into God’s arms. At the annual meeting in Eloy in October, we will hold a Memorial service remembering by name, each one of our sisters. We want to be sure to leave out NO ONE!

Please go through your member records and create a list of all those women who have died between September 15, 2017 and September 20, 2018. Then send your list by September 25, 2018, with names as they are to appear in the conference booklet and in the memorial service, along with the name of your church, to Christine Maglott, Educating Members for Mission coordinator, at cmaglott@earthlink.net. Remember, it needs to arrive no later than September 25!

It's also a good time to start doing your tallying for the census to be entered early next year. The South District, FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, succeeded in 100% participation in the 2017/2018 National Census!! You are all so AWESOME! If you do all your tallying through August, it's easy, later, to add the tallies for September through the end of the year. If you are in need of forms or instructions from last year's training, Christine will be able to provide those to you as well.

Any questions on either the Angels List or the Annual Census may be directed to Christine Maglott at the above email address, or via telephone at 520 393-7427

In a recent issue of Response Magazine, there was a liturgy entitled “Pray”. "A Companion Litany to Our Social Creed" from the 2016 UM Book of Discipline. One of our South District units modified it to use as a responsive prayer in their United Methodist Women Sunday service (planned, coordinated and conducted entirely by women of the unit). It so strongly reflects the values and aim of United Methodist Women to put love and faith into action, and so echoes our emphasis on missions at home and around the world, that it seemed a good one to share with all of you:

Litany “Pray”

Today is the day God, in the Spirit revealed in Jesus Christ, calls us by grace to be renewed in the image of our Creator, that we may be one in divine love for the world;

And so, Lord, we shall.

Today is the day God calls us by grace to care for the integrity of creation, to aid the healing and wholeness of all life, to weep at the plunder of the earth’s goodness, as He does;

And so, Lord, we shall.

Today is the day God calls us by grace to embrace all hues of humanity, to delight in diversity and difference, to favor solidarity, transforming strangers into friends, as He does;

And so, Lord, we shall.
Today is the day God calls us by grace to cry with the masses of starving people, to despise the growing disparity between rich and poor, to demand justice for workers in the marketplace, as He does;

And so, Lord, we shall.

Today is the day God calls us by grace to deplore violence in our homes and streets, to rebuke the world’s warring madness, to humble the powerful and lift up the lowly, as He does;

And so, Lord, we shall.

Today is the day God calls us by grace to live in peace with all nations and peoples, celebrating where justice and mercy embrace, exulting when the lion grazes with the lamb, as He does;

And so, Lord, we shall.

Today is the day God calls us by grace to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, to give sight to the blind and set the oppressed free, as He does;

And so, Lord, we shall.

We hear you, O Lord! We pray in the name of Almighty God, of Jesus the Christ and of the Holy Spirit who encourages us daily to keep these commitments.

Amen.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**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

**STANDING RULES COMMITTEE**

The following proposed changes were voted on by the Leadership Team on 6/23/18 for the 2019 South District Standing rules.

1. Combine Education for Mission Coordinator & Membership Care Coordinator to: Educating Members for Mission Coordinator. Make this change throughout the Standing Rules.

2. For individual meals the allowance is:
   A. Breakfast, five dollars ($5.00) increase to seven dollars ($7.00)
   B. Lunch, six dollars ($6.00) increase to ten dollars ($10.00)
   C. Dinner, nine dollars ($9.00) increase to thirteen dollars ($13.00)
   D. Daily total of: twenty dollars ($20.00) increase to thirty dollars ($30.00)

For any questions, email or call: Alice Brown, 520-247-6972, aabrown1@comcast.net