From your South District Leadership Team

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Hello everyone!

It's hard to believe that the holiday season is upon us. Where did the year go? Just seems like yesterday that we were celebrating the beginning of 2018 and poof, here we are coming to the end of the year, and we will again be celebrating new beginnings.

Christmas is upon us and it's a time we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. A few years ago, I remember that the week before Christmas, it was approximately two months following the death of my Dad. It was a very dark time in my life, and I felt that there was never going to be any joy in my life ever again. But I was so wrong. I went ahead and put up the Christmas tree, decorated the house, like I had never done before, attended Church Services, and did a lot of praying. Well, low and behold, God gently drew me out of the darkness. And it also helped that I have a wonderful supportive husband that stayed by my side through it all. However, I know God was there too. I never gave up.

Psalm 146 affirms what I have always known, “hope is in the Lord” He keeps every promise forever, and He gives justice to the oppressed, protecting each of us and providing for each of us.

There are times at Christmas when our days will be filled with joy. There may be times we will experience loss, hurt, or aloneness. Remember that God’s promises will be our light in the darkness, giving us everlasting hope.

During all the hustle, bustle, and decorating of the trees and homes and the get-togethers with family and friends, let’s not forget the reason for the season and the joy of knowing that God is with us.

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy, peace, and love because you trust in Him. (Romans 15:13)
Hello everyone I’m writing to make a plea for help on the nominations committee. I have lost 2 of the members of my committee. I need to have at least two more people to fill the committee. It makes it easier when you have other women to help with calling and knowledge of women in our district who might be interested in serving on the District. Being on the nominating committee does not require you to attend all of the meetings during the year. As a committee we do a lot of our gathering information with email, & phone calls. I try to meet with my committee when it’s convenient for all of us. If you feel you could help on my committee please contact me either by phone at 520-219-2896 or email linda.salfen@comcast.net

We again this year have several offices to fill and I would really appreciate you giving prayerful thought to serving on the South District Team.

Linda Salfen
Chair Committee on Nominations

Your Leadership Team for 2019-2020

President: Bobbie Norris
Vice President of Programming: Lorraine Shaw
Treasurer: Patsy June
Secretary: Lillian Lovaglio
Committee on Nominations Chair: Linda Salfen
Secretary of Program Resources: Bobbie Norris
Communications Coordinator: Alice Brown
Mission Coordinators
Spiritual Growth: Kay Hayworth
Educating Members for Mission: Jeanie Hughes
Social Action: Erin Fly
Committee on Nominations Members
Clara Campbell
Virginia Tupper

Well, it is that busy time of year. Every year seems to go faster and faster. But with each year we all have more to be thankful for and our blessings are many.

The final remittances for all units will be due to me by Saturday, December 8th. I will then finish my report for the South District to forward to the Conference. If you have any questions about your final remittances please let me know by phone, 520-444-1354, or email, pjune6@cox.net

The District Annual meeting that was held in Eloy was successful. It was a pleasure to see people from the past years and meet new officers of the units. Many events are set for 2019 and I hope you will all be able to attend as many as possible.

Have a Merry Christmas & Happy New Years!

Love, peace and happiness,
Patsy June
South District Treasurer
Merry Christmas, everyone! I hope you are all having a wonderful holiday season. As I prepare to go start my full term as Social Action Coordinator I hope I can be of help to our district chapters.

Social action and social justice go hand in hand. In order to achieve social justice we need to take action. But remember, action is a wide spectrum. We don’t have to save the world we just need to do what we can. It can be as simple as giving your time to a cause or just supporting those who can.

This coming year United Methodist Women is focusing on several different campaigns. Under climate justice, “Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions!” is focused on God’s call to take care of his creation. This can mean contacting your local leaders and politicians or even evaluating your own impact on the climate and environment.

Another topic touches on the criminalization of certain members of our communities. United Methodist Women is focusing on how to interrupt the “school-to-prison” pipeline. Minority children are often just passed through the educational system with no real schooling and end up turning to criminal acts to sustain themselves. Some ways to help in this area is to support literacy programs and to become aware of how your local education system is treating all their students.

Despite our economy’s recent growth some people are still kept on the margins, unable to earn a living wage. United Methodist Women is also looking into economic inequality. In most states the minimum wage is still far below what it takes for a person to support themselves. If you go to the United Methodist Women website you can see a map of how the living wage varies across the United States. Domestic, tipped and farm workers often fall into this group.

Finally, United Methodist Women is working to fight the rising number of U.S. women who are dying in complications in pregnancy and childbirth. The United States has one of the worst maternal mortality rates in the developed world, 15 out of 100,000 women. Spain is just 5 per 100,000. United Methodist Women is urging members to contact their Congressional lawmakers to advocate for the Maternal Deaths Act of 2017 and the Maternal Health Accountability Act.

You can learn more about all of these areas by going to unitedmethodistwomen.org/action. In the coming year I hope to learn more about your local chapters and help you with resources for your group. If you have any questions please contact me, my email is erinflyaz@gmail.com or call me at (575) 635-3330.
COME ONE, COME ALL!!!!
New and returning officers!!!!

Come and meet your South District counterpart and learn the responsibilities if your particular office or if your returning to your office come and share with those that are new in their office.

Mark your calendar now and we will see you on Feb. 16, 2019

Leadership and you

Saturday, February 16, 2019

Christ Church United Methodist
655 N Craycroft

Time: 9:30-3:00
Cost: $15.00 includes lunch

Speaker: Lorraine Shaw

Registration form can be found at the end of Newsletter pages 8 & 9
WHERE has this year GONE?????? It seems it was just a month or two ago we were talking about the annual United Methodist Women census - but it was almost a year ago! It’s that time again. All our South Districts units did yeoman’s duty, working together to make our reporting 100%. How fantastic!

Now that we’ve accomplished it once, we’ll want to do it every year - especially now that we all know how easy it is.

To help you out, here are some reminders:

You can fill out your annual census worksheet December 31 or early January. All you need are these numbers:

A. Last year’s starting Total Members (i.e., use 1/1/18 total - the number you reported online late last winter/early spring)

B. New members added during last year (i.e., all who joined any time in 2018)

C. Losses (Again, any deaths, move aways, resignations during 2018)

D. Last Year’s End-of-Year Total Members (A+B)-C

E. Double Check: Entry in D SHOULD match the total of your membership list.

F. Next Year’s starting Total Members (copy entry in D to next year’s worksheet, Line A).

If you want to get started now, you can already fill in line A, if you didn’t already when you did the 2017 online entry - it’s last year’s line D. You can also do a preliminary total of new members, updating it as you go through the last 3 months of this year, as well as your losses, again updating for any more in the 4th quarter.

If you need the full package explaining how to go through all the membership recording and reporting, let Christine Maglott know (cmaglott@earthlink.net) and she will either email or snail mail it to you.

After December 31, 2018 Contact: Jeanie Hughes, 520-303-1356, penniejn@yahoo.com

Your Online Census for 2018 is due by Saturday March 30, 2019
https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/
2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 19, Church Women United in Tucson
   Annual Meeting, St. Johns United Methodist Church
February 9, Church Women United in Arizona.
   State Assembly, First United Methodist Church of Eloy
February 16, South District Annual Leadership Development Event
   Christ Church United Methodist
March 23, Annual Legacy Day of Giving
March 23,24, Conference United Methodist Women Retreat
   Redemptorist Renewal Center of Picture Rocks
August 24,25, Mission u South District
   Catalina United Methodist Church
October 12, South District United Methodist Women Annual Meeting
   St. Francis in the Foothills
October 25, Conference United Methodist Women
   Dinner & Discussion
   Sun Lakes United Methodist Church
October 26, Conference United Methodist Women Annual Celebration
   Sun Lakes United Methodist Church
REGISTRATION FORM
SOUTH DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
“LEADERSHIP AND YOU”

Saturday, February 16, 2019
Christ Church United Methodist
655 N. Craycroft Road

Cost: $15.00 Includes Lunch
Time: 9:30-3:00
   9:30-10:00-Check-In

Registration deadline: Friday, February 8, 2019
If child care requested must register by: Friday, February 1, 2019

Registration deadline: Friday, February 8, 2019
Send this Registration form with check made out to: United Methodist Women

   Mail to:  Alice Brown
            4100 N. Romero Road Lot 204
            Tucson, AZ 85705
            Phone:  520-247-6972
            Email:  aabrown1@comcast.net

Use one registration form per person, copy as needed.

Please retain a copy of this registration form & Leadership Development Event Information page for your records. Direct any questions to: Lorraine Shaw-520-904-8258 Email: ladyinsurance@att.net

Name ___________________________________________ Email __________________________

Phone ___________________ Street ______________________________________________________

City ________________ zip ___________________

Church __________________________ Office Held in Local Organization_________________________

Emergency Contact: (required)  Name: _______________________________ Phone:______________

Do you Need Childcare? _____Child(s) name ___________________________ ______________________
age(s) ________ ________(See Deadline Dates Above for the Event) (Please pack a lunch for your child)

_____ I give permission for my photograph to be displayed/published by: United Methodist Women

PLEASE SEE THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ON THE INFORMATION PAGE
SOUTH DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

LEADERSHIP AND YOU

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655 N. Craycroft Road

(Note: Registration deadline is Friday, February 8, 2019, Child Care request & registration MUST be reserved by: Feb 1)

COST: $15.00

SPEAKER: Lorraine Shaw, South District Vice President of Programming

SCHEDULE: Leadership and You

9:30-10:00 Check-In

Awards & Announcements

Vision Casting 2019 and Beyond—Moderated by Lorraine Shaw

Break

11:30-12:15 Lunch

12:15-2:00 Training Sessions:

- Presidents & Vice Presidents-Bobbie Norris & Lorraine Shaw (Leadership and You)
- Secretaries & Communications-Alice Brown & Lillian Lovaglio
- Treasurers-Patsy June
- Educating Members for Mission-Jeanie Hughes
- Social Action, Spiritual Growth & Program Resources- Erin Fly & Kay Hayworth
- Committee on Nominations-Linda Salfen

2:00-2:15 Break

2:15-3:00 Worship & Communion

CONTACT FOR ANY QUESTIONS:
Bobbie Norris-520-349-5089 or
Lorraine Shaw-520-904-8258