Bobbie had a water pipes break in her home and it’s currently under construction. Her computers, printer and all of her electronics are packed away.

She also had to pack away, in a pod most of her house. Needless to say there is not an article from your President. She sends her love and asks for prayers. If you need to get ahold of her please call her on her cell phone: 520-349-5089.
SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT
REGISTRATION DEADLINE
EXTENDED TO MARCH 8

"Being Light In the World"
Redemptorist Renewal Center
(just north of Tucson)

March 23-34

Find the registration form and more information
on line at:

https://dscumc.org/event/umw-womens-spiritual-growth-retreat/

Please note: If you are mailing in your reservation it must be in the hands of the registrar before March 8, so please allow plenty of time for mail delivery. If you have questions about registration, contact Glenda Hill, glendaighill@icloud.com.
Meet your Vice President of Programming  
&  
your Educating Members for Mission Coordinator

Lorraine Shaw is the past president of the United Methodist Women of the Greater NJ Conference, Raritan Valley District as well as a past president for the South District United Methodist Women of the Desert Southwest Conference. She has led numerous sales teams throughout her career with the most recent being a sales team for the largest contemporary Christian radio station on the East coast. She has taught and mentored countless women to grow them into leadership positions. Lorraine has served on many boards in many leadership capacities. She likes to say that leadership is in her blood and brings her the greatest joy as she witnesses transformations in those she leads. Lorraine Shaw has been an effective leader for over 30 years. She brings a lot of experience and enthusiasm with her. She is very excited to be back in the South District and on the Leadership Team.

Her name is actually, Dr. Pennie Jean Nickels Hughes, but for all my friends and family she is simply, Jeanie. She’s a retired school administrator and educator. She have six grown children and along with their wonderful partners they have given me thirteen incredibly beautiful grandchildren! She and her husband were World Wide Itinerant Missionaries/Evangelists for the Church of the Nazarene. (She asks that you don’t hold that against her since they always seemed to teach Wesleyan Doctrine). She’s a Gospel Recording Artist with more than four albums to her name. She’s a published author of four children's books which are accompanied by learning guides and CDs. She holds a double Masters in Linguistics and English as a Second Language, She has earned two Doctorates of Ministry in Education and the second one in Counseling. she praises God that she has been able to usefully use all these degrees She has been an adjunct professor for sever Colorado Colleges and pray the Lord continues to use her. She is proud and delighted to be a fairly new, by way of St Mark’s United Methodist Church, members of Sanctuary Methodist United Methodist Church, She was secretary for their United Methodist Women’s group and has become an associate member of St. Mark’s United Methodist Women.

She tells us all these things but the most important is how delighted and blessed She has been with all the fellowship and love she experiences being a part of United Methodist Women. She is honored to have been asked to be one of your representatives.
Why a Census?

Great question…Why a Census? Accountability! That’s our biggest reason. It has been strange to me experiencing the variety of responses I’ve received while reminding ladies of our Census deadline…perhaps we’ve misnamed it?…maybe we should call it something like, Our Presence in the World! or Stand Up and Be Counted!

It seems at first glance our ladies approach the term Census as people approach the subject of Fruit Cake or Marmite; you either love it or hate it. I’ve experienced some strange reactions as the “new”, Educating Members for Mission, Desert Southwest District Team. In bringing up our deadline for completing the annual Census Form, I’m experiencing negative faces, groans, sighs, and remarks. It has surprised me!? There seems to be a sense of fear and confusion among a few of our Unit officers or Circle Team members.

Some of our smaller churches have switched from formal United Methodist Women meetings to becoming Circles while still retaining their United Methodist Women’s Charters. That is fine, but we still need and deserve to be counted. After all we are still serving with our call to missions, putting hands and feet to God’s message.

As a Circle Team Leader myself, since Sanctuary United Methodist Church’s United Methodist Women became a Circle and Circles have no officers. It became my responsibility and actually pleasure, to complete our Census Form online. I found it was very clear, fast and easy to do. So as a Organization (unit) officer or Circle Leader completing the form like I did, you will discover there is also a good video to walk you through the process. AND, there are other women and myself who are happy to assist anyone who does not have a computer available to them.

Let’s get excited about our numbers and how many of us there actually are in this world bringing missions and our visibility in numbers out. We should be extremely proud of all we accomplish throughout the world. WOW! 150 years United Methodist impact in the world has been witnessed and experienced. I want to be recognized among those women of the past. I count for God’s work and so do you! Stand up, shout out, be courageous and most of all BE COUNTED! Make the deadline! Let’s meet 100% reporting so all the world sees and hears us.

**DEADLINE for CENSUS: Saturday March 30th, 2019**

God Bless and love to you each and call if I can help,

Jeanie Hughes, Educating Members for Mission

520-638-8196 or Cell/text 719-580-1943

penniejn@yahoo.com
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON HOW TO FILL OUT THE CENSUS

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.

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/
SAVE THE DATE
Join us in celebrating the 150th anniversary of United Methodist Women with a special Day of Giving on Saturday March 23, 2019

Day of Giving  March 23, 2019
Let us honor our foremothers by giving to the Legacy Fund to ensure United Methodist Women can continue serving women, children and youth around the world for the next 150 years. Generous donors have already committed to matching a portion of our gifts received on the Day of Giving.

Together, we are building our legacy!

TO GIVE:
Go Online unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund

Call 800-278-7771
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST, Monday-Friday and Saturday March 23

Text 41444 and enter Legacy150 in the message area.

Write a Check
United Methodist Women
Attn: Development, Legacy Fund
475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor
New York, NY 10115
Write “Day of Giving” in the memo section.

Legacy Story: The Work of Mary McLeod Bethune

NOTE: THE DAY OF GIVING IS BEING HELD ON MARCH 23 SAME DAY AS OUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT. WE WILL HAVE A COMPUTER AT THE RETREAT SO IF YOU WANT TO GIVE PLEASE COME AND SEE US AT THE COMPUTER.
We had a very upbeat, exciting and enthusiastic leadership training event on Saturday, February 16. I was told that it was an exciting event and very different. The attendees left energized and full of excitement. I am sorry so many of you missed it.

In the morning we brainstormed by table for our "vision casting" and the ideas flowed. I am listing all of them here for you because if you even only take a few and apply them, you will revitalize and reenergize your local units. I challenge each of you to make this the year of growth and excitement. Feel the energy and positivity. Let it become contagious and spread throughout the units and the district. Some of these ideas will be implemented at the district level and others are perfect for your units. Let's propel our United Methodist Women upward and forward.

Table 1:
- Change meeting time and days of the week or to the weekend
- Change from catered lunches
- Give a personal invitation
- Be more aware of Gluten free and vegetarian (diet restrictions)
- Have interesting programs
- Have elementary student come and sing for Christmas and for musical programs
- Do not repeat programming
- Shorten business meeting where possible
- Special project service oriented for your program meeting
- Prayer circle of women members who can't attend for different reason

Table 2:
- Every morning meeting 9:30-11 except 2 Saturday meetings per year
- Sunday’s after church
- If lunch included have it be a paying lunch
- Drop a buck $ basket
- Have a 6-7:30 evening meeting for working women
- Many come for lunch pick up something at Costco
- Business meeting minutes sent to the circles
- What are we offering the young people?
- How can we get young women to come at their convenience?
- Better programs
- Like Asylum Mission that Christ Church does
- Wesley Center Rep
- Woman from U of A
- Speaker from library available
- Medicare, life styles, etc.
- St. Mark’s truck (foods, games, etc. get the moms to have time with the UMW women

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From your Vice President of Programming

Table 3:
Have more excitement in our meetings. Do upbeat programs.
Get away from the program book. Be ready to invite new exciting speakers
Invite District Officers to come and present a program, they are ready (Bobbie, Lorraine, Jeannie, Kay, Alberta, Patsy, Judi, Linda)
We need to be Courageous like the movie that is out
Do a talent show and see what you can share
Hold a tea party!
Create 3-fold flyers to pass out at all services
Work together with other members of a group in your church
Invite other groups from other churches
We must be different
Be more flexible and visible
Get better at promoting our group
Talk with our pastors on what we can do to help other committees in the church
   (alongside them not take over the event or job)
Individual invitation to come to meetings
Layout a plan to hold a district rally quarterly and move it around among the churches.
   Make it fun for the entire family and exciting. Attract young mothers with children to come see what we are all about. Have crafts and fund things for everyone to do.

Table 4:
More Mission awareness, unit wide
Change of activities make it different – meeting time do something social e.g. go to dinner together, also maybe having a pot luck and vary it.
Ideas to attract younger women (possibly having childcare for younger women to attend)
   Social Media?
Have options for retired persons and make them aware of them.
Have a unit Bible study available (once a month or every other month)
Have a book club meeting – using books on the readying program
Volunteer to go to a different charity, etc. twice a year or so
Have interesting relevant programs.
Have a church UMW Sunday at each of our churches

Table 5:
Create better participation
Attract younger women
Better communication of our mission goals
Do an outreach program
Share programs
Stop the monetary giving over-emphasis
Mission u 2019

Look for the March Southwest Winds for more information about registering for Mission u.

If you would like a detailed description of the studies for this year click this link – Studies 2019

We will NOT have any mission study books for purchase at Mission u this year. Cindey Blaydes (Conference Program Resources) has been and will continue explaining this and more to your Program resources officers.

The study books are now available: To order click the title of the book.
Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship
Women United for Change:150 Years in Mission
About Our Money? A Faith Response

Amazon has Kindle versions only of study books.

You might consider ordering as a group; you might save some on postage.

Please invite people to Mission u:
Take a flier to your meetings, post on a bulletin board, give it to your pastor.

Mission u national has a Facebook page -- MISSION u CENTRAL: https://www.facebook.com/UMWMissionu/
And Desert Southwest Conference United Methodist Women https://www.facebook.com/UMWDSC/
RADICAL DISCIPLESHIP—THEN AND NOW

Join United Methodist Women at Mission u 2019!

Take a deep dive into the Gospel of Mark, the topic of money, and the inspiring story of women organized for mission.

THIS YEAR, OUR STUDIES ARE:

Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship by Janet Wolf (Additional studies on Mark for children and youth also available.)

Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission by Ellen Blue

What About Our Money? A Faith Response by Susan K. Taylor

Be inspired. Be challenged. Respond to God’s call. Continue the powerful legacy of compassionate service and passionate advocacy.

All are welcome!

2019 Locations

- July 12-13 - Trinity UMC, Las Vegas
- August 2-3 - Lakeview UMC, Sun City
- August 23-24 - Catalina UMC, Tucson

https://dscumc.org/umw
March 23, Annual Legacy Day of Giving
March 23,24, Conference United Methodist Women Retreat
Redemptorist Renewal Center of Picture Rocks
May 20, Deadline for Footprints Newsletter Articles
August 20, Deadline for Footprints Newsletter Articles
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
District Officer Training
Sun Lakes United Methodist Church
October 26, Conference United Methodist Women Annual Celebration
Sun Lakes United Methodist Church
November 20, Deadline for Footprints Newsletter Articles