

NORTH COUNTRY BREEZES



NORTH DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN DESERT SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE Volume 32 Issue 1 Spring, 2019

President's Message

Eileen Guillermo,
North District President

Each time I prepare to write an article for submission to the North County Breezes, as President of North District United Methodist Women, I ponder and wrestle over what could I possibly offer or say to encourage, uplift, or inform the women of the North district. Each of us has gifts and talents God has afforded us. I am not sure that writing is one of mine, as I struggle to put into words the joy, hope, faith, and love I feel for each of you and what we do as United Methodist Women as disciples of Christ, to be Christlike, and to address the social issues of women, children, and youth within our communities and around the globe.

As some of you may know, I also serve as the Conference Legacy Liaison for Desert Southwest Conference United Methodist Women. Some of you may also know that I will be one of the facilitators for the Mission u study, "Women United for Change: 150 Year in Mission." As I prepare for that study and delve into United Methodist Women history, "our" history and my personal history of United Methodist Women, I am energized by the history of ordinary people doing extraordinary things, those bold women stepping up and out and into action on behalf of women, children and youth.

Recently, my pastor, Rev. Robyne Mayer, who serves at Journey United Methodist Church in Las Vegas, gave me and several other members of the lead team a book to read titled "The Prayer of Jabez: Breaking Through to the Blessed Life," by Bruce Wilkinson. She challenged us to read the book and say the prayer for 30 days. She warned that it is a powerful prayer and that it was a prayer asking for abundance. That very evening, I had the opportunity to read the book while waiting in the car for my granddaughter who was getting her nails done. Picture me sitting in my car for almost 3 hours while she was getting her nails done! I kid you not! Her appointment started at 4:30 p.m. and she didn't get done until almost 7:30 p.m. That alone should paint a picture...another story, another time. Let's just say it was a learning experience on both our parts. However, it did present the perfect opportunity for me to start to read the book given to me earlier in day by Pastor Robyne. As I sat in my car, starting it periodically to warm myself (it was raining steadily and at times even a downpour) and

with the wind at times shaking my car, I was surprisingly calm. I was content and open to the possibilities the book was going to present.

I said the Jabez prayer before I started to read the book. As I started reading with an open mind and heart, I found I was craving spiritual abundance. I wanted more not only for me, but my church (the people), God's people, all of God's children. I began to wonder what my spiritual abundance would look like and what would the church's abundance look like. I asked myself how I was going to see and know when an opportunity would present itself? I had been in prayer regarding an offer (opportunity) that had been presented to me a few days earlier. I had not recognized the opportunity before me as an "opportunity of abundance" until after reading the book that night in my car. Was it what some people call a God Wink? I now had an answer. I chose then to take advantage of that opportunity afforded me and am excited to see where this one "possibility of abundance" will take me, with God by my side.

Other opportunities have come before me since reading that book and while continuing to say the Prayer of Jabez. And that brings you and me another opportunity.

I continue to prepare and do my research for the upcoming Mission study that will be offered July 12 and 13 of this year....remember - the one I was speaking of earlier in this article, "Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission." I am reaching out to you with an opportunity for both of us. It is an opportunity to expand my knowledge and your knowledge of our Methodist foremothers and the work they did within North District over the years. I would like to showcase some of those women at the North District United Methodist Women Annual Celebration that is scheduled to be held October 12 at Journey United Methodist Church. I am looking to celebrate the history of United Methodist Women in action, both past and present, here within the North District.

It is my desire to have each church represented at the annual celebration. So, **I am asking each unit to dust off their historical records, look in those old file cabinets, and let us together tell "our" story.** Let us see where this opportunity takes us if we are willing to travel on the journey of our past, present, and the "possible abundance" of the future of United Methodist Women.

As always, be well, be safe, and be blessed

Eileen

THE 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 ministry

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

United Methodist Women Vows to Work across Difference, Create Inclusive Spaces for All



At a gathering of delegates before General Conference 2019

Feb. 27, 2019, St. Louis, Mo.—As the United Methodist Church concluded its three-day, special session of the General Conference, United Methodist Women vowed to work across differences in the furtherance of mission on behalf of women, children and youth.

United Methodist Women CEO Harriett Jane Olson, issued the following statement:

“The Traditional Plan adopted by General Conference invites clergy, bishops and congregations who do not support the church’s stand regarding LGBTQIA persons to leave the denomination and form another expression of Methodism. However, while our membership has many opinions about the matters considered at General Conference, United Methodist Women stands together, committed to serving women, children and youth. Part of the United Methodist Women Purpose is to be a creative supportive fellowship, and that’s what we intend to do.

“For United Methodist Women, commitment to the Purpose and prayer are the only litmus tests for determining who can belong, who can serve and who can devote themselves to mission. Our differences make us stronger. We continue to be open to any woman who chooses to commit to our Purpose and mission.

“The Special General Conference was difficult for all—even the Traditional Plan adopted may not be enforceable—but LGBTQIA sisters and brothers bear the brunt of the pain. United Methodist Women will continue to pray for our beloved church and stand in solidarity with all those who are in pain.

“United Methodist Women will continue our focus on mission, living out our Christian discipleship together, and addressing the needs of women, children and youth.” *Posted or updated: 2/27/2019 12:00:00 AM*



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SoUPER BOWL SUNDAY at Journey UMC!



Journey UMW collected cans of soup on **SoUPER BOWL SUNDAY!** The congregation accepted the challenge to bring cans of soup and pile it on their favorite team's side of the table! While the Patriots won the actual game, the Ram's fans brought the most soup! The 200+ cans of soup were donated to Trinity UMC's food pantry. Now that's team work!

Budget Tips for Officers of Local Units

Sharon Scobie

At the beginning of the year it is a good idea to review the budget you set for the current year (2019) and to already begin creating your budget for the next year (2020). I know that sounds daunting, but budgets should be created a year in advance. Remember, a budget is a **guideline** for how you plan your mission outreach. It is not set in stone, as a unit cannot anticipate all that will happen within the current year. Plan to become a five-star unit each year. After you have decided on your Mission Giving **Pledge to Mission**, determine how much you will give to the other four areas of Mission Giving, **Gift in Memory, Gift to Mission, Mission Recognition, and World Thank**. Remember, all five areas are part of Mission Giving.

The second step is to determine how you will reach this goal. After your members make their individual pledges (I encourage units to do their next year's pledge service in the fall), decisions will need to be made on how you add to the member pledges to reach the total pledge you have made to Mission Giving. This will include what fund raisers you will need to supplement the individual pledges.

The third step is to continually educate your members on what United Methodist Women is all about. Have a "response" moment at each meeting; have a "mission" moment where you highlight one of the mission institutions to give more in-depth knowledge of the outreach which that group does. Using the Prayer Calendar and a little on-line research can help with that.

I am always willing to help in any way I can so please feel free to email me (sscobie42@gmail.com) or call me (702-423-9644). I will be glad to meet with you and/or your unit if you need guidance. Thanks and Happy New Year!

Reading Program Makes Me Happy!

Sharon Scobie

(Editor's note – Again this year, Sharon achieved Plan 4, the highest level of Reading Program participation. Congratulations, Sharon!)

I am an avid reader and love the Reading Program that United Methodist Women promotes. When I first started with the program many years ago, I wanted to just read Spiritual Growth books but, of course, the program stretches your mind by asking you to read books on Social Action, Leadership Development, Education for Mission, and Nurturing for Community.

I found most of those books really interesting and informative. I encourage you to start with Plan I which only requires reading one book from each category. Books from the 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 reading lists are included. Several of these books can be found at the public library. If you have a church or UMW library, include in your UMW yearly budget purchasing at least one book from each category each year. And many books can be found on Kindle and Nook.



Reading "response" is also part of the program. Subscriptions can either be purchased as a print copy (\$24) or a digital copy (\$20). Go online at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org to subscribe. The magazine is published six times a year and keeps you up to date on the mission outreach of United Methodist Women. Happy Reading!

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Journey UMW and Friends Make Little Red Hats for American Heart Association

Allie Lakey, Social Action/Educating Members for Mission

Dan Banta learned how to make these adorable little red hats and joined other knitters, crocheters and loomers at Journey as we made little red hats for American Heart



Association's "Little Hats, Big Hearts" campaign.

Our 65 hats were included in more than 1,700 caps made by 45 local individuals and organizations. The caps were donated to ten local hospitals during February, which is National Heart Health month. The caps are given to newborn babies along with information about heart

health. This is an annual project for Journey United Methodist Women. Dan and others are already making hats for next year's partnership with American Heart Association.

ANNUAL DAY OF GIVING MARCH 23, 2019



THE LEGACY FUND ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

On March 23, 1968, eight women gathered at Tremont Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston, Massachusetts, and organized the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, what would become United Methodist Women. Those women raised money to send a doctor, Clara Swain, and a teacher, Isabella Thoburn to India as missionaries to serve the women of that nation.

Since then, 150 years later this month, United Methodist Women has evolved to become the largest women's faith-based service and advocacy organization, underwriting programs that provide life-changing opportunities for women, children and youth.

The Legacy Fund is a forward-looking permanently invested endowment, the earnings of which will strengthen our organization, so that future giving can be even more directly linked to our projects and partners, addressing injustice and alleviating suffering. Your contribution to the Legacy Fund will underwrite endeavors to strengthen our internal capacity (in lieu of core expenses) to further invest in life-changing programs and services, that create a promising tomorrow for future generations of United Methodist Women members in answering God's call to serve.

Every United Methodist women member is encouraged to reflect on their charitable giving and contribute to the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign in the form of cash, check, securities, stock, life insurance, planned gifts and bequests. Any amount is welcome before, during and after **Day of Giving – Mach 23! Generous donors have already committed to matching a portion of our gifts received on Day of Giving. Together, we are building our legacy!**

Give:

Online at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund

By phone: 800-278-7771 (8 .m. to 6 p.m. EST M-F)

By check: United Methodist Women
Attn: Development, Legacy Fund
475 Riverside Drive, 15th floor
New York, NY 10115

Write "The Legacy Fund" in the memo section

By text on your mobile device: Text 41444 and enter **Legacy 150** in the message area.

DESERT SPRING UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

INVITES YOU TO THEIR 150th LEGACY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION BRUNCH

Saturday, MARCH 16, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Desert Spring United Methodist Church
120 N. Pavilion Canter Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89144

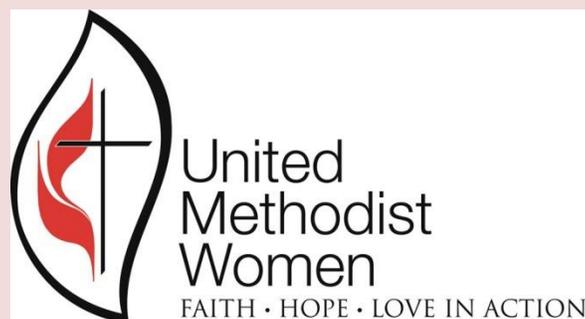
Guest Speaker – Rev. Terri Hubbard

Entertainment provided

\$20.00 per person

Payable to Desert Spring United Methodist Women

Contact: Yvonne Daniely 702-869-6318, daniely5@embarqmail.com
Alma Crenshaw 702-845-6954



Mission u 2019

Glenda Hill, Dean
Mission u

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

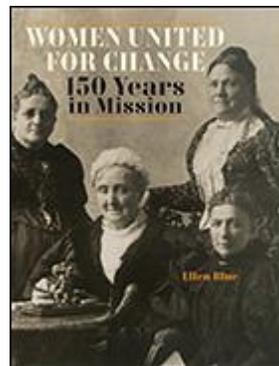
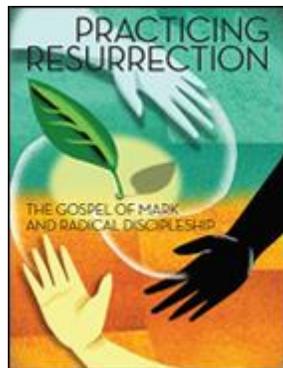
For a detailed description of the studies click this link – [Studies 2019](#)

We will NOT offer the study “What about our Money” in Las Vegas in 2019. You may go to Mission u in Tucson or Sun City if you would like to take this study.

We will NOT have any mission study books for purchase at Mission u this year. Cindy 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*](#)



Amazon has Kindle versions only of study books.

You might consider ordering as a group to 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: [North District United Methodist Women](#)

And Desert Southwest Conference United Methodist Women

<https://www.facebook.com/UMWDSC/>

More News about Mission u 2019

Eileen Guillermo, Legacy Liaison,
Desert Southwest Conference

I received my study book, "Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission," on February 7th. I started reading it that Sunday morning with my cup of coffee. I stood at the table reading to the very last minute before I would have to leave the house for church, or be late.

It's a very nice read and interesting information. The author, Ellen Blue, has done a great job presenting historical data related to our predecessor organizations along with stories of some of the women who boldly stepped up and out from the early "sphere of the woman" to do the work of God through their faith, hope, love and their organized action.

Our purpose and vision as an organization is as relevant today as it was 150 years ago. It is important to know where we have been to better see our way forward on the path of the future. The methods and tools of organizing for action may have changed over the years, but our vision and our ability to act for change on behalf of women, children, and youth has not. I look forward to hearing your stories.

Oh, yes – I'll be leading this study at Mission u this coming summer! I'll be going to Mission u study leaders' training in May. I'm so excited to think about sharing this wonderful course with all of you.

Glenda Hill's article has more details about this summer's Mission u.

For more information: see <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/what-we-do/transformative-education/mission-study/special-publication-women-united-for-change>

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United Methodist Women News

United Methodist Women News is a free 8-page newspaper highlighting recent events and issues happening within the organization and its members. Subscribe here:

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/umwnews>

Hope UMW hosts Valentine Legacy Fundraiser

Nancy Grienke, President



THE LEGACY FUND ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

On Sunday, February 10, 2019, Hope UMC and UMW held a joint potluck and dessert auction to benefit the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign.

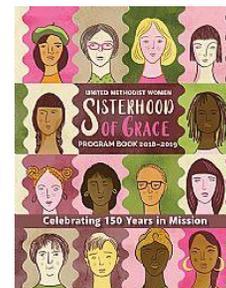
Everyone had a great time trying to outbid each other for the sweet treats at the auction. The photos tell the story!



Journey United Methodist Women gathered for their general meeting on February 13th. The theme of the meeting was

It's a Celebration - Happy Birthday UMW!

Part of the program was taken from the: United Methodist Women Sisterhood of Grace Program Book 2018-2019.



2018 Census Deadline Fast Approaching!

March 30, 2019, is the last day for submitting your census numbers. We are aiming for 100% reporting from the Desert Southwest Conference. That means each district is also aiming for 100% reporting.

We can do it – with YOUR HELP!

If you need help with the reporting form, please contact me. The reporting form is at unitedmethodistwomen.org. Choose this icon on the home page and complete the form.



Census
2018

Allie Lakey, Educating Members for Mission, alliel@cox.net 702-649-6217



Five-Star Mission Giving Units Recognized

Congratulations to the following units on reaching Five-Star Mission Giving in 2018. This achievement reflects the units' dedication to the five channels of mission giving of United Methodist Women. Those five channels are Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory and World Thank Offering.

Desert Spring

First Henderson

Journey

Mohave Valley

St. Michael's

Reading Program Participants Honored at Leadership Development & Training Events in January

Terrie Shipman, Secretary of Program Resources

I was so pleased to see how many members (16) participated in the 2018 United Methodist Women reading program. The reading program is a wonderful way to stay informed of events and issues around the world where United Methodist Women are involved.

Congratulations to the following ladies:

Plan 1 (5 books): Cyndy Montgomery, Louise Hartwell, Helen Springer, Nancy Greinke, Jane McIntosh, Eileen Guillermo, Debora Hodler, and Barbara Johnson.

Plan 2 (10 books): Dorothy Hampton and Joan Colbert

Plan 3 (15 books): Glenda Hill, Terrie Shipman, Karen Wilson, and Kay Johnson

Plan 4 (20 books): Sharon Scobie

There were five women from Mesquite who read, also. However, no one plan was completed. I would still like to say congratulations to those women because they are still reading.

I would like to say congratulations to all the women who have been reading from our reading program who didn't complete any plan. Our knowledge is what is important and can be shared with others. The reading material is a great resource for presenting programs. I encourage all to read more.

Remember, there are many resources to obtain the books: United Methodist Women program resources, on- line, bookstores, and libraries. Books can be shared.

The 2019 Reading Program catalog is available to download at <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/rpcatalog2019.pdf>

If you need assistance with sharing resources, you may contact me at 702-343-7441.

Ubuntu: an African word and proverb meaning
"I am human
because you are human."

Living the Charter for Racial Justice 2018 Awards

Congratulations to the following units for maintaining their status.

Hope United Methodists Women, Bullhead City, AZ
Journey United Methodist Women – Las Vegas, NV
Mesquite United Methodist Women – Mesquite, NV



Living the Charter

Racial justice is a biblical issue
Racial justice is a leadership issue
Racial justice is a community issue
Racial justice is a public policy issue

See the Charter for Racial Justice here:
<https://dscumc.org/living-charter-racial-justice/>

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United Methodist Women Mission Giving

2019	Mission Dollars Spent
Year	\$11,967,715.00
Day	\$32,788.26
Hour	\$1,366.18
5 Minutes	\$113.85
1 Minute	\$22.77
1 Second	\$0.38

**North District United Methodist Women
2019 Calendar Schedule of Meetings, Events & Activities**

Feb 23-24	Sub Committee Meet & CON Conduct Interviews Programming & Leadership Team Meeting – Dayspring UMC
Feb 23	Mesquite UMW Unit Spiritual Retreat
Mar 2	North District Team Meeting – Eileen’s Home
Mar 16	Desert Spring Legacy Celebration
Mar 23-24	Conference Spiritual Retreat – Redemptorist Center – Tucson AZ March 23 rd Annual UMW Day of Giving – Legacy 150
Mar 31	Advent UMW – Dinner & Movie Fundraiser Event
Apr 14-21	Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday
Apr 27	Conference Leadership Team Meeting – Zoom
Apr 30	2020 North District Unit Budgets due to District Treasurer
May 4	Conference Programming & Leadership Team Mtg – Zoom (Conference Center)
May 15	Deadline for North District Newsletter
May 16-19	Mission u training for Leaders – St. Louis, MO
May 31	Deadline for ND Mission u Scholarship Application Submissions
Jun 1	North District Team Meeting – TBD
Jun 12-16	Desert Southwest Annual Church Conference
Jul 12-13	Mission u North District – Trinity UMC
Aug 2-3	Mission u East/West – Lakeview UMC
Aug 15	Deadline for North District Newsletter
Aug ??	Conference Finance Meeting-Dayspring UMC (District Treasurer Attends)
Aug 23-24	Mission u South – Catalina UMC
Sep 7	Conference Programming/Leadership Team Meeting (Zoom-Conference)
Sep 14	North District Team Meeting – Desert Spring UMC
Oct 11	North District Team Meeting – Journey UMC
Oct 12	North District Annual Celebration – Journey UMC
Oct 25	Conference Annual Celebration set up – East District – Sun Lakes UMC
Oct 26	Conference Leadership Training/Annual Celebration – Sun Lakes UMC
Nov 8-9	Conference Leadership Team Retreat – Dayspring UMC
Nov 15	Deadline for North District Newsletter
Nov 30	Deadline for Unit Leadership Team Directory to District Secretary
Dec 7	North District Team Meeting – Eileen’s House
Dec 10	Deadline for Local Unit Treasurer's Reports & Money Due to District Treasurer
Dec 31	Local Unit Forms Due: (1) Reading Program to Secretary Program Resources (2) Mission Today to District President (3) Charter for Racial Justice to District President

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UMW Women's Spiritual Growth Retreat
March 23 @ 8:30 am - March 24 @ 1:00 pm MST
Being Light in the World
Retreat Leader: Emily Jones,
Executive for Racial Justice, United Methodist Women
Registration Extended to March 8
Redemptorist Renewal Center –Tucson, AZ

Cost per person:

Shared room \$115.00 Note: There are 2 handicapped accessible room
Single room \$140.00 a limited number (on a first request basis)
Commuter \$ 60.00

Includes 4 meals for participants who are staying at the Center – Lunch and dinner on Saturday, breakfast and lunch on Sunday.

For commuters this includes 3 meals – Lunch and dinner on Saturday and lunch on Sunday.

Begin and end times: Arrive at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday; Depart after lunch on Sunday.

Register on line: <https://dscumc.org/secure/2019-umw-spiritual-growth-retreat/>

Emily will be leading us through scripture as we explore the stories of Esther and Rachael and discover the source of our faith, hope and courage. We will investigate how the way of Jesus shapes what we do. There will be activities for spiritual practice as well as free time to enjoy the surroundings as you walk the labyrinth, look at the petroglyphs or appreciate the Stations of the Cross trail. Spend time with your friends, new and old, playing games or enjoying a sing along around the piano.

Our goals for the weekend will be:

- Refresh and reconnect with God.
- Cultivate spiritual practices to sustain and deepen our racial justice work.
- Deepen our relationships with each other across lines of difference.
- Explore the texts of Scripture and the work of key spiritual growth writers, applying them to our own context.
- Develop a shared understanding of key elements of United Methodist Women's racial justice engagement, including: (1) building common definitions for core concepts and Biblical foundations; (2) the Charter for Racial Justice and the history of United Methodist Women's work; and (3) and the current campaign to interrupt the school-to-prison pipeline.

Other questions – Carla Whitmire, Vice-president, cmwhitmire@gmail.com
or Kathy Schock, Spiritual Growth Coordinator, kathhuck@aol.com

Per Conference Standing Rules:

1. A registration may be transferred to another person.
2. Anyone wishing to register after the registration deadline for conference events, shall pay an additional \$5.00. " For the retreat, registration mailed after **March 8, 2019** can be accepted only if there is space available.