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NORTH DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN DESERT SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

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President's Message

Eileen Guillermo
North District President



As I reflect on the 150th anniversary of United Methodist Women and read my Mission u study book, “Women United For Change: 150 Years in Mission,” I am amazed and strengthened by the stories of our foremothers and how far we have come as an organized group of women.

In some of our stories, we as an organization did not always get it right, but with continued determination and persistence we kept and continue to keep moving forward to live into our purpose.

I recently prepared a sermon for United Methodist Women Sunday service at Journey United Methodist Church in Las Vegas, Nevada. The sermon topic was *A Community of Women Engaged in Mission are the Carriers of Hope and Faith*. It was based upon Exodus

2:1-10.

I tied together that fact that some of the named women of the Bible, such as Miriam, Ruth, Dorcas Lydia, Mary, Rachel, Tamar, Rahab, Deborah, and Esther just to name a few, and some of the unnamed women of the Bible, such as the Samaritan Woman at the Well, The Woman Caught in Adultery, The Woman who Anointed Jesus’ Feet, The Generous Widow, The Woman With the Issue of Blood and the Bent Over Crippled Woman who was Healed were bold and courageous women as evidenced by their actions. Through their faith, hope, and love in action, their lives and the lives of others were impacted and changed.

I also reflected on the women of our predecessor organization of the United Methodist Women, the Women’s Foreign Missionary Society, and remembered the women who were named and those that were unnamed who have made a difference in the lives of

women, children, and youth through their bold and courageous actions. I took into account the issues of the time, their resistance and/or persistence, what ambiguities and conflicts were present at the time, and what was the impact of the event, decisions, or movement that resulted in change.

Lastly, I look to my sisters in Christ who are beside me today, those known to me by name, and those unnamed, but I know they are there. Even today, in spite of oppression due to gender, race, ethnicity, and national identity, and the ills of our world as we know it, women still come together as community for the purpose of women, children and youth. Just look through the issues of *response magazine*, and articles in the United Methodist Women Prayer Calendar and you can see evidence of the good works being done by bold and courageous women of today. I am in admiration of all that gets accomplished in God's name through United Methodist Women and their action.

It is important to realize and remember that when we look at history as women, listen, tell our stories, tell other's stories, and tell God's stories, it can be transformative.

I challenge you to share your story, to listen to another's story, to share the stories of our foremothers, and to tell God's stories. I encourage you to continue to create your own story, "for such a time as this". I encourage you to be that bold and courageous, loving, faithful, United Methodist Woman and disciple of Christ. Go forth in action using your God given gifts and talents.

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



TAKE ACTION!

See details at:

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/living-wages/>

A BUSY SUNDAY AT DESERT SPRING CHURCH

Alison Kerr, president

On May 5th, Desert Spring United Methodist Women hosted two events – a baked goods sale and a book drive.

Our baked goods sale provided dessert for those who purchased a BBQ dinner from our United Methodist Men!



Serendipity Circle completed a week-long book drive for Spread the Word Nevada. Books are heavy items, so we enlisted the help of our Desert Spring youth and the Boy Scouts to help collect the books from church members in our parking lot. We were grateful they helped because we received 19 boxes of books!

It was a rewarding Sunday as our church family worked together to support children.

1. The United Methodist Men BBQ raised funds for Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth

<https://nphy.org/>

2. Serendipity Circle helped Spread the Word Nevada provide books to at-risk students. (spreadthewordnevada.org)
3. Our Desert Spring United Methodist Women unit raised funds to continue faith, hope and love in action for women, children and youth.



Journey UMW Celebrates 150th Anniversary



Journey United Methodist Women had a birthday party at its March general meeting to celebrate the 150 years of mission on behalf of women, children and youth! Eileen Guillermo, unit president and Desert Southwest Conference Legacy Liaison, presented an excellent program about the history of United Methodist Women.

Press Release from United Methodist Women National

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – MAY 24, 2019

United Methodist Women Launches Paid Parental Leave Campaign in Methodist Conferences across the Country



Right: Carol Barton promotes the Paid Family Leave Campaign at Mission u in Tempe, Arizona, May 2019.

May 24, 2019, NEW YORK – United Methodist Women, the largest U.S.-based denominational network of lay women of faith, launched a nationwide paid parental leave campaign as it kicked off its annual Mission u events. The events will occur in [more than 50 locations around the country](#) from June through October 2019.

Mission u events are opportunities for fellowship, spiritual growth, education and action. They are created to prepare participants to turn their faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth. This year, Mission u participants will study United Methodist Women's 150-year history, the Gospel of Mark and radical discipleship, and money from a faith perspective.

Each year, Mission u selects an action that all participants organize in support of. The [Paid Family Leave Campaign](#) has been selected as the 2019 Mission u action. Participants will write to their elected officials urging them to pass the bipartisan federal FAMILY Act.

Read full text of press release at: <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/news/united-methodist-women-launches-paid-parental-leave-campaign>

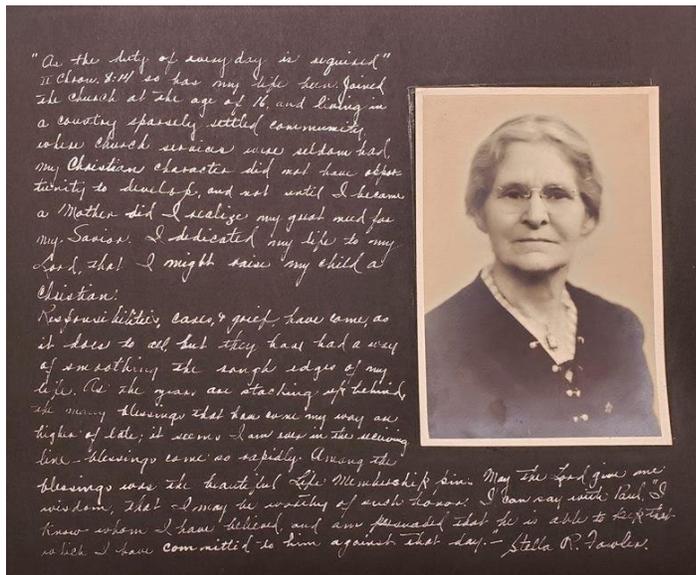
DSC Archives & History Features United Methodist Women on Facebook

Jennifer Barber, Conference Archivist, digitized a scrapbook for the 150th anniversary of United Methodist Women and shared it on the Archives & History Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Archives.History/>

Estella Fowler's story is just one of many you will find on the Facebook page. You will be amazed as you read the writings of many of our beautiful foremothers right here in predecessor conferences of Desert Southwest Conference.

Estella (Redus) Fowler (1872-1968)

"As the duty of every day is required" II Chron. 8:14 so has my life been. Joined the Church at the age of 16, and living in a country sparsely settled community, where



church services were seldom held, my Christian character did not have opportunity to develop, and not until I became a Mother did, I realize my great need for my Savior. I dedicated my life to my Lord, that I might raise my child a Christian. Responsibilities, cares & grief have come, as it does to all, but they had a way of smoothing the rough edges of my life. As the years are stacking up behind, the many blessings that have come my way are higher of late; it seems I am ever in the receiving line - blessings come so

rapidly. Among the blessings was the beautiful Life Membership pin. May the Lord give me wisdom, that I may be worthy of such honor. I can say with Paul, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed to him against that day." - Stella R. Fowler

"Adult Life Members [Woman's Society of Christian Service], Arizona Conference [Methodist Episcopal Church, South], scrapbook, ca. 1940; Records of the Desert Southwest Conference United Methodist Women; Archives and History, The Desert Southwest Conference, The United Methodist Church (Phoenix, Arizona). What a gift to all of us!

Thank you, Jennifer, for making the long-overlooked scrapbook available for us to see.

Mission u 2019 – Here We Come!

Glenda Hill, Dean

Summer is almost here! What are your plans? Mine include a family reunion, a wedding, a 90th birthday party, Desert Southwest Annual Conference and Mission u, of course.

Are you planning to attend Mission u? Las Vegas, Sun City, Tucson – here we come!

You can attend the one nearest you or the one that fits your calendar. If your summer is complicated, check out all the dates and places. There is also the option to attend at more than one site and take another class – all on the same registration form.

You **do need** to register early, as we are limiting classes to 30 people each this year. For more information and registration forms click here [Mission u info](#)

You also **do need** to order your books early because we **WILL NOT** have them for sale at Mission u.

Order study books by clicking here [resources](#)

You might consider ordering as a group to save on postage.

Amazon has Kindle versions of the study books.

The authors of the studies have had articles in **response** magazine. Check these out, share at your next meeting:

Ellen Blue ([Women United for Change](#)) is in the March/April issue – “Writing our Legacy”.

Janet Wolf ([Practicing Resurrection: Mark](#)) is in the current issue – “Radical Discipleship”.

The study book [Women United for Change](#) reminds us that through our 150-year history, our predecessor organizations accompanied those seeking a better life. As United Methodist Women in Desert Southwest conference we welcome migrants and asylum-seekers at The Inn in Tucson and Methodist churches in Phoenix area after they have been processed by Homeland Security. They have many needs, so our In-Kind Offerings will help: Bags (back packs, gym bags, reusable grocery bags), snack crackers, toilet paper, toiletries baby wipes, etc.

Mission u national has a Facebook page -- MISSION U CENTRAL:

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

Desert Southwest Conference United Methodist Women has a page too:

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

What do the words *Kin-dom, Community, Team, and United* have in common?

Sharon Scobie
Study Leader, Mission u

As I started preparing for leading the Mission u session on "What About Our Money?" for the East/West District in August, the word "**Kin-dom**" came back to mind and I remember how much I love that word. The impact of being a **community** of people working together, being inclusive, and working toward justice just doesn't seem scary when you know you are not alone.

That is also what being part of the District and Conference **United** Methodist Women Mission **Team** has meant to me over the years. I have been involved in leadership roles on these **teams** for over 20 years. I can remember when I was first asked. My comment, probably like many of you, was something like this: "I don't know enough about the organization to be in a leadership role." Now keep in mind that I had been a member of **UMW** on the local level for 20+ years.

What I learned by accepting the role of District Secretary of Program Resources (my first responsibility) is that the **Team** is a "**kin-dom**." The members are a **community** of women (Where have we heard that before?) who help you learn as you begin your journey as an officer. I wouldn't have been successful if I hadn't had their support. This **community** of women becomes some of the best friends you will ever have.

I learned about the "**BIG**" picture of **UMW** because of my roles on the District and Conference **teams**. Opportunities arose to meet some of the national **UMW** leaders during Leadership Training, Mission u (previously known as School of Christian Mission), Assembly, and Western Jurisdiction celebrations.

I encourage you to say "**YES**" when you are asked to serve as a District or Conference Officer. And, if you are interested but haven't been asked, talk to one of the current officers to find out exactly what the expectations are. Letting us know you are interested is the first step. And the education you will receive while serving is remarkable.

My title for this article used the words, ***Kin-dom, Community, Team, and United***. Do any of these words indicate that you will be alone when you volunteer to be an officer? Of course not, because the only way we are successful is when we work together.

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

Treasurer Update

Sharon Scobie

As of today, May 18, North District has sent in a total of **\$4,710** toward its **Pledge to Mission** for 2019.

In addition, we have sent in

- \$40 for Gift to Mission
- \$65 for Gift in Memory
- \$160 for Special Mission Recognition
- \$95.50 for World Thank
- \$95 for Prayer and Self Denial
- \$600 to UMCOR

This is a **total of \$5,765.50**. We have a good start; let's keep it going.

Hopefully your unit will send in at least half of your pledge before you break for the summer.

Congratulations to First Henderson and Desert Spring for already qualifying for Five-Star Giving. They have each contributed to the five areas of giving.

Have a great summer. I hope to see many of you at Mission u at Trinity UMC in July.

Now you know!

The national office wants to hear and share what you do every day for women, children and youth.

► [Share a story or resource at
www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/mystory!](https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/mystory!)

IT'S YOU!

Do you love to organize? Have strong leadership skills? Love to learn? Or are you artistically talented? Do you love to spend time with friends? Are you a teacher? What are your gifts, talents, passion, abilities? However you respond to those questions, your North District United Methodist Women Leadership Team would love to have you come on board! We will be diligently talking with interested women about the many ways you can serve United Methodist Women on the district level. We'll provide training and leadership development opportunities you'll help plan valuable events, all the while working with a team of friends. We know IT'S YOU we need! Alma Crenshaw, Chair of Committee on Nominations, is waiting to hear from you!

And, And, And More at First Henderson

Kim B. Jacques
President

As I begin this President's message; from First Henderson United Methodist Women's Unit, it has dawned on me (it is now 2:41 a.m.) that Women, all over the World, are working also.

My Son, Mark recently said to me in praise, "and, and, and, Mom". It is true, when I think about all the women, of our unit, and, and, and, is what we do. Love in Action has many and this, and that, and more.

Our Unit contributions are many. Here are just a few missions of our unit:

We have joined with Green Valley United Methodist Church Ladies to form a Reading Program group. Currently, we are reading "*Make A Difference: Following Your Passion and Finding Your Place to Serve*" James A. Harnish. Chapter 4, page 85, "Go Together" quotes "*If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together. – African proverb ...Johannesburg, South Africa (current time 11:55 a.m.)*

In September 2019, we will be travelling together, for a UMCOR Mission Trip to Salt Lake City, Utah. And, more information is available and will be published in the next issue.

As the school years ends, for some little ones, going to school is something they are not thinking about yet. Nevertheless, our unit is already busy preparing and planning for the up-coming school year with our Dry Bottoms Mission to provide the following for the children. Please read more about the mission for more information and donations.

My motto is and mission is clear, even at this strange hour,

Together, We Climb! Because we all show our Love in Action, and, and, and, together.

And, More Missions, And, More Giving, And, More Love in Action First Henderson United Methodist Women



Karla Tucker/ Nancy Michalski
First Henderson UMW Unit

DRY BOTTOMS Ministry- First Henderson United Methodist Women

In August First Henderson United Methodist Women will have their annual School Supplies collection and Dry Bottoms collection for Edna F. Hinman Elementary School. First Henderson United Methodist Church is the only organization in the area that helps Edna F. Hinman Elementary School.

Edna F. Hinman Elementary School is located on Merlayne Drive between Boulder Highway and Sunset Road and is a public elementary school in Henderson with grades pre-K through 5th grade. There is a high percentage of low-income families and 83% of the students have free or reduced lunch.

It is the goal of the UMW to help in the effort to reduce the discomfort and health issues for the benefit of the children who need clean, dry and healthy underwear, socks and clothes. Young children sometimes have accidents while at school that makes it necessary to have a change of underwear, socks and an outfit change, if parents can't be reached.

School Supplies, socks, underwear, T shirts, shorts, sweatpants, new or almost new clothes in sizes small, medium and large are needed and very much appreciated by the school and helps make the lives of these young children a little more comfortable.

The drop off box will be in the Narthex in August.

Thank You in advance for your generous donation to our youth.

Journey Celebrates United Methodist Women Sunday

The first Women's Tea, hosted by Journey United Methodist Women on May 12, was such a fun event! It was held in our fellowship hall in conjunction with United Methodist Women Sunday AND Mother's Day!



Seven tables were beautifully decorated with dishes and tea cups that held lots of stories. The food--finger sandwiches, lumpia, veggie cups, and fruit kabobs--was served joyfully by Journey United Methodist Men along with them rushing to keep each teapot filled with hot water! The centerpieces were delightful displays of delicious mini desserts.

We learned a little bit about the history of tea, the history of each other, and a lot about how God is still working on all of us whether it be in the molding, firing, or glazing, we are a work in progress and are beautiful in God's eyes. All in all, a wonderful time was had by all. We fully intend to make this an annual event and look forward to next year's celebration.

UMW 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 ministries of the church.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, UNITED METHODIST WOMEN!



**THE LEGACY FUND
ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN**

THE NUMBERS ARE IN FOR DAY OF GIVING – MARCH 23, 2019

WOW, WOW, AND MORE WOW!

Thank you to all United Methodist Women friends and members, especially our local units, the Desert Southwest Conference, and the Western Jurisdiction for participating in this year's Legacy 150 Day of Giving Campaign. You are making history as an organization. You are adding to "your" story.

The United Methodist Women National Office has advised that the numbers are in and there were over 3,500 gifts that came in for Day of Giving, which amounted to a total of \$496,451 raised for this very special 2019 Day of Giving! This is an increase of 84% from 2018 and is the largest Day of Giving total to date for United Methodist Women.

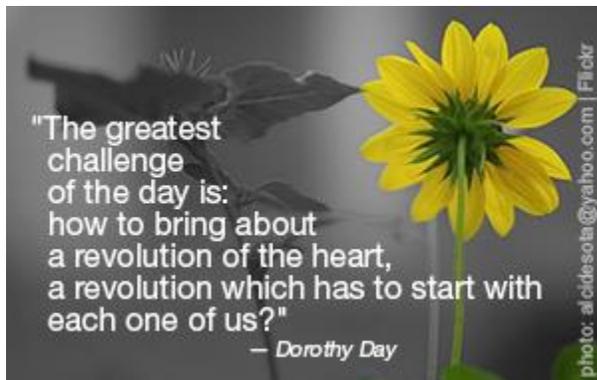
If you forgot to give, it is not too late. You can give to the Legacy Fund any day, any time. Visit the website at <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/>

There are also other ways of giving to the Legacy Fund Campaign. Have you considered planned giving such as joining the 1869 Society in support of the Legacy Fund Campaign? There are many forms of planned giving. If you have questions or would like further information regarding the 1869 Society and planned giving, please feel free to contact via email at Equillermo@aol.com or call me at 702-807-3270 (cell).

Blessing to all,

Eileen Guillermo

Desert Southwest Conference Legacy 150 Liaison



Opportunities for Spiritual Growth

20th century social activist and Catholic worker Dorothy Day brings to question how we revolutionize the world around us.

Like her and many of our foremothers, we strive to answer Day's question of revolution – and many of us have found that the work for change does, in fact, "start with each one of us."

Spiritual growth has been a long-held part of the work of United Methodist Women and is an

expression of our personal and communal commitments to see Christ in the world. See more resources for Spiritual Growth at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/spiritual-growth

Legacy Event Hosted by Journey United Methodist Women

Debora Hodler
Spiritual Growth Coordinator

We tried something new this year to celebrate our 150th anniversary. We met at a nearby Starbucks with a laptop to encourage members (and others) to contribute to the Legacy Fund and have their contributions matched.

We ended up being seven-women strong and contributed close to \$100. Not bad for a start...but just wait until next year!



Desert Spring United Methodist Women Host Legacy Celebration Brunch in Style



Here are a few fun photos from the Legacy Celebration Brunch hosted by Desert Spring United Methodist Women on March 16. All women in North District were invited. Period costumes, fabulous brunch, entertaining musicians, beautiful table décor and gift bags, excellent hosts, and a wonderful keynote address by Rev. Terrie Hubbard rounded out the day's festivities. Proceeds from ticket sales were donated to the Legacy Fund.

St. Michael's Tea Supports Local Missions

Cyndy Montgomery, president



The Executive Committee of St. Michael's United Methodist Women prepared all of the goodies for their Tea on March 30th. There were 40 women in attendance.

100 percent of the donations are going to local missions. The speaker for the afternoon was Jon Kassies from the Havasu Visitors Center.



DAY OF GIVING

Happy Anniversary United Methodist Women



Day of Giving March 23, 2019, Contributed \$495,451

These generous donations to [The Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign](#) bring our campaign total to \$26,543,021. That means 43 percent of the targeted \$60,000,000 has now been raised! We are on the way to reaching our half-way mark, which will propel us even further toward achieving the campaign's goal by the end of 2020!