2019 Theme

“Changing the World With GRACE”

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

~ Peter 4:10

Annual Registrations:

The online registration for West District Annual Registration:

[link]

Nonprofit donations go to UMOM.

Program will include a great skit!

Join us for business and fun.

The online registration for Conference Annual Registration:

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The mail in form can be found at: [link]

Early Registration deadline is October 16.
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
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WEST DISTRICT
LOCAL ORGANIZATION CALENDAR

West District Annual Celebration
October 5, 2019
Epworth United Methodist Church, 4802 N. 59 th Ave., Phoenix 85033

Desert Southwest Conference Annual Celebration
October 27, 2019
Sun Lakes United Methodist Church, 9248 East Riggs, Sun Lakes, AZ 852458

Cactus Patch Articles Due
November 15, 2019
Please send Cactus Patch articles to Cheryl Buchholtz: CommCoordBuchholtz@yahoo.com

DUE DATE
WHEN REPORTS ARE DUE
SEND TO

Sept. 1
Memorial List
District MC Membership Care

Nov. 30
Your local organization’s officers information
District Secretary

Dec. 10
Local Organization Final Financial Report
District Treasurer
Dec. 10
Reading Program Participant’s Information
District Secretary of Program Resources

Dec. 31
Living the Charter for Racial Justice Reporting Form
District MC Social Action
Dec. 31
Mission Today Forms
District President
Dec. 31
Outstanding Local Organization Form
Dist. Education for Mission

SAVE THE DATE:
EPWORTH UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
are hosting 2019 West District United Methodist Annual Meeting on October 5 th.
Make this date part of your planning now!
Wow! What a year this has been! There have been highs and there have been lows. And one of the things I have noticed most is the close correlation between the United Methodist Women’s work and the issues that seem to be making the news...locally, nationally, and worldwide. I am proud to say that United Methodist Women have been champions of children, youth and women since the beginning.

Just think about it...have you seen these issues in the papers lately?
- Sex trafficking? Check!
- Climate Change? Check!
- Immigration? Check!
- Discrimination of Native American and other indigenous peoples? Check!
- Injustice for people of color? Check!
- The school to prison pipeline? Check!
- Homelessness? Check!

Yes-sir-ree, ladies. These are all issues that we as members of United Methodist Women have taken on to join together to try to eliminate or change. Right now there isn’t any sign on the political scene that change for our issues will be coming soon.

Last year I actually had a couple leave our church because according to them: They came to church for spiritual food – not political rhetoric. Many of us might feel like that however, when we study the life of our Lord and Savior, we cannot deny that this is exactly the position he took during his lifetime. He “championed” the poor, the lost, the hungry and homeless, the “unclean”, the suffering, the imprisoned, the failure. However, Jesus love was committed love (John 13:36-38). Ladies let us not get lost in the business of “today” – let us keep our focus on the work we do and continue to do in our Savior’s name and prepare for our own “tomorrows”.

Blessings to all as we go forward to do his work in our world.

Cheryl

THE PURPOSE OF THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

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.
What an exciting and busy summer we have had. Did you attend Mission u?

Not only did I attend the Mission u at Lakeview United Methodist Church in Sun City, but I also had the chance to be part of the program. What a wonderful experience to share with everyone who attended. Once again, I have learned so much. This year, I chose to attend the "What about our Money" session. It was fantastic. It is such a wonderful shared experience. I am delighted to have been able to share the event with so many of my sisters. If you have not attended, please consider doing so next year. And don’t forget about the scholarship opportunities. I am so happy that so many of our sisters applied and were able to attend. It is such a golden opportunity.

I want to encourage everyone to attend the Annual Celebration on October 5th, just around the corner. This year’s theme is Changing the World with Grace. This year I have been specially blessed by the grace I have had the opportunity to witness with my sisters in Christ so many times this year and look forward to the changes that we make together in Christ. We have a very special Hands-on Giving focus this year, UMOM. Unlike many of my sisters, I am not very familiar with UMOM and what to expect to learn a lot. As I am preparing the program and the PowerPoint for the celebration, I just grow even more excited. The Annual Celebration will be at Epworth United Methodist Church in Phoenix. I have been there once before and am super excited to see it again. I hope to see you there.

Your Sister in Christ, Christine Jones
jones.sensei@gmail.com

Committee on Nominations
United Methodist Women DSC WD Chairs Pam and Helen Jackson

This is the last year that our mother and daughter team for the Committee of Nominations will be serving as co-chairs. We will continue to serve on the team but in January, Vicki Keel will be our new chairperson. It appears that our dream to have all offices filled for the 2020 year may become a reality. You will find the Nomination list in this issue of the Cactus Patch.

Please note that we continue to need additional members to the Nominating team. The secret to an effective team is to have it staffed with women who know LOTS of women who might be willing to serve on the District Team. It is a worthwhile activity and you have the chance to meet and work with many wonderful Christian men and women throughout our denomination. We indeed make a difference for women, youth and children.

We both attended Mission U and we were in the same class. We took the Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship. We learned a great deal about Radical Discipleship. We were involved with our Vacation Bible School at Glendale United Methodist Church. Our theme was Roar and it has held from June 3-7. We were pleased to have both our President Cheryl Buchholtz and our Social Action leader Paula Sallas assisting with the program.
Dear UMW sisters:

Some days I feel just about worn out! I have spent the past few months, going through closets full of old “stuff” because I sold my home of the past 20 years and moved into a smaller spot. (from over an acre to a lot in a mobile home park.) Amazing how many things we hang on to...and going through it all I find myself wondering “why the heck did I hang on to this?”

Life goes on, and I am moved in now and trying to remember where I put things. So, if it took a while for your pledges and other funds to be deposited, well that is my reason, and I’m sticking to it.

On a better note, Mission U last weekend was terrific. I took part in the study of the book “Practicing Resurrection”, written by Janet Wolf. It was an in depth and soulful look at the Book of Mark and how it relates to the world around us today. We discussed the stories about the girl filled with the unclean spirit and the fellow possessed by the evil spirit Legion and how Jesus, though he was tired and basically out of town with folks he didn’t know, showed compassion and healed people even though they were not Christians. These stories directly relate to imprisoned fellow members of our society and the difficulties they encumber after they are released. They are still “owned” by the correctional system for many years after. That is one hard chain to break!

When you think about it, Jesus was a prisoner too. He was removed from his community, criminalized, tried and convicted by the government, incarcerated, battered, tortured and executed in a state-sanctioned murder.

How can we be connected to Jesus and yet be disconnected from those in our jails and prisons? What if we redefine our outreach to find ways that we can support people who are citizens returning to our very neighborhoods? What if? This study made me challenge my own perspectives and I am going to continue to search for some way, somehow that I can extend a hand to help. I will say Mission U is always thought provoking.

Stay cool Sisters in Christ and see you at our Annual Celebration Meeting at Epworth UMC on Saturday, October 5th.

Sincerely, Your sister in Christ

Michele Justice, WD Treasurer
SGBD2@outlook.com
I’m a read-a-holic. I have a smartphone and a library card, so I download e-books onto my phone using Libby app. It is free. They disappear after two weeks. I can get on a waiting list if what I want is not available, and I get an email when it is my turn to read the book, and the book automatically appears, checked out onto my Libby “bookshelf”.

Lately I read The Same Sky, by Amanda Eyre Ward, on my phone. This is on our United Methodist Women’s booklist. It is not for the faint of heart. It is fiction, but very convincing. It has two main characters with stories that parallel each other and then converge at the end. The most interesting character is a ten-year-old girl in Honduras who decides to make the harrowing trip to Texas to find her mother, after her grandmother dies and she is starving and facing many threats in Honduras. This is a great book, but it does have “f” words and such in it, and the girl gets raped along the way. The real world is rough for a lot of people. God’s kindness and mercy, expressed through people like us, makes it more tolerable, gives hope and light in a dark world.

I read Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship, by Janet Wolf, for our Mission u class which I attended earlier in August. If I’m not mistaken, I encountered Janet Wolf and Deaconess Garlinda Burton in a workshop at our United Methodist Women’s Assembly in Columbus, Ohio, last year. They both were from Nashville, TN. This book is not the easiest read. She theorizes that Mark could have been a woman. Our Mission u teacher, a minister, agreed that in seminary, they learned nobody seems to know who Mark was, and it could very well have been a woman. They all agree that Mark was the first gospel to appear in writing. Several of the manuscripts found end right after the women discovered the empty tomb on Easter morning. The others continue a little further. The shorter version is thought to be the original. Janet Wolf believes we need to do more to help the needy and oppressed, push harder for social justice, visit people in prison, get our hands dirty and tear down the walls that separate us in our comfortable lives from those who are actually poor and oppressed by racism, injustice, addiction. A big challenge, but entirely Christian. She mentions the Freedom Schools, which were presented to us in that workshop at Assembly in Columbus, Ohio. Freedom Schools are enrichment programs for needy kids, some in juvenile detention facilities. These are supported by United Methodist Women. You can be proud of that.

Somewhere in the discussion, I heard about Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your American History Textbook Got Wrong, by James W. Loewen. This is a very interesting read, which I downloaded onto my phone. Loewen points out that our American history textbooks hero-ize all our presidents, whether they deserve it or not, and fail to point out things like Washington and Jefferson both owned slaves. The only slaves Jefferson freed at his death were his biological children. Our textbooks have whitewashed American history to make us seem more heroic and saintly. Christopher Columbus’s main motivation was greed, and he mistreated the people he encountered on his travels. Racism in American history is downplayed because it was normal to many people until the Civil Rights movement in the 1960s and beyond.

There is a lot to be learned. I want to live so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, any time.
Summer is practically over and it is back to school time. It is also time for more United Methodist Women activities. I hope many of you have spent time inside during this hot weather reading.

Only 4 months left before the end of the year to complete your reading program. Whether you are striving to complete Plan I with 5 books or Plan IV with 20 books, there are many exciting books to choose from. Titles from the last 6 years are still eligible. The reading lists are available on the United Methodist Women website. Cindey Blaydes, Conference Program Resources, told us at Mission u that the new Reading List for 2020 should be available soon. These books aren’t eligible to count until January, but we can look at the list and determine which books to buy.

Plan to attend the District Annual Celebration this year on October 5, 2019 at Epworth United Methodist Church. As always, the leadership team is working and planning an exciting program for you that day. New officers for the next year will be introduced. We still need a couple people to join us on Nominations so if you are interested in joining a rewarding and fun team talk, to anyone currently on the team. We would love to have you join us.

Hope to see you there.
Colleen Becker, Program Resources

Calling you…Western Jurisdiction Quadrennial Event is being advertised to be a Mini-Assembly – so if you couldn’t go to Columbus, join us in Tempe in April 2020.

Yes, United Methodist Women Sisters. You need to set aside April 17-19, 2020 to plan to attend this event. It will be held at Doubletree Hilton Hotel and Convention Center in Tempe, AZ. This will be action packed, fun filled and informative as well as a very spiritual time to meet others in the Western Jurisdiction and reconnect.

Anyone from the West District that would like to volunteer to help with this event please contact me. There are many opportunities to get better acquainted with sisters that have the same passion to fulfill the purpose of United Methodist Women. One on-site Ubuntu project will be to make mats for the homeless. Start now collecting plastic bags to donate for this worthwhile project. I can deliver them for you.

Colleen Becker, West District Program Resources, cbecker14@cox.net, 623-341-5107
REGISTER NOW: www.wjumw.com
GUN VIOLENCE: When Does It End?

The Facts

Researchers In the United States estimate that gun violence costs our economy $229 billion per year in medical treatment, criminal-justice proceedings, corrections, new security precautions, and reductions in quality of Life. U.S. taxpayers carry half of these costs.

- Violence against women and girls worldwide is indisputably linked to small arms, which include revolvers and assault rifles. The best strategies related to reducing intimate-partner violence include stronger gun ownership regulations, policies that raise awareness about the danger of firearms in homes, and interventions to change the cultural attitude towards guns in relation to concepts of masculinity.
- Though attracting widespread media attention, mass shootings account for less than 1% of firearm deaths annually in the United States.

The Bible

Many nations shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in God's paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. God shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. (Micah 4:2-3)

What does the United Methodist Church Say?

God deplores violence in our homes and streets, rebukes the world's warring madness, humbles the powerful and lifts up the lowly. And so shall we. (2016 Book of Discipline)

The stunning imagery of Micah's dream is the transformation of weapons into instruments of harvesting food. . . God does not collect or hide the weapons from the nations, nor does God transform the weapons outside of human effort. . . the nations themselves "shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks."

Violence, in so many ways, is fueled by fear and self-protection; iron plows and pruning tools can be used as weapons. Yet in Micah's vision, genuine peace and security are given to all people by God after the weapons of violence are transformed: "they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees and no one shall make them afraid." Culture as well as weapons will be transformed: Indeed, "neither shall they learn war anymore."

Gun violence has become all too familiar
A message for your Spiritual Growth

Have You Ever Entertained an Angel?

*Continue to love each other with true brotherly love. Don’t forget to be kind to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it!* Hebrews 13:1, 2 TLB

When was the last time you invited an angel over for lunch? Or, when was the last time you invited a person to lunch who turned out to be an angel? How do you tell angels from other people?

I am sure that there were many visitors in the Early Church. At some of the meetings the walls may have been bursting with people. Some of the regulars probably started grumbling about the crowds. Perhaps this was why Paul wanted them to know that some of the strangers who crowded into their meetings might be sent from God.

I am not sure that this text means literal angels. I am inclined to believe it might mean that some people who appeared as strangers were really gifts of God to the rest of the body. They probably weren’t even called angels, just people with angelic missions or a loving touch.

God sends a never-ending stream of His people through our lives. Some stay awhile. Others are just passing through. Some are on divine missions from God to us. They won’t announce it. We have to discover it.

We are to show love to all and treat all who come to us in a brotherly fashion.

Many times emissaries from God come without calling cards. If we are not careful, we will miss the message and the messenger.

Look for the angel unaware that God might be sending to you today. Be open to the person and the message he/she brings!

Taken from *Every Single Day* by Jim Smoke.

DID YOU KNOW?

that the United Methodist Women has an official font? Well, I didn’t, until today. This is taken directly from the Local United Methodist Women Handbook 2017 – 2020. It is online and it is full of very important information all of us should know. Please make sure you check out the last section which is all about our “brand” (logo, etc.) and it is very specific about what we can and cannot do when speaking about, writing about and using our logo with United Methodist Women. [https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/members-leaders/responsibilities/local-united-methodist-women-handbook-2017-2020](https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/members-leaders/responsibilities/local-united-methodist-women-handbook-2017-2020)

“Why we are who we are and do what we do…”

BIBLICAL BACKGROUND

**Tabitha** was a disciple in the city of Joppa. “She was devoted to good works and acts of charity” (Acts 9:36b). Widows wept and Peter traveled to mourn the death of this woman mentioned in Acts. She was not only a believer but also a do-er as the mourning widows attested when they showed Peter what she had done for them. We do not know what moved him to do what he did next, but God saw it to use Peter to raise Tabitha from the dead so that more would believe.
Biblical Background, cont.

Our belief is shown through what we do. Tabitha is an example of this as are Esther, Rahab and the Samaritan woman. The widowed women showed Peter evidence of Tabitha’s faithfulness through what she did for them. As members of United Methodist Women, we are called to not only believe but also to do. Just as Tamar took what could be considered drastic action to stand up against injustice (Genesis 38), **we are also called to boldly speak out against injustice in our society.**

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**If the word isn’t getting out, United Methodist Women are losing out.** Please be sure to share the information in this newsletter with those who don’t have access to a computer or printer.
Western Jurisdiction United Methodist Women
April 17 – 19, 2020
Doubletree Inn, Tempe, AZ
Keynote speaker: Katherine Hayhoe, world renowned climatologist
Harriet Jane Olson will give an update on United Methodist Women moving forward

- Ubuntu activities (on and off site)
- Educational opportunities
- Garden labyrinth
- Workshops
- Action event
- Worship
- Cultural event
- Election of two directors of United Methodist Women National
- Election of the Western Jurisdiction leadership team for 2020 – 2024
- Meeting friends – old and new – from all over the western Jurisdiction

We are the host conference so let’s have good representation. Couldn’t go to the Assembly? Here’s your chance to participate beyond our own conference right in our own back yard. **Registration opened in July.** More information will be available on the Desert Southwest Conference website and Southwest Winds e-newsletter at a later time.

For participants, Mission u is an opportunity to study current issues impacting society based on [current mission study topics](#) with particular attention to the responsibilities of women in fulfilling the mission work of the church. Participants grow in understanding the mission of the church in the current world context; conference events are open to members and non-members of United Methodist Women.

This year we had 4 applicants for scholarships and since the Desert Southwest Conference United Methodist Women awards two winners, the West District voted to award scholarships to the other two applicants. We have invited them to share a bit about their Mission u experience at the West District Annual meeting held at Epworth in October, so we hope to see you there and join with us in meeting these dynamic women.
Mary Barefoot

I am a lifelong Methodist. I will be married 55 years in September to Eric Barefoot. My husband and I have been traveling in our motorhome since our retirement in 2006. I was an administrative assistant for my entire career, the last 24 years in ECPI College (now a University) working for the Vice President of Administration in charge of compliance of accreditation and state regulations. I developed and taught a program for secretaries interested in the Certified Professional Secretary designation. I also developed a seminar company with another person and gave seminars to various colleges and business in the Virginia Beach area. I was a part-time professional photographer for the last eight years prior to retirement, I love to crochet, and am an avid reader.

I have been in the Gila Mountain UMW for approximately three years. I became secretary in January 2019. I participate in Naomi Circle. I have completed Level II in the Reading Program, having just completed the second book in each category and reading the Response Magazines to date and hope to complete Level III. In addition, I participate in the “Wrapped in Love” program at the church making prayer shawls and baby afghans.

I am thankful for the opportunity to attend Mission u and hope the experience helps me grow in the organization.

Pamela Prohoroff

My husband Alexei & I moved to Prescott Valley, AZ last year after living in San Diego. I have four grown children who are wildly successful and a beautiful 8-month old grandson. I grew up in the Midwest and went to University in Washington, D.C. and Paris, France. The travel bug bit me and I proceeded over the years to live in 7 countries including Budapest, Vienna, Japan, China and Costa Rica. I had my children along the way and they attended foreign schools which greatly benefited them as they all went to elite universities. I did have a career while my children were growing up. I specialized in International Marketing and Sales and worked with a number of catalogs, online and software companies. When I retired 11 years ago, I was a V.P. of Marketing.

I’ve stayed busy with volunteer, church and family but have recently decided to go back to graduate school. I’m currently enrolled in a computer science course at Harvard University. It’s funny because one of my sons is a programmer for Facebook.

An interesting bit of trivia is that both my husband and I are 4th-generation Preacher’s Kids! I’m so honored to have received this scholarship and look forward to meeting other Godly and interesting women.
Linda Benedict

I am a 66 widow and I recently rejoined my long-time church, Trinity United Methodist Church on 31st Avenue and Glendale.

I am the mother of two daughters who live out of Arizona. I also have 4 grandchildren.

I had never been a Circle member before but when I came back to Trinity, I was invited to join Esther Circle. Circle meetings are important to me because it gives me a chance to participate in the mission activities of the Church and fellowship with my Trinity sisters-in-Christ. I was given the opportunity to go to Mission u and was fortunate to be awarded a scholarship. I enjoyed my Mission u experience very much.

Thank you to the District for awarding me this scholarship and give me the opportunity to attend Mission u.

Our 4th recipient was Julie Killebrew of Sun City.

Sisters, all!
In preparation for the Annual meeting, be thinking about what can be donated in kind to UMOM the Mission Project for this year. Here is a list of items that they can always use.

**Hygiene**
- Shampoo and conditioner (full size)
- Deodorant
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Feminine hygiene items
- New socks and undergarments (all ages/sizes)

**Cleaning**
- Laundry detergent
- Bleach
- Dish soap
- All-purpose cleaner
- Floor cleaner
- Disinfectant wipes

**Infant Care**
- Size 4-6 diapers
- Size 2T-5T pull-up diapers
- Baby wipes
- Baby shampoo
- Formula (Similac)
- Bottles

**Household**
- Sheets (twin + full)
- Blankets
- Towels
- Pillows
- Vinyl-zippered mattress protectors
- Bath mats
- Shower curtains
- Laundry baskets

**Furniture**
- Small sofas
- Kitchen tables and chairs
- Dressers
- Mattresses (twin + full), box springs + bed frames
- Lamps
- End tables
- Nightstands

**Food**
- Bottled water
- Non-perishable healthy individual-sized snacks
- Non-perishable microwaveable meals (ramen, easy mac, etc.)
- Paper plates, plastic utensils, paper napkins
- Grocery store gift cards (Fry’s, Food City, etc.)

**Secondary Needs**
- Clothing (Men, women + children)
- Professional clothing (Men + women)
- Adult bikes
- Strollers
- Kid’s books

**LET’S DO IT AGAIN!**
Last year we broke the Guinness World Record for the largest Tk thong sandal race. We need your help defending that record and raising funds and awareness for UMOM!

REGISTER NOW at umom.org/walk
Did you know that anyone can receive the district and conference newsletters? Recently at Mission u several women inquired how they and/or other members of their unit could receive the United Methodist Women newsletters.

A little background: Districts usually send their quarterly newsletters to all local officers via email or a link to their newsletter, which is on the web. Each year the conference adds the names of the new local presidents and secretaries (or alternate officers) of each local unit to their monthly e-news distribution list. Names are never removed from the lists, unless requested to do so. Therefore, the lists continue to build. Any time anyone asks to have their name added, it is placed on the appropriate list.

Signing up is easy. To have someone or a group of names added to the West District mailing list please send a request to: CommCoordBuchholtz@yahoo.com

To receive the Desert Southwest Conference United Methodist Women’s monthly e-news, the Southwest Winds, sent right to your computer’s inbox, send an email to: umwomen@dscumc.org Please note – before you send in a list of names please be sure it is okay with everyone on the list to be included.

Our United Methodist Women’s conference web pages hold a wealth of information, including recent and back copies of the district and conference newsletters. Be sure to check it out: https://dscumc.org/united-methodist-women/

Bev Secrist, communications coordinator
Desert Southwest Conference United Methodist Women

From Billie K. Fidlin
Director of Outreach & Justice
Desert Southwest Conference United Methodist Church

Hello Ladies,

Yesterday I met with Joan Sisco, Founder and CEO of Veterans First. This nonprofit addresses the needs and support of, homeless female veterans. I think that United Methodist Women would be a great connection and I was hoping you would forward this email to the United Methodist district leaders so that they and Joan could connect. Joan’s email is in the cc of this email. Her cell number is 602-487-7022. They have various needs and I see this as a win/win for the AZ DSC districts.

~Note from Cheryl
This sounds like a great chance to help our women in uniform. I strongly urge all units to think about helping this nonprofit http://veteransfirstltd.org/ Check out their website.
What’s Going on in the Neighborhood?

New Song United Methodist Women
Surprise, AZ

Article submitted by Kimi Ivey

Looking ahead a bit to November 16, New Song United Methodist Women have planned an all-day Women’s Retreat at the Franciscan Renewal Center. The Spiritual Leader for the retreat will be Mary Holland. This will also be open to other churches as well, it will be a day to Remember.

Mark Your Calendars!!

What: United Methodist Women’s Retreat
When: November 16, 2019
Where: The Casa: Franciscan Renewal Center
5802 East Lincoln Drive, Scottsdale, Arizona 85253-4124
Times: Registration- 9:00 to 9:30 am
Communion and closing – 2:30-3:00 pm

Theme: JUST BREATHE
Facilitator: Mary Holland

Cost: $40.00 per person & includes lunch at the casa.

Information to follow in the fall.

Come and join us for a time of inspiration and joy.
Saturday, August 10 our United Methodist Women sponsored a Baked Potato Bar with all the trimmings (potatoes & green salad with many choices in condiments, fruit cups, cookies & mini cupcakes for dessert plus beverages.

We also gave away 4 door prizes and offered a selection of silent auction items. We made $556 and were pleased with the results to add to our mission project funding and to the Legacy Fund.

THIS JUST IN: Prescott United Methodist Women had 4 women attend Mission u. The Marilyn Chaplin Scholarship recipient Pamela Prohoroff attended in Las Vegas with Janette Gann because she was unable to attend the East/West Mission u held at Lakeview.

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**First United Methodist Church, Sun City**

**ATTENTION LADIES:**

Save the date October 28, 2019, 11:30 a.m.

First United Methodist Women of Sun City will be having a free salad luncheon. This is our Unit meeting and we have a very special program planned. Shirley Madkins, owner of Son Glow Boutique in Surprise, AZ, will be our speaker.

She will tell us why she decided to open this boutique and about the missionaries that receive the benefits of the profits. A mini style show will include some of the fashions that can be purchased at the boutique. All are invited to attend but please RSVP to: Colleen Becker, President, 623-341-5107, or cbecker14@cox.net by Thursday, October 17. We want to make sure we have enough salad to serve everyone and table settings.

Submitted by Colleen Becker, President United Methodist Women
Mountain View UMC - Cottonwood

Pretty Hats Galore!

Talk of this year's Woman's Special Fun Day started far in advance of the May 18th event. It was to be a rather formal tea with hats mandatory. Ladies volunteered to host one of 13 tables, to provide their own china, silverware, crystal, table covering and centerpiece. Each table could be as creative as one desired it to be. What fun! No two tables were alike. It was the same with the hats and yes, every lady wore one. What a variety! Some hats looked fairly recent. Some were from thrift stores and some put together with vivid imagination.

Prizes were given for the prettiest and most outrageous. Tea sandwiches, salads, fruit and light desserts were served buffet style and various teas were available. The program included singing by a group of ladies from the Community Verde Valley Chorus. The selection "A Good Man is Hard to Find" was great fun, as was the entire event, filled with nostalgia, reminiscing, crazy and gorgeous hats, beautiful tables and good Methodist fellowship.

No Ordinary Rummage Sale

All year long Mt. View ladies are planning for their annual rummage sale. This year it was held May 3 and 4. As usual, shoppers could find almost anything they were looking for and in addition, items they just couldn't resist.
Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Women
Sun City West

Fall Events out West
Submitted by Cindy Larsen

October:  Baby Layette Shower for Luke Air Force Base
What could be more fun than shopping for BABIES! We are really looking
forward to this program.

November:  Program on Human Trafficking—We welcome an update on
the global movement to end the complex web of labor bondage
and sexual exploitation.

December:  Christmas Celebration—Books, Puzzles and Christmas Carols
We love this luncheon and opportunity to donate children's books and
puzzles to our local community. Music will be provided by our fabulous
church organist--Bill Moore!

Attached please find a photo of our officers.