South District United Methodist Women E-News

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From your South District Leadership Team

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From Your South District President

Dear South United Methodist Women,

It has been a pleasure to serve you as your South District President for the past four years. Before taking this position I served as your South District Treasurer for 5 years. As many of you know, I was very new to the Methodist family. I have enjoyed all the events we have shared, the laughter, the Camaraderie, the retreats, prayers, joys, and yes even the losses. I have always considered each of you as part of my family and have loved each of you. However, it is time for me to move on. I have accepted the position as Business Manager for Mission u and I am very excited about being asked to serve in this position. So I will get to see many of you at our Mission u events. Also, our Conference has asked me to be a nominee as a Director for the United Methodist Women. This is also exciting, and I am looking forward to the Western Jurisdiction Quadrennial Event in April when all the Director Nominees will meet and be elected by the delegates to Western Jurisdiction.

The South District Leadership Team is still in need of leadership I pray that some of you will step up to the plate and join this wonderful team. The positions still open are; president, vice president, chair of the committee on nominations and three to four members of the committee. John Wesley said:

“Do all the good you can by all the means you can in all the places you can at all the times you can to all the people you can as long as ever you can.”

God is good all the time and may God continue to bless each of you. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Bobbie Norris, South District outgoing president
From your Treasurer

It is difficult to believe that it is going to be Thanksgiving next week and Christmas season is right around the corner. The year seems to past so much faster and many of us are not sure what we have accomplished this year.

To all my Local Organizations treasurers the deadline for this year for your final remittances and a chance to qualify for a Five Star Award is **Tuesday, December 10th**.

Remember these Five Star Giving items qualifies you for the award:

1. Pay your Pledge to Mission in full
2. Purchase a Special Mission Recognition pin
3. Purchase a Mission Giving Card
4. Purchase a Gift in Memory Card
5. Send in your World Thank Offering

I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed December with all the celebrations around and the birth of Jesus.

District Treasurer
Patsy June.
From your Vice President of Programming

It has been a privilege and honor to serve as your Vice President of Programming this past year.

There are 2 fun and exciting events planned for early next year.

The first one is for February 1st, 2020 for the next Leadership Enhancement Gathering, Lets give United Methodist Woman a Leg Up.

The format will be set up as a **STUMP THE PANEL**
Please come prepared with at least 3 questions for each leadership team member that you think might stump them.
There will be prizes if you succeed.
The event will be held at: **St. Marks UMC**
1431 W Magee Road
From: **8:30-9:00 Registration**
**9:00-12:30 Event**

There will be a program and break out sessions for a couple of the offices as needed.
Mark your calendar because you don’t want to miss this one!
[Click here for the registration form](#) & you can also find one at the end of this newsletter.

Another date to put on your calendar is:
May 3rd, 2020. We are planning a Tea Party!
The fun event will be held at: **St. Paul’s UMC**
8051 E Broadway Blvd
Tucson, AZ 85710

It will be an actual high tea party complete with a very fun program.
This a free social event.
wear your favorite hat because there will be prizes for:
the most original,
the funniest,
and the best theme.
Each unit will be asked to bring a tray of tea sandwiches and cookies to share.
Watch your Footprints for additional information and the registration form.
Catheryn Lamb Simpson

I hail from Kingston, Ontario Canada. With my affiliation with the United States Air Force, I traveled and lived in several states. Our overseas assignment was to Yokota AB, Japan, just outside of Tokyo. Our first night there we experienced a 7.6 earthquake, “What a Welcome!” One of my most fascinating jobs was teaching English as a second language (ESL). We lived in Japan for four years and I was lucky enough to travel about the orient. This is where I began writing and composing layouts for several military organizational newsletters as well as doing their publicity. We came to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in 1989 where I continued working on newsletters and photography until my husband Paul retired in 1996. I have many hobbies that include gardening, quilting, and especially reading. We have been members of St. Mark’s UMC since 2000. I am active in our animal ministry and Ties That Bind prayer quilt ministry as well as various United Methodist Women circles and activities.

My goal is to keep our district informed of events and items of interest where strict deadlines are key. This is where I especially need your help. Our newsletter articles and announcements are only as good as what I receive. I also will be serving on the committee on nominations and will need your help finding leaders to serve.

Please Prayerfully consider how you can help!
2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 1, Leadership Enhancement Gathering
    St. Mark’s UMC
March 23, Annual Legacy Day of Giving
April 17-19 Western Jurisdiction Quadrennial
    Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Tempe
May 3, Tea Party
    St. Paul’s United Methodist Church
August 21,22, Mission u South District
    Catalina United Methodist Church
October 10, South District United Methodist Women Annual Meeting
    Sanctuary UMC
October 23, Conference United Methodist Women
    Officer training
    St. Paul’s United Methodist Church
October 26, Conference United Methodist Women Annual Celebration
    St. Paul’s United Methodist Church
A Christmas Prayer
by Robert Louis Stevenson

Loving Father,
Help us remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate
and open the door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift
and good desires with every greeting.
Deliver us from evil by the blessing
which Christ brings,
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning
make us happy to be thy children,
and Christmas evening bring us to our beds
with grateful thoughts,
forgiving and forgiven,
for Jesus' sake.

Amen.
REGISTRATION FORM
SOUTH DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
LEADERSHIP ENHANCEMENT GATHERING

Saturday, February 1, 2020
St. Mark’s UMC
1431 W Magee Road
Tucson, AZ 85704

Time: 8:30-12:30
8:30-9:00-Check-In
No cost

Registration deadline: Friday, January 24, 2020
If child care requested must register by: Friday, January 24, 2020

Send this Registration form to:

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

Use one registration form per person, copy as needed.

Please retain a copy of this registration form for your records.

Name ____________________________________________ Email ____________________________

Phone __________________ Street ____________________________

City ____________ zip ______________

Church ____________________________ Office Held in Local Organization ____________________________

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

Do you Need Childcare? ______ Child(s) name ____________________________ age(s) _________ _________ (See Deadline Dates Above for the Event) (Please pack a lunch for your child)

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