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## South District United Methodist Women E-News

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Welcome your new  
South District  
President  
Erin Fly



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## From Your South District President

Hello All,

I am Erin Fly, the new president of the South District United Methodist Women. I have previously served as Social Action Coordinator for our district. I grew up with my family in United Methodist Women at the First United Methodist Church in Safford, Arizona, and became a member after college. I currently live in Tucson and attend St. Francis of the Foothills.



In the coming two years I will do my best to continue my predecessors' work and goals and to help the South District's members grow and be active in mission. Another of my goals is to help members connect through the social media apps and platforms they already use with family and friends.

I'm looking forward to meeting you at our upcoming events and seeing the great work of our units through this coming year. Let's put our Faith, Hope and Love into action.



## **From your Treasurer**

The start of a New Year and things seem to be moving slowly. We have Finally got a new President for the District Board, Erin Fly. I for one am so grateful that Erin has agreed to take this very important position and wish her the best. I think all of us on the Board agree that we are willing to assist her in making this a successful year.

Once again, the audit reports from each unit are due to me by June 30, 2020. I realize that seems a long time away, but we can all, myself included, plan to get this important project done.

Since we did not have Leadership Training this year, if any of the unit Treasurers have any questions or need assistance please do not hesitate to email me or call. I will be happy to make arrangement to meet with you or guide you over the phone.

### **Congratulations to the Following FIVE STAR Units for 2019**

Catalina  
Desert Skies  
Green Valley  
Sierra Vista  
St. Mark's  
St. Paul's  
Willcox

Remember all it takes to be a Five Star Unit is:

Pay your Pledge to Mission in full  
Purchase a Gift in Memory Card  
Purchase of Gift in Mission Card  
Purchase a Special Mission Recognition pin  
Send in a World Thank Offering

Patsy June,  
South District treasurer



## From your Leadership Team

South District still needs help filling the following leadership positions: Vice President of Programming

Chair, Committee of Nominations

& at least 4 additional members

Social Action Coordinator

Educating Members for Mission Coordinator

Communication Coordinator



Please search your heart and pray about this. It's really difficult to operate a district with these key positions vacant.

### Current Leadership Team

Erin Fly, president-575-635-3330

Clara Campbell, secretary-520-297-6669

Patsy June, treasurer-520-444-1364

Christine Maglott, spiritual growth coordinator-520-393-7427

Alice Brown, interim communications coordinator-520-297-6972

Pam Down, member of committee on nominations-616-648-0521

### Census 2019

2019  
Census

The 2019 Census is open! Deadline is March 30, 2020. It's shorter than last year. Check it out and familiarize yourself with the data required. We're aiming for 100% reporting this year. The Census Link can be found on the United Methodist Women's website. The link is [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census) 2019. You will need to know your church name and zip code, the number of members as of Dec. 31, 2019 and the number of new members added or deleted in 2019. You will be asked questions regarding your unit's use of the Response magazine and the types of programs that you have had during the year. Need help? Call one of the officers listed above & they will help you input your information.

## From your Spiritual Growth Coordinator

I was recently looking online for ideas and new material for my own spiritual growth, when I stumbled upon a great article by Reverend Tyler Edwards of North Carolina. His ministry is dedicated to helping Christians GROW. Here are excerpts from his article that I wanted to share with you. This is Part 1 of 3; Parts 2 and 3 will be in the next two newsletters.

Christine Maglott, spiritual growth coordinator

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### What Does Spiritual Growth Actually Look Like?

#### 10 Ways to Know If You're Maturing Spiritually.

Tyler Edwards

All living things grow. With human beings, we watch babies learn to crawl, to walk, to talk. We grow from total dependence on our parents to eventually being parents are ourselves. The human maturing process is a journey from total dependence to independence. Our spiritual journeys are just the opposite. We start off in rebellion against God, *thinking* we are fully independent from Him.

Spiritual maturity, then, is the process of recognizing our *complete dependence* on God and learning to rely on Him rather than on ourselves. As we grow and mature in our relationship with Him, we realize how much we need Him.

But for all the talk we hear about spiritual growth, it's often difficult to understand exactly what it looks like.

Too often, churches and ministries focus on getting people into church, getting them to pray a prayer and check the "Christian" box. But after that, there isn't always a lot of post-decision care. New people coming into the church might call themselves Christians, but they might not have much of an idea what that means on a daily basis. Following Jesus isn't just a one-time decision.

It involves studying scripture, regular and ongoing prayer, discerning God's will in our lives, doing our best to live into God's will for us, caring for those around us and sharing the Gospel with them - and much more. It is not a one month or one year course, but a way of living throughout our lives. Spiritual growth, just like physical growth, is a daily process.

*Be sure to catch Part 2 of this article in the next newsletter. It will address the first 5 of 10 Ways to Know if You're Maturing Spiritually.*



## Mission u 2020 theme is: The Way of Peace: Our Longing for Community

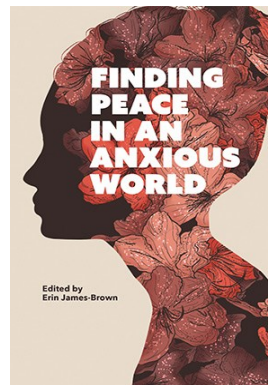
### Spiritual Growth Mission Study:

**Finding Peace in an Anxious World**, by staff of the Urban Village Church, uses the book of Proverbs and “The Serenity Prayer” as a guide to help Christians find their way through anxiety, worry, and fear and move towards God’s peace that surpasses all understanding. Finding Peace in an Anxious World explores ways to discover peace through scriptural and spiritual disciplines so that we can be rooted in God and energized to live fully as disciples of Christ.

To order this resource from United Methodist Women (\$10 + postage) click the link:

[Finding Peace](#)

This study will be taught by Julie Yarrow and Rev. Patti Blackwood.

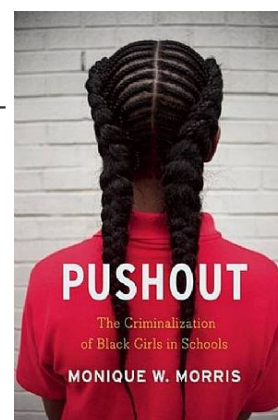


### Issue Mission Study:

#### **Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools**

Despite increased attention to the over-incarceration of black men, the plight of criminalized black women and girls is overlooked, underreported and under analyzed. Monique W. Morris' Pushout shows how even with obstacles, stigmas, stereotypes and despair, black girls still find ways to breathe remarkable dignity into their lives in classrooms, juvenile facilities and beyond, and challenges the rest of us to do the same.

You may purchase Pushout from a bookstore or borrow from a library near you. It is **not** available to order from [umwmissionresources.org](http://umwmissionresources.org)

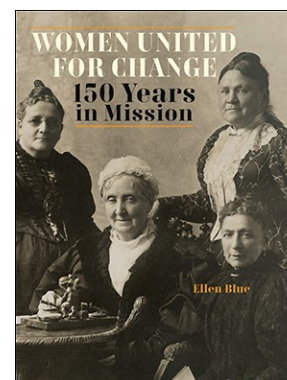


Our teachers for Pushout will be Billie Fidlin and co-teachers (Las Vegas) Deb Williams and Alberta Farnsworth.

### Mission Study Special Publication

#### **Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission**

Ellen Blue invites us to explore and celebrate the history of United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations. As Blue says, “Women have done some of the most important ministry the church has ever accomplished.” We can step out with creative ministries to address the needs of women, children, and youth because the women who came before us laid a strong foundation for us to build upon. As we work together on critical issues, we also grow in our own faith. We are still saying **yes** to God’s call to mission. To order this resource click the link: [Women United for Change](#)



This study will be offered in the East/West) Mission u only (at Lakeview UMC), taught by Eileen Guillermo.

July 10-11 – Advent UMC, Las Vegas

July 31-Aug. 1 – Lakeview UMC, Sun City

Aug. 21-22 – Catalina UMC, Tucson

Registration will be available around April 15



## LEGACY FUND ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN CONTINUES



### SAVE THE DATE

Join us in celebrating the 150th anniversary of United Methodist Women with a special Day of Giving on Tuesday, March 23, 2020

### Day of Giving March 23, 2020

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](https://unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund)

**Call 800-278-7771**

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST, Monday-Friday  
and Tuesday, March 23, 2020

**Text 41444** and enter *Legacy150* in the message area.

### Write a Check

United Methodist Women  
Attn: Legacy  
475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor  
New York, NY 10115  
Write **"Day of Giving"** in the memo section.



**THE LEGACY FUND  
ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN**

## 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.

## Tea Party





## 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- March 23,** Annual Legacy Day of Giving  
**March 30,** Census due to National  
**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 rehearsal  
St. Paul's United Methodist Church  
**October 24,** Conference United Methodist Women Annual Celebration  
St. Paul's United Methodist Church



**THE LEGACY FUND  
ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN**



## An Irish Prayer

May God give you...  
For every storm, a rainbow,  
For every tear, a smile,  
For every care, a promise,  
And a blessing in each trial.  
For every problem life sends,  
A faithful friend to share,  
For every sigh, a sweet song,  
And an answer for each prayer

## An Easter Prayer by Helen Steiner Rice:

### May this Easter Grandeur Awaken Faded Flowers of Faith

God, give us eyes to see  
the beauty of the Spring,  
And to behold Your majesty  
in every living thing –  
And may we see in lacy leaves  
and every budding flower  
The Hand that rules the universe  
with gentleness and power –  
And may this Easter grandeur  
that Spring lavishly imparts  
Awaken faded flowers of faith  
lying dormant in our hearts,  
And give us ears to hear, dear God,  
the Springtime song of birds  
With messages more meaningful  
than man's often empty words  
Telling harried human beings  
who are lost in dark despair –  
'Be like us and do not worry  
for God has you in His care.

....Helen Steiner Rice

