



West District

# Cactus Patch

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## President Colleen Becker

*2020 Theme*  
**"Changing the World With ACTION"**

*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



**REGISTER NOW FOR THE JOINT ZOOM CONFERENCE/DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING**

**REGISTER BY OCTOBER 5.**

This year's Annual Celebration will include **all four District Annual Celebrations** plus the **Conference Annual Celebration**. We invite you to join us on ZOOM on Saturday, October 10, starting at 9 a.m.

Click here to register:  
<https://dscumc.org/secure/2020-umw-annual-celebration>

Read the current issue of the Southwest Winds for further information. There will also be a practice session for people unfamiliar with using ZOOM. Information to follow.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
DESERT SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE  
WEST DISTRICT  
LOCAL ORGANIZATION CALENDAR**

**Cactus Patch Articles Due**

**November 15, 2020**

Please send Cactus Patch articles to Cheryl Buchholtz: [westsecBuchholtz@yahoo.com](mailto:westsecBuchholtz@yahoo.com).

**Looking Ahead into 2021**

Leadership Development Days Yuma January 16, 2021

Gila Mountain United Methodist Church, 9 am  
12716 N. Frontage Rd, Yuma, AZ 85367

Leadership Development Days Sun City January 23, 2021

Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church, 9 am  
13658 W. Meeker Blvd., Sun City, AZ 85375

**2021 Conference Retreat: March 20 - 21** to be held at Spirit in the Desert, Carefree, AZ.  
Theme to be: *Mind, Body and Spirit: Getting Balance Back in Our Lives.*

\*\*\* We recognize that any of the activities list above are dependent upon the COVID virus.  
The West District Leadership Team will take directions from the Conference.

<b>DUE DATE</b>	<b>WHEN REPORTS ARE DUE</b>	<b>SEND TO</b>
Sept. 1	Memorial List	District Membership Care Coordinator
Nov. 30	Your local organization's officers information for new directory	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 Social Action Coordinator
Dec. 31	Mission Today Forms	District President
Dec. 31	Outstanding Local Organization Form	District Education for Mission Coordinator

(Make sure you get your new Mission Today form from the West District President, Colleen Becker. It has been revised taking the COVID Virus Vacation into consideration.)

## *Conversation with Colleen*

United Methodist Church DSW WD President Colleen Becker

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Even though we have not been having in-person meetings for United Methodist Women for a few months, there have been planning meetings by zoom happening frequently. Normally the first Saturday in October the West District holds an Annual Celebration and toward the end of October the Desert Southwest Conference holds an Annual Celebration for all of the women in the conference. These celebrations, like everything else this year, are not happening as normal. The plans are to have one big zoom meeting combining all four districts and the conference meeting in one on October 10, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. For those of you not comfortable with zoom there will be a practice session in September. Go to [dscumc.org](http://dscumc.org), United Methodist Women and click on newsletter dated 8/14/2020 for registration. This promises to be a new experience for all of us. Many are working behind the scenes to make this a great experience. Plan to join us. If you have any questions, feel free to call me, text me, or email me.

Our speakers this year come from two wonderful organizations that work with the foster care system. One is from Trinity Opportunity Alliance, Jane Pearson, hosted by our West District to tell us about aging out of foster care. Bonnie Morley, hosted by the North District, will tell us about foster care and the open table. Lastly, Rev. Jamie Booth, Tempe First United Methodist Church/ Wesley campus ministry pastor, will share with us about being a foster mom.

If your unit would like to make a mission offering to our West District organization TOA, just send to our treasurer, Michele Justice, P. O. Box 555, Buckeye, AZ 85326. Be sure to indicate that this is a special offering to Trinity Opportunity Alliance. These young adults need our help.

A reminder to all units, we revised the Mission Today Award. Because of the difficulty of achieving many of the requirements we eliminated some and require fewer in number. This revised form will only be for this year 2020, and you need to return it to me by December 10, 2020.

Prayers and blessings to all of you,  
Colleen Becker, West District President

**Check out the world maps indicating the various missions supported by United Methodist Women. They make a great display on United Methodist Women Sunday.**  
<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/maps/mission-maps>

## Notes from Eva Ndavu

United Methodist Women DSW WD Vice-President  
[erndavu@yahoo.com](mailto:erndavu@yahoo.com)



Not a lot of news from the Vice President right now, however we have heard from Gila Mountain United Methodist Church, Yuma and Shepherd of the Hills, Sun City and both churches have agreed to host the LDD (Leadership Development Days) in January. Put those on your calendar now and let's have a great turnout. Of course, this all hinges on the COVID VIRUS and Bishop Bob's instructions for Conference gatherings.

Blessings,  
Eva Ndavu

## Chatter from Cheryl - [westsecBuchholtz@yahoo.com](mailto:westsecBuchholtz@yahoo.com)

United Methodist Women DSW WD Secretary Cheryl Buchholtz



**"Being secretary is a very exciting job in any organization - especially if you are one of those people who always wants to know WHAT is going on."** This is the way I began my newsletter article three months ago...and guess what? While I am still one of those people who wants to always know what is going on - right now,, being West District Secretary hasn't helped at all.

Everything has changed and continues to change. There are days I feel like a hermit and if Buck weren't here (and our three dogs), I would probably go nuts. But, even in this altered state, we are still doing "God's Good Work."

Our United Methodist Women's Executive Boards are still meeting to stay on top of business and meeting plans, even though we are all learning to be flexible knowing that depending on the COVID, our plans may be cancelled or changed. This current fact of life is rendering some secretarial minutes out of date the minute they are finished.

But that is OK - United Methodist Women knows how to persevere - during the most difficult of times. The issues that we support are still around as are those young people, mothers and children in need. That means we are looking for ways to serve those who need our help.

So, read the minutes when they are mailed to you, be a compassionate member and think of ways you can take action to help others during this VIRUS VACATION...and WEAR THAT MASK WHEN YOU ARE OUT AND ABOUT! STAY SAFE!!

~ Cheryl

## Committee on Nominations

United Methodist Women DSC WD Chair **Vicki Keel**  
vkeel55@gmail.com



Since my last article, the Nominations Committee has met, with some success, via ZOOM. Our two meetings were mainly to touch base. I have to admit I need to become more "tech savvy". These unique times have been trying for many of us on the committee, as I am sure they have been for many of you.

I decided today to fill you in on the members of the Committee on Nominations since two of them will be leaving the team at the end of the year.

Helen and Pam Jackson will no longer be on the team after the end of the year. Helen has shared that she feels bad because the Back To School clothing drive was cancelled due to the COVID VIRUS. Helen has volunteered with this effort for many years. This clothing drive helps 5000 children. The team did manage to get some things together for parents to pick up when school started.

Pam Jackson's (Helen's daughter) job at Kid Space had been impacted by COVID-19. Not being able to hug their retiring pastor and not having Vacation Bible School caused her stress.

Paula Sallas has been feeling very out of sorts lately although she does attend ZOOM meetings; she misses her anchors - in person church and meetings. Paula will be leaving the Nominating Team and moving back to her position of Social Action chair.

Janet Rummel is moving to the position of Secretary of Program Resources.

As you can see, that leaves only me on the Nominating Team. We desperately need at least four people from other chapters to step up and help me with this job but I am optimistic. Please contact our team if you feel the call to help West District United Methodist Women Leadership Team.

Yours in Christ,  
Vicki Keel  
Chairperson of Nominations

\*See complete list of candidates on page 10 of this newsletter.

\$\$\$\$ Money Matters \$\$\$\$

United Methodist Women DSC WD

Michele Justice



Dear United Methodist Women of the West District;

Greeting and prayers for well-being and good health for you all. These certainly have been trying times for many of us. Your West District officers have approved the budget for 2021 and it will be voted on at the Desert Southwest Conference annual meeting. The West District Annual meeting will be combined with the conference and all 4 districts, West, South, North, East in one large celebration. It will be interesting to see how this will be accomplished and I am looking forward to attending via ZOOM. Even though this pandemic has prevented us from doing our usual fundraising activities, our West District units have been faithful in submitting their pledges, Gifts to Mission, Gifts in Memory, ordering Special Mission Recognition Pins and collecting donations for the Call to Prayer and Self Denial.

I am happy to report we are a bit ahead on those submissions compared to this same time last year. That is heartening and encouraging. Our mission to help women and children all over the world will continue regardless of this pandemic. One thing is for certain, life does go on and we will figure out a way to stay connected. We are dedicated to help in many ways. I look forward to seeing many of your faces at the Annual Celebration.

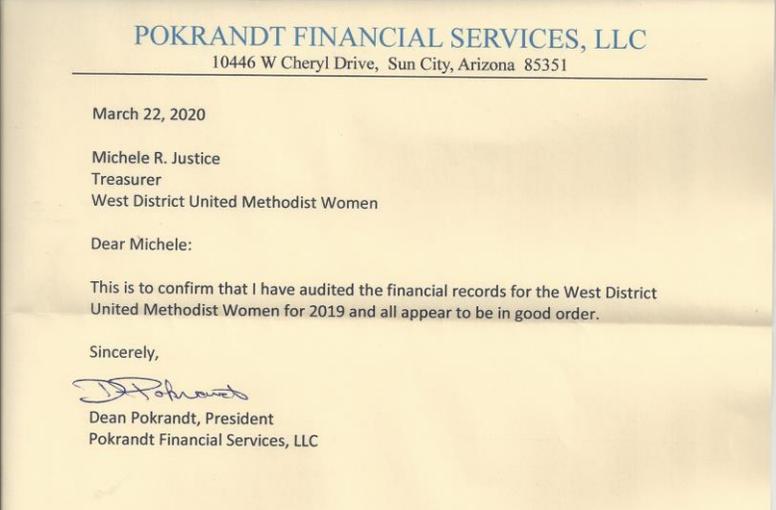
Your Sister in Christ

Michele Justice

Treasurer West District United Methodist Women

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We are required to publish the audit paperwork and the 2021 budget at the annual meeting.



**West District UMW**  
**Profit & Loss Budget Overview**  
January through December 2021

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1							
2							Jan - Dec 21
3						Ordinary Income/Expense	
4						Income	
5						Designated Giving	
6						Call to Prayer & Self Denial	1,250.00
7						Legacy Fund	500.00
8						National Mission	0.00
9						UMCOR	700.00
10						World Thank Offering	2,400.00
11						Total Designated Giving	4,850.00
12						Direct Public Support	
13						Gifts in Kind	136.00
14						Total Direct Public Support	136.00
15						District Income	
16						A&MD	8,000.00
17						Directory Sales	54.00
18						Mission U scholarship reimburse	120.00
19						Total District Income	8,174.00
20						Event income	
21						Jurisdiction rec'd frm conf	905.00
22						Registrations	
23						Annual West Dist Meeting	850.00
24						LDD Training	850.00
25						Total Registrations	1,700.00
26						Total Event income	2,605.00
27						Event Offering	
28						Annual meeting offering	400.00
29						Event offering	0.00
30						Total Event Offering	400.00
31						Mission Giving (5 stars)	
32						Gift in Memory Cards	800.00
33						Gift to Mission Cards	400.00
34						Pledge to Mission	35,000.00
35						SMR	
36						pins Past President	100.00
37						Total SMR	100.00
38						World Thank Offering	0.00
39						Total Mission Giving (5 stars)	36,300.00
40						Other type of Income	
41						Miscellaneous Revenue	150.00
42						Total Other type of Income	150.00
43						Total Income	52,615.00
44						Expense	
45						5 Star Giving	

Accrual Basis

**PROFIT & LOSS Budget Overview**  
January through December 2021

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1							
2							Jan - Dec 21
46						Gift in Memory Cards	800.00
47						Gift to Mission Cards	400.00
48						Pledge to Mission	
49						Event offering	400.00
50						Pledge to mission	35,000.00
51						Total Pledge to Mission	35,400.00
52						Savings to Conference	
53						Assembly -savings	500.00
54						Jurisdiction - savings	500.00
55						Total Savings to Conference	1,000.00
56						Special Mission Recognition	
57						WD SMR & past presidents pin	50.00
58						Special Mission Recognition - Other	1,000.00
59						Total Special Mission Recognition	1,050.00
60						World Thank Offering	2,400.00
61						Total 5 Star Giving	41,050.00
62						Contract Services	
63						Audit fees	75.00
64						Total Contract Services	75.00
65						Designated Gifts	
66						Call to prayer	2,400.00
67						Legacy Fund	500.00
68						UMCOR	700.00
69						Total Designated Gifts	3,600.00
70						Directories	0.00
71						District officer Expenses	
72						Computer supplies & Maintenance	120.00
73						Directories	175.00
74						Local Unit Mileage	140.00
75						Meals	200.00
76						Mileage	250.00
77						Name Badges	80.00
78						Officer SMR pins	160.00
79						Postage	60.00
80						President to Annual Conference	600.00
81						Printing	300.00
82						Registrations	80.00
83						Supplies	75.00
84						Total District officer Expenses	2,240.00
85						Event Expenses	
86						conference social act event	100.00
87						District Social Action Event	75.00
88						DSWConference Annual Meeting	

**West District UMW  
Profit & Loss Budget Overview  
January through December 2021**

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1							
2							Jan - Dec 21
89						conference annual lodging	750.00
90						conference annual meals	150.00
91						Conference annual mileage	800.00
92						conference annual registration	300.00
93						Total DSWConference Annual Meeting	2,000.00
94						WD Annual Celebration	
95						meals for Team	120.00
96						Meals paid to church	700.00
97						Mileage	150.00
98						Total WD Annual Celebration	970.00
99						Total Event Expenses	3,145.00

				Programs	
100					
101				Local Unit Training LDD	
102				Lodging	700.00
103				Meals	260.00
104				Mileage	600.00
105				Postage	10.00
106				Speaker, Pianist, Child Care	75.00
107				Supplies	175.00
108				Total Local Unit Training LDD	1,820.00
109				Mission U	
110				Books, materials	60.00
111				Lodging	75.00
112				Mileage	50.00
113				Registration	300.00
114				scholarship - local	200.00
115				Total Mission U	685.00
116				Total Programs	2,505.00
117				Total Expense	52,615.00
118				Net Ordinary Income	0.00
119				Net Income	0.00

Please give me a call or send me an email if you have any questions about the budget.  
~ Michele Justice

*Spiritual Growth*

United Methodist Women DSC WD

*Jen Kistler*



Hello Sisters in Christ,

I have been thinking about my failure recently to not enriching my life by being willing to know God with passion. It is something I struggle with too often. As I searched for help, I can upon the following verses:

“One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. To gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to see His temple.”  
~ Psalm 27:4

“Yes, Everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ.”  
~ Philippians 3:8

“I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord. “Plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”  
~ Jeremiah 29: 11 - 13

These surely have given me help with introspection. I hope this helps you as well.  
Blessings, Jen



## Linda's Lines About

# Education for Mission for Education/Social Action

United Methodist Women DSC WD Linda Triolo [lindatriolo@cox.net](mailto:lindatriolo@cox.net)

Greetings, United Methodist Women sisters! These last months have been pretty weird, I think we can all agree. I've done a lot of reading and watching tv. I have also been still handing out free lunches on the sidewalk in front of my church, Glendale United Methodist Church, on Wednesdays. We at Glendale said goodbye in a drive-by goodbye to our retiring pastor, Kim Gladding, and I got to introduce our new pastor, Tom Jelinek, in his first First United Methodist Church Glendale video broadcast service.

I made a trip to TN to visit my mom, son and sister in Oak Ridge, in July. The planes were packed full. I wore a mask and plastic face shield. So far, so good. I got tested before I went, just in case, and it took 11 days to get my negative result. I was mad it took so long.

Here are some things I've been reading. I download books from my Glendale Public Library using the Libby app, on my smartphone, for free. My mom and son and I share a Google Play Books family library account. When my mom and son buy ebooks, they download them and I can read them on my smartphone while my mom reads them on her tablet. It has worked well for us. My mom and I can read books and talk about them. My son just supervises us when needed for technical support.

- Unbound: The Transformative Power of Youth Mission Trips, by Jann Treadwell. This was on our United Methodist Women bookshelf at church.
- The Nightingale, by Kristin Hannah. This is a historical novel about two French sisters living through the Nazi occupation of France in WWII, while smuggling downed American and British pilots through the mountains to Spain and saving Jewish orphan children. It makes one appreciate what we have.
- 17A Keong Saik Road, by Charmaine Leung, is an autobiography of a woman whose mother operated a brothel in Singapore in the 1960s and 70s. Her mother started out a poor orphan, never educated, never learned to read and write. We don't know how lucky we are.
- We Love You, Charlie Freeman, by Kaitlyn Greenidge, is about racial bigotry in our country.
- Reading With Patrick, by Michelle Kuo, is autobiographical, about a young teacher who went to teach poor Black kids in the Mississippi Delta. After her school got defunded, she continued to work with one student, Patrick, while he was incarcerated.
- Too Much and Never Enough, How My Family Created the World's Most Dangerous Man, by Mary L. Trump, is one my mom bought. I haven't read it all yet, but the beginning is enlightening. DT, the fourth of five children, essentially lost his mother when he was two when she wound up in the hospital for most of a year. She never really recovered and the children were pretty much unsupervised and unloved. Sad!

We are trying to be Christians, to be compassionate, love justice and work for a better world. Blessings to all of our United Methodist Sisters, Linda

## Membership Care

United Methodist Women DSC WD

**Barbara Kelton** minebk@outlook.com



August is a busy month for Membership Care as we gather the names of our United Methodist Women who have passed in 2020. I sent a Memorial List Report to each of the officers in all sixteen churches in a self-addressed self-stamped envelope. I have had a mild response and will follow up with phone calls. These women will be honored with our Memorial Service at the combined October Annual District Meeting.

## MEET THE CANDIDATES

MEMBERS NEW TO THE POSITION ARE  
HIGHLIGHTED IN RED

President	Colleen Becker.....First United Methodist Church, Sun City
Vice-President	<b>Christine Jones.....Glendale United Methodist Church</b>
Secretary	Cheryl Buchholtz...Trinity United Methodist Church, Phoenix
Treasurer	Michele Justice.....Liberty United Methodist Church, Liberty
CON	Vicki Keel.....Trinity United Methodist Church, Phoenix (Chairperson of Nominating Committee)
Nominating Team Member	Vacant
Social Action	<b>Paula Sallas.....Trinity United Methodist Church, Phoenix</b>
Spiritual Growth	Jen Kistler.....Trinity United Methodist Church, Phoenix
Education for Mission	<b>Susan Briner.....Lakeview United Methodist Church, Sun City</b>
Communications Coordinator	Cheryl Buchholtz...Trinity United Methodist Church, Phoenix
Program Resources	<b>Janet Rummel.....New Song United Methodist Church, Surprise</b>
Membership Care	Barbara Kelton.....First United Methodist Church, Sun City

## *Read, Read, Read*

(Program Resources)

United Methodist Women DSC WD

*Christine Jones* jones.sensei@gmail.com



As many of you have realized, I love reading and spend a lot of time reading. The reading program books offer us a unique opportunity to learn, discuss and share ideas. They also offer a chance to really get involved in creating opportunities for positive change.

As we roll into fall, I would like to challenge you to participate in this year's reading program. Read at least five books, one in each category during the next four months, get your list of read books to your Secretary of Program Resources, and earn the first certificate. Don't forget to read Response Magazine, too. It is available in print or even online! If you are reading United Methodist Women's titles from 2015-2020, they count no matter where or with whom you are reading. So, if you read to your family or read to relax, be sure to pick up a book from the list. You might even try reading a chapter aloud over Zoom.

Remember, the 2020 list is available as a free digital magazine. They also list the previous years on the reading program website. Many Reading Program books address issues such as climate change, mass incarceration, immigration, and racism. If you read one of the study books for Mission u, it counts as two! I have been hearing wonderful things about "Finding Peace in an Anxious World", edited by Erin James-Brown. They even have Youth and Children's studies based on managing anxiety. Each year the Mission u studies motivate, inform, and enrich our commitment to global ministry. Even with the cancellation of Mission u this year, these are some books you don't want to miss!

Many of our libraries are now doing curbside check out. You can request books and they will bring them to your car. Meanwhile, the online reading options are also still available: Kindle, Libby, Audible for audiobooks, and more.

Participating in the Reading Program is a wonderful way to build community and form friendships around books. Right now, I am re-reading "Pushout" by Monique W. Morris to prepare for a program tentatively planned for September. It is from the 2020 reading list. I would love to hear what books you are reading. Don't forget to keep track of your reading.

God bless you and keep you safe.  
Your Sister in Christ  
Christine Jones

Taken from recent Southwest Winds United Methodist Women Newsletter:

Since we couldn't attend Jurisdiction this year, here is a summary of the official business.

### Western Jurisdiction United Methodist Women

The business for the 2020 Western Jurisdiction United Methodist Quadrennial Meeting has been completed. The official business was held online on July 25, 2020 due to the cancellation of *Calling u*.

The following slate of officers was elected to lead the Western Jurisdiction United Methodist.

#### Women Leadership Team for 2021 -2024

President: Bonnie Miller	Alaska
Vice President: Stacey King	Mountain Sky
Secretary: Amanda Hutchinson	Pacific Northwest
Treasurer: Sandy Flaherty	Desert Southwest
Chair, Committee on Nominations: Lynda Montgomery	Oregon Idaho
Members Committee on Nominations:	
Julie Asuncion	California Pacific
Hamu Chigwada	Mountain Sky
Eileen Guillermo	Desert Southwest
Maya Parmar	California Nevada

You may find out more about each woman elected at [wjumw.com/leadership-team 2021-2024](http://wjumw.com/leadership-team-2021-2024).

Western Jurisdiction National Directors and Alternates were also elected.

Director: Jana Jones	Mountain Sky
Director: Stell Wallace	Pacific Northwest
Alternate: Mele Falva Manu-Blagojevich	California Pacific
Alternate: Rosely Collins	Oregon Idaho

More information on each woman may be found at [wjumw.com/national-director 2021-2024](http://wjumw.com/national-director-2021-2024).

Congratulations to all the newly elected women. Keep these women and United Methodist Women in your prayers for the new quadrennium.

Judi Nibbelink

Retiring president, Western Jurisdiction United Methodist Women



## What's Going on in the Neighborhood?

### *New Song United Methodist Women*

Although the New Song United Methodist Women have been unable to meet because of the ongoing COVID pandemic and our church is also closed due to the crisis, it does not mean we have stopped planning and praying.

Our President Janet Rummel has made plans to participate in a district team meeting on August 15, after which she will pass on valuable information for us and our organization.

In the meantime, our calendar of events, which has been revised many times, has been revised yet again in the hopes we should be able to have future programs on two local charities: Eve's Place and Family Promise. We also continue to plan for a World Thank program and our annual Family game night and Christmas Tea.

As you can see, we continue to attempt to move forward to "develop a creative, supportive fellowship" as our purpose states. The creative part has been a challenge for all of us; the supportive part even more, as we are unable to see each other face to face. We are a "small but mighty" group and our strength is in our commitment to each other and to Jesus Christ and spreading his word and love. It is in that strength we will continue to move forward, despite the world seeming to stop or go back. We remain committed and pray for change and progress.

Kimi Ivey

Communications Chairperson

New Song United Methodist Church

## *Trinity United Methodist Church, Phoenix*

*ZOOM CHURCH, JOURNALING, BIBLE STUDY, EXECUTIVE BOARDS*

*OUTREACH WITH CALLS, CARDS, EMAILS, LONG-DISTANCE-HUGS*

*OUTREACH TO UMOM WITH NEEDED MASKS AND DONATIONS TO HELP  
FIX BROKEN AIR CONDITIONING*

*MISSION WORK CONTINUING INCLUDING SUPPLIES TO LARA TURNER  
HOMES.*

**Trinity United Methodist Church is ALIVE and doing God's work.**

## *First United Methodist Church, Sun City*

Priscilla Circle

On the morning of June 27 members of the Priscilla Circle held a surprise drive by birthday celebration for our leader, Betty Zingre. She was celebrating 91 years of life and because of Coronavirus and social distancing we could not celebrate in person with cake and ice cream. This was the next best way to show her our love.

Colleen Becker  
West District President

## *Prescott United Methodist Church*

Submitted by Karon Keeler, President

On Saturday, June 20 the church hosted a "Drive-By Farewell" to our Assistant Pastor, Misty Howick and her family as she was transferred to become the lead pastor at Spirit Song United Methodist Church in Peoria. Pastor Misty had been with us for 5 years and she will be missed. Our United Methodist Women presented her with a Special Recognition Pin and a special "Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Service" listing all the many things she took part in and spearheaded for the church. It was not the type of farewell we would usually do but it was what had to happen due to the COVID-19 virus.

In June our Unit began collecting items for hygiene kits for United Methodist Committee On Relief as we had planned to work with our church Missions Committee to collect the hygiene kits while the missions group would collect items for the school kits. There were plans for a church wide event with a meal etc. to showcase United Methodist Committee On Relief and have the congregation assist with packing up the kits. This whole affair had to be cancelled due to the virus so we just continued to collect the needed items. We decided to finish collecting the final items for the hygiene kits due to the hurricane season starting up so we could get them completed and sent off to United Methodist Committee On Relief on Friday, August 21, ten United Methodist Women from our church met under the new church tent at 9:00 am to sort and assemble 50 hygiene kits (hand towel, washcloth, nail clipper, bar of soap, toothbrush, comb and 10 Band-Aids). The kits were assembled according to United Methodist Committee On Relief instructions and packed into 1-gallon bags. Several of us took on purchasing one needed item and many of us contributed some hand towels as they were the most expensive item. It was hot and muggy with masks and gloves on but we got it done and cleaned the tables when we got them out and again when putting them away and re-cleaned all the chairs also We were very glad when we were done and we got to remove our masks and gloves as we departed to our cars. I took a large, heavy box to UPS and the kits got mailed away to hopefully arrive at the Utah United Methodist Committee On Relief site the week of August 24. We had fun too and it was a great group of gals to work with!

We began having Zoom Unit Meetings in July and will continue with that format until we get the all clear to use the church campus and until everyone feels safe to do so. It has been so good to see each other and hear their voices We are very thankful for this technical way to be together in these unsettling times.

### *Speaking of ZOOM meetings....how about a ZOOM retreat?*



Prescott ZOOM 2020 Retreat  
"FEASTING ON COURAGE"  
We'll not meet in person but, with joy we will  
celebrate: "Feasting on Courage"

Mark your calendars now:  
November 6<sup>th</sup>: 6:30 PM - 8 PM  
until Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>: 1- AM - noon.

## Prescott retreat, cont.

Although there is NO FEE for our retreat this year, registration is required. Please contact Carolyn in the church office at 928-778-1950 to register for the retreat. You must register by Sept. 30, 2020, so that we can prepare your home materials, and be in contact with you with ZOOM instructions.

Although we are sad to not be gathering at Chapel Rock this year, the health and safety of our community is of utmost importance.

The planning team is so excited and we welcome and invite all women especially those who may be participating for the first time, or the first time in a few years. Please join us for a retreat to find renewal in fellowship, a special time set apart from life's "busyness" to refresh our faith together.

### Note from Cheryl:

I encourage everyone who will be missing out on a United Methodist Women's Retreat sponsored by your local, to join the fine ladies of Prescott for this virtual retreat. It promises to be exciting and will provide still another opportunity for us to find ways to be together in fellowship, faith and love.

They are working on a devotional booklet and a "goodie bag". (That is why they need your physical address and your email address.)

Hope to see you online.

## West District Photo Gallery

### *Betty Zingre's "91<sup>st</sup> Happy Birthday Drive-by"*



## Prescott United Methodist Women

Packing hygiene kits for United Methodist Committee on Relief



**Any woman may be a member of United Methodist Women by choosing to become involved in our organized mission movement and may join by committing herself to the PURPOSE through participate in meetings, prayer, giving, study, action or service. (The president of the unit is the only one who must be a member of the United Methodist Church.)**

A message from your Cactus Patch Editor:

Just a few reminders for those of you who submit articles to the Cactus Patch:

- Please do not send me your article as a PDF. I cannot edit a PDF, nor can I copy and move around any content, including pictures.
- Please spell out United Methodist Women or United Methodist Church instead of using the acronyms UMW or UMC. This is a request from National.

Thank you ladies and keep those articles coming, Blessings, Cheryl  
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