

# Footprints

## South District United Methodist Women E-News

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### From your South District President

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Hello Sisters,



I know it has been difficult for our units and circles to stay in touch and continue our work during this difficult time. Without fellowship, it can be hard to stay engaged and motivated. This year has forced us to adapt our annual meeting so that it can be held in conjunction with the conference's annual meeting via Zoom on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Zoom is easy to use but I understand this may be difficult for some members. More information will be released about this setup as we get closer to the date.

As we prepare to gather I would encourage you to pray and consider taking a more active role in our district leadership. Our team is in need of members to fill several empty positions. A nomination form is attached to this month's newsletter, this is the only way we can take nominations from the virtual "floor." You can nominate yourself if you feel called. The goal is to send all members the names of those nominated on September 10<sup>th</sup>, in order to give members a full month to review. We will vote on these positions during the annual meeting. In closing, I hope you have been able to stay safe and healthy and had a good summer. Look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meeting.

Erin, president

## Annual Celebration 2020

### TIME TO CELEBRATE! CELEBRATE US! CELEBRATE OUR MINISTRY! CELEBRATE OUR FUTURE!



...and the times they are a-changing

**COME ALONG! BE A VOICE FOR HEALING!** is the theme for Annual Celebration. We get to experience a **virtual Annual Celebration**. There will still be worship and music. There will still be informative speakers. And there will still be business to take care of. BUT there won't be any lines to wait for the restroom! AND you can come in your PJs if you want to. (We can find those silver linings anywhere!)

**This Annual Celebration** will include all **four** District Annual Celebrations/meetings plus the **Conference Annual Celebration**. It's just one big, happy meeting **on Saturday, October 10, starting at 9:00 a.m.**

Our speakers this year will inform us, enlighten us, and encourage us into ministry for/with those in the foster care system. We will have Bonnie Morley, hosted by the North District, tell us about foster care and open table; Jane Pearson of Trinity Opportunity

Alliance, hosted by the West District, will inform us about aging out of foster care; and Rev. Jamie Booth, Tempe First UMC/Wesley campus ministry pastor, hosted by the Conference, will share with us about her experience as a foster mom.

[Click here to register.](#) **Registration is due October 5, Cost: \$12.00**, but get it in as soon as possible so that we can get additional information to you. We will even have a practice session for people who are not comfortable with Zoom meetings. Let your friends know – maybe you could even set up a watch party to share the time together (safely, of course.)

**James 1:27** – religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

I sure hope to see you there!

In Christ,  
Kathy Schock

## **From your Leadership Team**

South District United Methodist Women 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.

**See Form below to nominate a United Methodist Woman for one of the vacant offices—You may also nominate yourself!!!!**

**WE NEED YOU!!!!!!**

### **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, communications coordinator-520-297-6972  
Pam Down, member of committee on nominations-616-648-0521

# South District Desert Southwest Conference 2020 United Methodist Women Officer Election Submission Deadline: September 10, 2020

The United Methodist Women's bylaws allow for nominations from the floor during a regular year. However this year will be different. Please use this form in place of a nomination from the floor for this year's Desert Southwest Conference - South District UMW Officers' election [IV. ELECTIONS AND TRANSITION: A. **ELECTIONS SHALL TAKE PLACE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING. ETC.** (lines 281 and 282)]. If you want to make a nomination for more than one office, you must complete a form for each.

**Send all nominations to Erin Fly (President) by September 10<sup>th</sup>.**

For this year's virtual meeting no nominations will be accepted from the "floor."

If you have questions, contact Erin Fly at [erinflyaz@gmail.com](mailto:erinflyaz@gmail.com)

For which office is your nomination?

Vice President \_\_\_\_  
Communication Coordinator \_\_\_\_  
Social Action Coordinator \_\_\_\_  
Educating Members for Mission \_\_\_\_  
Chair, Committee on Nominations \_\_\_\_  
Member, Committee on Nominations \_\_\_\_

Nominee's Contact Information (REQUIRED)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enter the nominee's home, cell and work numbers. If she does not have one, or it is unknown, please enter "NONE" in the space.

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Work Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_



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Please identify the age range of the nominee. (Optional)

18-30 years \_\_\_\_

31-40 years \_\_\_\_

41-50 years \_\_\_\_

51-65 years \_\_\_\_

66-70 years \_\_\_\_

71 and over \_\_\_\_

Please identify the ethnicity/race of the nominee. Choose all that apply. (Optional)

African \_\_\_\_

African-American or Black \_\_\_\_

Asian-American or Asian \_\_\_\_

Caribbean \_\_\_\_

Caucasian or White \_\_\_\_

Hispanic or Latina \_\_\_\_

Hmong \_\_\_\_

Native American \_\_\_\_

Pacific Islander \_\_\_\_

Please write in your own preferred description \_\_\_\_\_

#### Nominator Information (REQUIRED)

Please let us know who you are.

Nominator Contact Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please identify the local church to which the nominee belongs. (REQUIRED)

Local Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Include nominee short bio (35 words) (REQUIRED) and a picture (head photo). (OPTIONAL)



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## From your Treasurer

As I am sure it does not surprise anyone, unit donations this calendar year are coming in very slowly. Since most of our units are not meeting, many decisions are left until later in the year when Boards can possibly meet and make decisions regarding what expenditures to make with their available funds. Soon we will be at the beginning of the last quarter of the year and will need your donations that you will be making for the year.

A meeting was held on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> with the Conference Treasurer, Alice Brown, to present out budget for Fiscal Year 2021. All of the amounts presented were accepted and the South District's will be presented at the Annual Conference Celebration on October 10, 2020. Pledge to Mission was reduced to \$20,000 and both the Chapman and Stout Scholarships were reduced to \$200 each. The total income for 2021 is: \$34,535 and total expenses: \$34,535 giving us a balanced budget for 2021.

I hope everyone is continuing to shelter in place, wearing a mask when you have to go out and observing social distancing. I believe following these guidelines will help us to be able to return to a close to normal life sooner.

Be safe and blessings to all.

Patsy June, treasurer  
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Green Valley, AZ 85614  
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## From your Spiritual Growth Coordinator

(This is an article by Reverend Tyler Edwards of No. Carolina. His ministry is dedicated to helping Christians GROW. **This is Part 3 of 3.** Parts 1 & 2 were in the last 2 newsletters.)

### Ten Ways to Know If You're Maturing Spiritually 3

By: Tyler Edwards

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**6. YOU FIND YOURSELF WANTING TO OBEY GOD** In John 14:15, Jesus says, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." One of the natural expectations of a growing Christian is faithfulness and obedience to the commands of God. Not out of duty, but out of love for Him. Our obedience results from what Jesus has done for us and out of our love for Him.

**7. YOU'RE GROWING AS A PERSON** The apostle Paul, in Colossians 1:10, talks about bearing fruit. Galatians 5:22-23 lays out the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. One of way to measure growth is by looking at this fruit in our lives. We are all different and so we'll all see certain fruit from this list growing more in us than others. Joy may happen for you with ease and be a challenge for one of your friends. Here's the thing: All of this fruit should be visible beyond our own self-assessment. If others don't see evidence of this fruit in our lives, then perhaps our fruit is not growing as much as we think it is.

**8. YOU'RE MORE CONCERNED ABOUT UNITY THAN PERSONAL PREFERENCES** In Ephesians 4:13-15, Paul notes that unity of the faith and knowledge of Jesus are measures of fullness in Christ. The war of personal preferences that dominates consumeristic American Christianity is not a result of maturity but evidence of a lack of it. It's not wrong to have a blend of styles between churches, but the degree to which believers expect or even make efforts to change a church based on their own preferences often causes a substantial lack of unity.

**9. YOU'RE WILLING TO SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE** Paul teaches us, in Ephesians 4:15-16, to speak the truth in love and to grow in Christ—which makes the whole body grow in love. This flies directly in the face of our culture's obsession with avoiding offense. Still, it's God's truth. It doesn't mean banging people over the head with everything you disagree with. As you grow spiritually, you'll learn not to avoid hard topics, but to speak into the lives of other believers—always with loving humility and grace.

**10. YOU'RE ENGAGED IN COMMUNITY** The writer of Hebrews encourages us to continue meeting together. In a culture moving further and further from regular church involvement, the Bible teaches that growing, mature Christians will continually and consistently meet together. We are created for community. It's easy to call ourselves Christians. It's also easy to stay where we are. Growing takes work. We have to be intentional. The Gospel is like the gym: the more we get in it, the more it shapes our lives. If we only engage once a week, it will take a long time to see results. Our love for Jesus should compel us to grow in our knowledge and understanding of Him, so we can become more like Him.

Christine Maglott,

South district spiritual growth coordinator



## 2020 UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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**Via ZOOM**



**THE LEGACY FUND  
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**Autumn prayer/poem  
by Edward Hays  
from the collection "Earth Prayers"**



O sacred season of Autumn, be my teacher,  
for I wish to learn the virtue of contentment.  
As I gaze upon your full-colored beauty,  
I sense all about you  
an at-homeness with your amber riches.  
You are the season of retirement,  
of full barns and harvested fields.  
The cycle of growth has ceased,  
and the busy work of giving life  
is now completed.  
I sense in you no regrets:  
you've lived a full life.  
I live in a society that is ever-restless,  
always eager for more mountains to climb,  
seeking happiness through more and more possessions.  
As a child of my culture,  
I am seldom truly at peace with what I have.  
Teach me to take stock of what I have given and received;  
may I know that it's enough,  
that my striving can cease  
in the abundance of God's grace.  
May I know the contentment  
that allows the totality of my energies  
to come to full flower.  
May I know that like you I am rich beyond measure.  
As you, O Autumn, take pleasure in your great bounty,  
let me also take delight  
in the abundance of the simple things in life  
which are the true source of joy.  
With the golden glow of peaceful contentment  
may I truly appreciate this autumn day.