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President's Message

“Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts.” (Jeremiah 15:16) These words were prayed by our treasurer, Jane Ann Murray at the conclusion of North District's leadership team meeting on February 12. As we have entered a season of Lent, these words have even more significance. Some of us practice fasting from one thing or another for these days leading up to Easter. I think this scripture tells us to **feast** on the word of God just as diligently as we **fast** and we will receive a spirit of joy.

Others in attendance included me, Karen Dallatore; Pamela Huff, Communications; Rhonda Glaze, Social Action; Terrie Shipman, Program Resources; and Gracie Campbell, Desert Southwest Conference President. The North District continues to operate without a **vice president, secretary, and spiritual growth chairperson**. Terrie graciously offered to give our opening prayer and devotional as well as write minutes. Please pray for people willing to fill these vacancies.

Jane Ann acknowledged receipt of a thank you from Operation Christmas Child for the year-end contribution from North District.

Karen Dallatore
North District President



North District President, Karen Dallatore, and her husband, David

North District Annual Celebration and Leadership Development is tentatively scheduled for October 15, 2022. The location and program are yet to be determined.

Motivational ideas to keep local units active were discussed. There are several resources available including response! Magazine, Legacy 150, climate justice articles and Mission u. We also discussed the importance of inviting people outside of the United Methodist Church to join our units.

I have heard from a few units that they have reading program achievements and Faith, Hope and Love mission today accomplishments. I would love to hear from each unit.

Blessings,
Karen Dallatore



mission u 2022

Who Can We Be Together?

Building Communities of Hope and Joy

Janette Gann, Dean Mission u
Billie Larime, Assistant Dean Mission u

Great news— COMMUNITY is God's desire for us! Please join us at Mission u 2022 as we reflect on the community that Jesus is calling us to be!

This year, as we study Luke 13, we find ourselves in a period of disruption and uncertainty. In the midst of a devastating pandemic, divisive political climate, unaddressed systemic racism, ecological crises and economic turmoil, we turn to the stories of Jesus that have anchored Christian communities for two millennia.

Our hope is that we will leave Mission u with a bigger and broader vision of the community Christ is calling us to be in times of loss, grief and massive disruption. What would be possible if we tend to the needs of our communities in small yet radical ways, as Jesus did in Luke 13?

Our newly designed Mission u 2022 is more flexible and intergenerational than ever— with curricula for youth, children and adults focused on the 13th chapter of the Gospel of Luke.

Registration opens March 24, 2022 for both the In-Person and Virtual Mission u Events!

The book is available now for only \$10. At www.unitedmethodistwomen.org

"Who Can We Be Together?" All are welcome to attend! Men, Women, Youth!

**Please join us on
Friday, June 24 1pm-8:15pm Saturday June 25, 2022 8:30am-4:00pm
AT**

**Red Mountain UMC
2936 N. Power Rd.
Mesa, AZ 85215
church office: 480 981-3833**

The in-person Mission u costs \$70. It includes: Friday dinner; Saturday light breakfast; Saturday Lunch

* Childcare available if requested 10 days prior to the June event. Contact the Dean or Assistant Dean.

Hotels nearby Red Mountain UMC if needed:

* *La Quinta Inn & Suites, Mesa Superstition Spgs. 6530 E. Superstition Springs Blvd. Mesa, 85206 480 654-1970*

* *Best Western Superstition Springs 1342 S. Power Rd. Mesa, AZ 85206 480 641-1164*

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Treasurer's Notes

Jane Ann Murray Treasurer
North District
United Methodist Women

To all treasurers of the United Methodist Women North District units: The majority of us now have been in our positions for some time. We know that we just have to get our information such as checks and paperwork, to me on a timely basis. Nothing has changed as far as what our national organization is requiring from us as treasurers. If you have any questions about anything please reach out to me. I am happy to answer your questions.



Blessings to all,
Jane Murray, stmetman@gmail.com.



Mission u 2022

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The Virtual Mission u will be held on July 22 5:30pm-8:30pm & Saturday July 23, 2022 8:30am-2:00pm, on Zoom. \$20.

Our awesome Study Leaders:



Rev. Dr. Rula Colvin is a 3rd generation native of Arizona. She grew up in the small town of Gila Bend. Before answering the call to ministry she worked for the US Postal Service. She received her BA degree from Ottawa University, a Master of Divinity from Claremont School of Theology, and a Doctor of Ministry from Wesley Seminary. She served in a variety of church settings during her 20 years of ordained ministry. She retired from full time ministry in 2020 and enjoys reading and traveling. She has begun taking fused glass art classes, and has recently been appointed as part-time Minister of Congregational Care at Red Mountain United Methodist Church. She loves teaching and learning.



Rev. Pamela Wagner is a retired United Methodist Minister who has served churches all over the Desert Southwest conference. She also served as the chair of the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry for a few years. Her last appointment was in retirement at Velda Rose UMC. She received her Master of Divinity from Claremont School of Theology in Claremont, California. The call to ministry came later in life for Pam. Her first career was teaching elementary school. It was after she attended the Walk to Emmaus that she began to again feel the call that God had first placed upon her heart when she was baptized at age eleven. Pam finally had to retire for good in 2020 to care for her husband Bob, to whom she had been married for 50 years when he passed away in early 2021. She has two wonderful daughters, two delightful sons-in-law, and three brilliant and talented teenaged grandchildren who still think she is the coolest grandma!

Janette Gann, Dean jgann1329@gmail.com 480 980-1329
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Program Resources

Reading Program for 2022

Pausing the Annual Sampler

As we switch to a new vendor, we will not be able to offer our Annual Sampler at this time. But as always, the Prayer Guide, Program Resource, and much more are available on our e-store.

United Methodist Women has named Emily Jones as the new director of its reading program.

Although Amazon is always a convenient option, please consider obtaining Reading Program books through:

- School and public libraries
- Local independent bookstores
- Franchises of larger bookstore chains
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The Reading Program encourages members to think critically about current issues through an annual selection of member-reviewed books. It offers an excellent opportunity to deepen your spirituality and to broaden your understanding of our mission work.

As always, most Reading Program books can also be found for reading electronically on your Kindle, tablet or other devices.

If you do order books through Amazon, please remember to visit smile.amazon.com, Amazon's charitable giving page, and select "United

Terrie Shipman
Secretary, Program Resources



Methodist Women" as your charitable organization. For all eligible purchases made on smile.amazon.com, Amazon will donate 0.5% to United Methodist Women.

As in the past, this year's Reading Program includes books for readers of all ages. Books that would formerly have been listed under "Children" and "Youth" are now distributed among the remaining categories. Look for the line "Suitable for children" or "Suitable for youth" when selecting books to read.

Bonus Books count as two books. This year, Bonus Books are also the current mission studies, providing even more of an incentive to select these books as part of your Reading Program plan.

The above information was taken from the United Methodist Women website.



Purpose: 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 community and to expand concepts of mission through participation of the global ministries of the church.

Advent United Methodist Church

Terrie Shipman,
President

It feels so good to be coming out of lock down. Many of our members are Still staying safe at home for fear of Covid-19.

We haven't met in two years, which seems like an eternity. It is difficult to know where to start in this New Year. God will guide us. I have so much catching up to do. There have been a lot of changes.

We have lost members. We have gained members. To get everyone on the same page our meeting in January was a refresher of what United Methodist Women stand for and do.

We will be having a guest speaker after church service Sunday March 27, 2022, 11 a.m. This is being sponsored by Advent United Methodist Women. Her name is Deborah Alexander. She has written a book of 162 pages. This is her story of abuse. The name of her book is *The Private Life of Big Frank: Bodyguard to the Greatest of Gangster Rap*.

Anyone and everyone are invited to this event. We are hoping to get this on video and either put it on Facebook or YouTube for safety from Covid-19. We are so excited to hear her story.



Mission Giving

This article was first seen in Southwest Winds, the newsletter of the Southwest Conference United Methodist Women



Every single Mission Dollar Makes a Difference!

Through **YOUR** generosity, United Methodist Women helps empower and improve the lives of women, youth and children in the United States and around the world.

Your gifts through the Five Channels of [MISSION GIVING](#) are critically important.

Check out the MANY stories of ways your Mission Giving is making a difference by visiting the [United Methodist Women website](#) and reading [response](#) magazine.



Journey United Methodist Church

Deborah Hodler,
President



Journey United Methodist Church's United Methodist Women have big plans for missions in 2022! These are our first quarter plans for this year.

First, we have a monthly mission on the first Tuesday and Friday of each month at East Valley Family Services to pack food boxes and distribute them to seniors in the community. It's called the Golden Groceries program, but the truly "golden" aspect of it is the blessings we get from the faces of those seniors who come for the groceries!

Next, we have our annual Love Grams promotion for the congregation and our community fire fighters. Parishioners can choose to purchase candy hearts for their family, friends, or for the first responders. This year, we are proud to claim that we delivered 58 Love Grams to the Fire Station! We also, sold 34 to friends and family for a total of \$236 going to United Methodist Women Mission Giving!



Then, we are collecting for Undie Sunday in March to go to Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth. These undies for male and female youngsters and young adults will be blessed and delivered right before Palm Sunday.

That's all for now, but we'll be back with more plans for 2022!

You're Invited to Participate in Journey's Zoom UMW Programs

Allie Lakey,
Educating Members for Mission Coordinator



Journey United Methodist Women continue meeting by Zoom and we would love to have you participate with us! This invitation is extended to all of you – even you who are in very active units! If you don't have a unit in your church, you are very welcome to chime in when we meet on the second Friday of the month, 10 a.m. Let me know (alliel@cox.net or 702-217-5585 text/ phone) if you would like to "zoom" with us, and I'll make sure you get

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St. Michael's United Methodist Church

Cyndy Montgomery
Co-Chair Spiritual Growth



St. Michael's UMW Sunday was held January 16th. Jane Murray provided the message. Pastor Sandy installed the 2022 United Methodist Women board members. They are from bottom left to bottom right: Louise Hartwell, Cyndy Montgomery, Deaconess Jane Murray, Pastor Sandy Johnson, Kay Johnson, Judy Schnoebelen and Lois Robinson.

We had a special party for the Arizona Children's Association on December 14th. Noma Byerly accepted over \$500 in gift cards to give to the older children in the agency for Christmas.



Allie Lakey,
Educating Members for Mission Coordinator

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the Zoom link.

Most of our programs are from the Program Resource 2021-2022 book, *Healing and Joy on our Journey to God*. At our monthly gatherings, we also share updates on our unit's ongoing local mission activities, plan future supportive community events such as United Methodist Women Sunday, UMW Retreat, UMW Membership event, and more. We'd love to share ideas and hear your plans – maybe we could partner in some of our mutual interests!

No strings attached – we're just extending a welcome to you to enjoy fellowship with our United Methodist Women group.

If you attended the recent North District Leadership Conference you heard a lot about "The Great Connection." This is one way for us to live into that great connection!

Exciting Changes in the United Methodist Women Organization!

Taken from the United Methodist Women March E-News March 3, 2022



Photo by Kristina Krug

You've been hearing about exciting changes on the horizon for our beloved organization: New wine skins, new programs and new ways to join the work. We have also promised a new look.

Your wait is over.

Today we launch our new brand! And with it we debut a new website and a new name: **United Women in Faith**.

Please join us on our [Facebook page](#) today at **1 p.m.** (ET) for the announcement, with appearances from General Secretary Harriett Jane Olson and National President 'Ainise 'Isama'u, followed by a **special Faith Talk** on our historic new chapter at **2 p.m.** (ET). You can register for the Faith Talk [here](#).

March is Women's History Month and the month of our founding in 1869. March is the perfect time for us to honor our history by stepping boldly in to our future.

This is an exhilarating time as we commit to even greater inclusivity, action and impact. We are women of passion and power united by God's love in our mission to uplift women, children and youth. Let's stand together to continue to put love into action.

It is a pleasure to put this newsletter together for you. I hope it is edifying, informative, and uplifting. This missive's main purpose is to inform you of activities, ideas, news, and other interesting things that are going on in your local United Methodist Women local units. We as United Methodist Women do best when we are encouraging each other in the mission we have undertaken. Please let me know how you and your unit are interacting with each other, the community, the environment so we can connect with and inspire each other to be the hands and feet of Jesus here on earth.

*In Christ,
Pamela Huff
Communications Coordinator, North District*

March/April Issue of response Magazine: Free for All!

Taken from the United Methodist Women
March E-News
March 3, 2022

We are United Women in Faith! To celebrate our new look and new name, the March/April 2022 digital issue of **response** is **free for everyone!** This issue not only features an article on our new brand, but it's also the special biennial mission maps issue, showing the people and programs your generous Mission Giving supports around the world. Read your issue [here](#), and share with friends!

Note: As we transition to our new website, the archive issues of digital **response** will be temporarily unavailable. But sit tight—we'll have them ready for you to read again soon!



Photo by Makeda McCreary



I want to encourage you all to consider the **Assembly 2022, TURN IT UP.** Send at least one or more from your units to go or several of you register for the **Virtual Assembly.** Many innovative ideas come from this experience not to mention restoring joy and passion into your life and programs. If you choose the Virtual Assembly, you will get to choose two classes and many other exciting events.

It is always good to include in your program planning a brief report from persons who did attend Assembly. One year we opened our program with a fun skit as the team walked in for the program day, dropping our packages, excited and holding our scarves we bought, and humming the favorite song of the Assembly. We received laughs and claps! It truly captured their attention. Seeds are planted for others to get excited about it for the next one in four years.

If you are a district officer or a local officer, I encourage you to contact your conference counterpart for program ideas. Transformative education is a valuable opportunity for United Methodist Women to share what they have learned. Good luck in your planning looking forward to hearing what is to come.

Blessings,

Cyndi Heinecke, Vice-President, Desert Southwest United Methodist Women