



Women United in
Faith
West District Newsletter

CACTUS PATCH JUNE 2022

PRESIDENT:
COLLEEN BECKER

EVERYONE PUT ON YOUR THINKING CAP...
SCHOOL MAY BE OUT BUT WE STILL HAVE LEARNING
OPPORTUNITIES AT

MISSION u



mission u 2022

Who Can We Be Together?

Building Communities
of Hope and Joy

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.

See a later page for registration information. We hope to see you there.

WOMEN UNITED IN FAITH: UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

DESERT SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE WEST DISTRICT

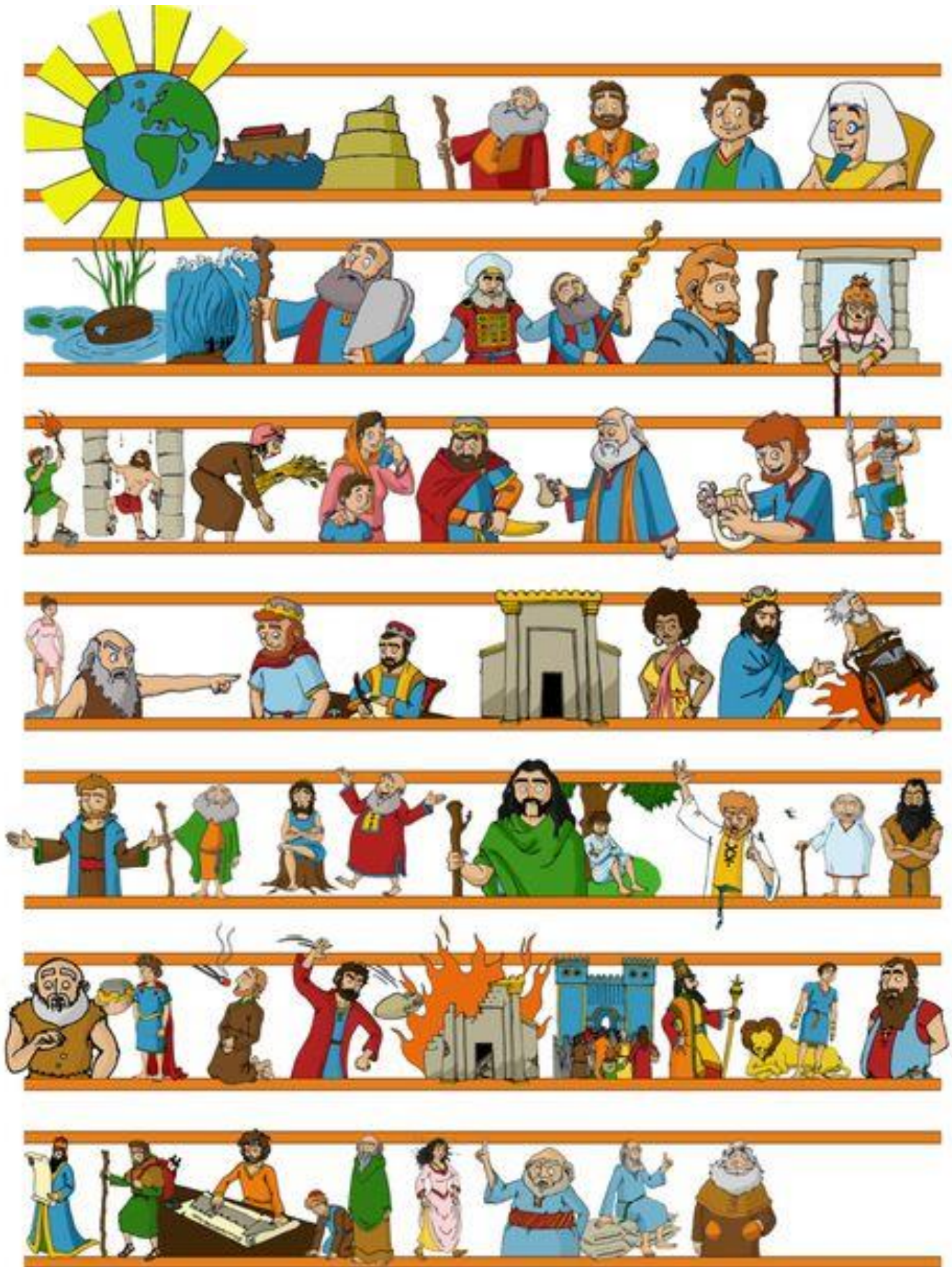
2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All of these events are dependent upon decisions made by the leadership of the Desert Southwest Conference according to the current pandemic conditions.

Desert Southwest Annual Conference, TBD	June 9-12
Mission u, all districts invited	
Mission u adult study – in person	June 24-25
Red Mountain United Methodist Church	
2936 N. Power Rd.	
Mesa, AZ 85215	
Virtual Mission u ZOOM	July 22-23
Cactus Patch Articles Due	August 15
West District Leadership Team Meetings,	September 17
Sun City First, 8:30 am	
West District Annual Celebration	October 9
In “cool, cool” Prescott United Methodist Church	
Desert Southwest Conference Annual Celebration, ZOOM.	October 29
West District Leadership Team meeting	
Sun City First, 8:30 am	November 12
Cactus Patch article due	November 15

Please send Cactus Patch articles and/or pictures to Cheryl Buchholtz:
westsecBuchholtz@yahoo.com


*We are women of learning, love, compassion, caring, and
action. We are Methodist Women!*



How many of these Old Testament stories can you tell?



It appears that we are missing reports from some members of our West District  . The

only explanation can be that they have decided to  take a vacation. (I personally think they were playing.) However, your

District team may be playing  . Worry not, your  will be back at work and

through their  they will all

have articles in the next Cactus Patch.



Blessings, Your Cactus Patch Editor, Cheryl Buchholtz
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Thanks to our local units for submitting articles to INSPIRE and INFORM us of their activities.

SPRING NEWS FROM THE "UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH" AT SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS UMC

We are slowly getting used to our new name. At our April luncheon, our Mission for Education Coordinator, Gayle Urban, presented the new name and did a wonderful job of explaining the reason for it and showing a brand-new poster displaying the logo in color. If you have not seen and used the video at uwfaith.org, you will find it very helpful.

Our luncheon in April featured Jesse Ramirez, the director of Valley View Food Bank and we sent him away with over 80 filled Easter baskets for the children of the families served by that agency in El Mirage and Surprise.

After we learned about the marvelous work of the "World Central Kitchen" in serving the people of Ukraine, we opened our wallets and collected over \$2000 to send to them for their mission during this horrific war. Our Unit is very generous and we are thankful that we can help in this way.

Our May luncheon is our last until October. We have many who are snowbirds. This year, for the first time, we are considering having a monthly "go out to lunch" fellowship for us that are left behind here in the heat. Our May lunch featured Pastor Pat Maygar from UMOM and our ladies brought in-kind items for women and children to go into the "Closet" at UMOM.

Also at our May luncheon, we presented a "Mission Recognition" pin to Marian Hamman. She is the leader of our Sew Happy Circle. These ladies meet once a month but continually sew at home and give away all that they make to local care facilities, A Mighty Change of Heart, Dysart Community Center, the Justa Center, and wherever their beautiful clothing and blankets can be used.

We are sending prayers to all of you for a safe and blessed summer. May God bless us with some Monsoon rain to sooth our souls and nourish the ground.

Submitted by Sandy Bradley-President



Prescott United Women in Faith

Our hearts are full in the Prescott United Women in Faith. We enjoyed wonderful fellowship times together this spring and welcomed more new members into our group. In doing so, we've also added another mission project – Women in Recovery. Funds have been raised to provide re-entry supplies as women are released from prison to their first step home. Toiletries, personal items, etc. are purchased by one or two women in our group from the funds raised and the homemade bags are taken to the halfway house once per quarter. This mission is in addition to our fundraising work toward addressing hungry children in our community.



We took time to celebrate each other on the Saturday before Mothers' Day. We held a Ladies' Tea in the sanctuary and table hosts each decorated their tables with heirloom china, or china acquired as collectors, or their own in making each table fascinating and beautiful. Finger sandwiches and special desserts were prepared by the team that worked on this event, along with all sorts of special teas for each table. A Sweet Adeline's group, the *Ladies' Night Out*, performed for the morning, and we had a special speaker, Carla Whitmire, who gave us the history of United Methodist Women, United Women in Faith background and name change, and more really interesting facts as we heard how the organization has grown and changed over time. It was a wonderful morning! Many wore special hats and made it all even more fun. A few of the pictures are included here.

We are looking forward to a couple of months off this summer and a game day in August to bring us back together. Regular programs start again in September. We are also looking forward to being the hosts of the West District Annual Celebration on October 8th in our church. It will be a day of fun and sharing we are sure.

Happy summer everyone!

Respectfully submitted and blessings to all,

Cheri Hull, President

PUMC UWF

An additional submission from Prescott is located further back in the newsletter.



Willowbrook United Methodist Church in Sun City, AZ



On March 19th we had our spiritual retreat at "The Desert Outdoor Center at Lake Pleasant." Entering the



center we were greeted by four burros and an adorable baby. (pictured below).

It was beautiful weather and a beautiful setting, inside and out. On breaks we were able to enjoy the beauty of Lake Pleasant and the wildlife.

Rev. Ruth Blum did a wonderful job of making her presentations fun, lively, understandable, and full of love. It was a lovely time with planned times for teaching, for reflection, for creating and for worship.



People were left with
comments of their day
with God:



- calming nature of the guided meditation, uplifting - spirit, peaceful, motivation and spiritual day.
- Beautiful views that the Lord provided
- Friendship
- That meditation is important
- It was inspirational
- It was a much needed reminder of Christ's wonderful workings in our life..... new beginnings
- Remember we all have different gifts from the spirit. Each day is a new beginning and Christ is there for us
- The scenic views - God is awesome.

Our theme was "The Promise of Flowers" and each table had a different flower centerpiece. These 8 flowers were the topic of our day. Great songs were sung throughout the day in relation to the flower theme. Wonderful crafts and coloring were beautifully incorporated into the day ending with worship and communion.



Look for another great retreat (A Day Apart) we will be calling it coming next year on March 18th. All are invited!!

In April we had our annual "Spring Salad Luncheon". Always a fun time. We had baskets for auction with the proceeds going to the Wesley Center for them to purchase children's books. A fabulous collection of children's books for Wesley Center were also brought to the luncheon. Such generosity by all these lovely ladies.



Guests that joined us were Colleen Becker, District President and Jackie Mobed, President of Lakeview UMC.

A fun fashion show was presented by various United Methodist Women/United Women in Faith ladies.



Basket Case.



Laundry Basket.



Cleaning Basket.



And many more!



On Monday evening, May 16th we had our Guest Night! The draw to this event is the homemade pies from the Mission Team and various ladies in the four circles. Our guest entertainment was "Mathew 25 Group."

**Matthew 25 Prison Ministry located in
Mesa, Arizona**

Ecumenical non-profit serving Arizona

Matthew 25 is a volunteer prison ministry providing pen pals, educational scholarships, and re-entry assistance.

"...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me...truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me. (Matthew 25:35-36, 40b)

The [Matthew 25 Prison Ministry](#) takes this seriously.

The main speaker was a young lady, Lee who spent 9 years and one day in prison and she told us her story. Having a pen pal to give her hope was one of the biggest things that helped her. She had a job at the prison, is a Christian that knows that God helped her to change her ways and let him guide her. She is now part of Mathew 25 Group and has a job. After losing her children, she is now back with them and she got married. What a beautiful story!

Submitted by Nancy Provost



Ladies,
Time is getting short. We need practically an entire new West District Leadership Team. Empty offices include President, Vice President, Treasurer, and many committee chairs. In fact, the only elected positions that we know do not need filling are Nominations, Secretary and Communications. **Sun City First, Trinity Phoenix, and Glendale First** have provided most leadership team members during the last 5 years. **WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW OR WE MAY BE CLOSING THE WEST DISTRICT CACTUS PATCH DOORS.**

MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED METHODIST WOMEN, COTTONWOOD

"UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH"

After a lengthy hiatus due to the pandemic, Cottonwood United Methodist Women have been running full steam ahead. We have been having fun, have been informed, are inspired!

This year has been no exception to our striving for variety in our general meeting programs. What fun it was to have "getting to know you again" activities and a potluck to welcome everyone back. In the months that followed we received an update on the Verde Valley Homeless Coalition, learned about "Navigating the Journey of Aging Well", heard a member tell the history of several Christmas songs, hummed along as they were played on the piano and then indulged in our Christmas potluck. We took to heart hints for beginning a good new year and refreshed our memory of the United Methodist Women's Channels of Undesignated Giving as explained by our board members. We also listened to a talk on religions of the world other than Christianity, stretched our muscles with exercises for seniors and were pleased to learn more about The Gathering, an informal Sunday service in Cottonwood that is predominantly for the homeless.

We held our United Methodist Women's rummage sale May 6th and 7th. It is our main fundraiser and enables us to give to the Five Channels of Mission Giving and to local charities.



Let us never forget "God behind us, God beside us and God ahead of us". We wish all of you a lovely summer with many blessings and joys.

Submitted by Mary Steig

(More from United Women in Faith, Prescott United Methodist Church)

Submitted by President Cheri Hull

Attached are pictures from our Ladies' Tea in May. It was a huge success with over 65 women attending. Music was provided by the Sweet Adeline's and Carla Whitmire spoke explaining the new rebranding and name change of United Women in Faith. It was also a day to wear hats and dress up and we used antique china settings, some over 100 years old, some over 50 years. We had so much fun with tea sandwiches and sweet treats.





*United Women of Faith
First United Methodist Church of Glendale
Submitted by Linda Biggar*

This year, for the United Women of Faith of Glendale, has been one of steady activity. January started with the installation of officers. Shepherdess Janet Rummel was in attendance and graciously took part in making our positions official. She also shared information about the reading program and spoke about some of the new books on this year's list.

At our April meeting, Becky Miller and Sally Dixon, Chairpersons of Program Resources briefly introduced several new titles to our United Women of Faith library. Interest was stirred to explore the books further.

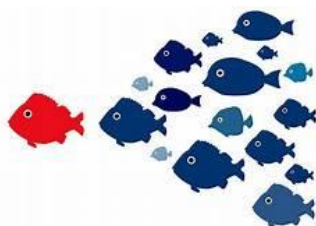
Fund raisers have been high on our activity priorities. In January, a Chili Luncheon was held. Teresa Burchett was Queen of the Kitchen, making the chili and cornbread. Everything was delicious as well as it being a profitable venture.

'So Many Shoes' was a week-long fundraiser in March. A list of seven items, one for each day of the week, was distributed to each participant. They were to determine how many of each item they had in their home and using an assigned 'value,' determine the donation for that day. For example, one day was assigned hats at \$.10 each. If there were seven hats in the house, the donation for that day would be \$.70. The donations for each of the other six days were done in the same way. This was definitely a lesson showing how several small donations can add up to a nice sum.

United Women of Faith Sunday was held in February. Christine Jones delivered the message, "Don't Give Up." This inspiring, unique presentation intertwined words from the song throughout the sermon.

Our group has hosted one after church coffee hour a month, and five receptions since the beginning of the year. Four of them were for funerals of church members, who left us all too soon.

For Mother's Day Sunday, ladies of the congregation were each given a long-stemmed carnation honoring mothers. Later, a sweet treat was served at coffee-hour - a cake made specially for the day, donated by United Methodist Men.



**WHO DO YOU CHOOSE TO
FOLLOW?**

TRINITY UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

Trinity continues to “plug along” as they have a wide variety of programs while they continue to ponder how Unit meetings and Circle meetings will look when the pandemic is over. Most Trinity women are convinced that “this is the new normal.” Trinity currently has an evening meeting and a Saturday meeting – specifically meeting the needs of working women and those who can no longer drive at night.

This past month, Trinity United Women of Faith hosted a Baby Shower after church. It was well attended by men and women alike and after a rousing game of Baby Jeopardy, attendees enjoyed a delicious salad luncheon. Diapers, pullups and other baby items were donated by members and will be taken to UMOM to help meet their needs.

PS: Do you know which body part a baby is born without?

NEW SONG UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

Submitted by Kimi Ivey

The ladies of New Song United Methodist Church have had a busy and fun quarter. Because of our church-wide “Souper Bowl Sunday” fund raiser we were able to donate \$500 to various missions. The soups were made by numerous members of the congregation and were offered on Super Bowl Sunday to anyone who wanted to purchase some. This has become so popular, it just might become a yearly event!

One of the ongoing blessings we have here at New Song is our pianist for our traditional service. Hongzu Guo has played for our church while simultaneously working toward her doctorate of music at ASU. She has truly blessed us with her outstanding skills. In April

the United Methodist Women sponsored a church wide concert for Hongzu and two of her fellow musicians, Rachel Reyes on flute and Leon Jin on bassoon. They are also pursuing their doctoral studies in music. The afternoon was capped off with a finger food reception for those in attendance.



But wait....there's more!!!

We had a very special day for another lady who has blessed our congregation with music, our choir director Nancy Borland and her husband Obie are expecting their first child in May. So, what else could we do but have a baby shower? Again our ladies came through with sharing the news and setting up a church wide shower to show our appreciation. Mom and Dad were beaming as they were "showered" with various gifts of love from our congregation.

Overall the United Methodist Women of New Song Church show over and over again how God's love and care can be shared with those in our church and surrounding area.

Now, as we slow down (ha ha) for the summer season, the ladies continue to plan for those of us who don't leave the valley. Get togethers such as movies, game days, and luncheons will be planned to keep us in touch with one another.

**CONGRATULATIONS to our two Mission u scholarship winners:
Amanda Leach and Mary Ellen Sleeth**



Some Sunshine from our West District President



As most of you are aware Mission u will be happening in person June 24-25 at Red Mountain UMC. I am happy to announce that the West District has awarded two scholarships to new attendees this year. The recipients are Mary Ellen Sleeth and Amanda Leach. Congratulations to both of these ladies. May this be the first of many times that you will attend Mission u. A virtual study will also be held on July 22-23.

Meetings also coming up in the near future will be Annual Celebration for both the West District and Conference.

West District is happy to announce that October 8, 2022 we will be meeting in person at Prescott United Methodist Church. Plans are underway for the speaker. I don't have anything yet to report but rest assured you won't want to miss this celebration.

Conference Annual Celebration will be on October 29. It will be held virtually only. The keynote speaker will be Katie Pryor. She is the Executive for Membership, Nurture & Development from National. An afternoon workshop will be held by Arizona Interfaith Power and Light. The topic is "What Our Faith Tells Us About Creation Care".

Another subject I want to approach is new officers for next year. Several positions will be open next year. They include president, treasurer, membership and possibly more. Vicki Keel is Chair of Nominations. She needs the help of all of you to recommend one of your local members to fill these open positions. Being an officer is a very rewarding experience. Please pray about this and step up to be a leader in the West District United Women in Faith.

Blessings to all of you,
Colleen Becker, West District President

“For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock..” -Psalm 27:5

Here we are approaching the summer. And what a busy year 2022 has turned out to be already. As Mission u is moving forward, I have offered to help with their online session. This year's Mission u spans two months with identical sessions, one in-person and one virtual. They are on Friday evenings and Saturdays. Registration opened March 24th. I know that I want to attend the in-person session. Did you apply for a scholarship? I hope you did.

This year's Mission u 2022 is Who Can We Be Together? Building Communities of Hope and Joy, a study of Luke 13.

- Friday, June 24 1pm-8:15pm & Saturday June 25, 8:30am-4pm at Red Mountain UMC
- Friday, July 22 5:30-8:30 pm & Saturday July 23, 8:30am-2pm on Zoom

I had the blessed opportunity to speak at First United Methodist Church of Glendale and give a message that spoke about the name change of the United Methodist Women to the United Women in Faith. Writing that sermon was a challenge as it reflected dealing with change, loss, and turning to mission work. Giving the message helped me to reflect on who we are as United Women in Faith. I had the chance to share my view with my Unit, that I believe that this is a place where we all belong! What are you doing for your United Women's Sunday?

Have you had any exciting programs? Do you have a special program scheduled for the Fall that you are working towards? Thanks to a lot of wonderful ideas from our program suggestions with the Vice Presidents at the LDD training this year and last, my unit has a special guest coming in the Fall to speak on Racial Justice. I am really excited because our unit got to see this special guest dance as Joseph in the Black Nativity when we attended in 2018 and now he is coming to speak to the unit in October. What are your program plans? Send them in for the next newsletter and let's all work at uniting in action.

As I shared with my congregation in March, “When the United Women of Faith step out into the world and see that something is wrong, they unite, they take the lead, and they make a difference.”

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

CACTUS PATCH ARTICLE PROGRAM RESOURCES

I have just finished reading ***ONE DRESS, ONE YEAR***, which is on our reading list for 2022. We all talk about human trafficking and what we can do about it.

Read about what a 16-year-old girl is DOING ABOUT IT. This is under the Education for Mission category. Perhaps this will encourage all of us to see WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT.

There are some great books on the list this year. When it is too hot outside, take some extra time to read while sitting in your cool house.

Janet Rummel

WEST DISTRICT SECRETARY Cheryl Buchholtz

Excuse me, ladies, but I am going to piggy-back off of Janet Rummel's program resources article. While the recommendation I am going to make is not one of the United Women of Faith books, I feel compelled to put this information before you.

Trinity United Methodist Church is currently using **The Chosen** as a Bible Study. It was actually a television drama started several years ago, but now comes with a study guide for leaders if it is to be used in a group setting. Here is a review of The Chosen:

The Chosen is a television drama based on the life of **Jesus of Nazareth**, created, directed and co-written by American filmmaker **Dallas Jenkins**. It is the first multi-season series about the life of Jesus, and season one was the top crowd-funded TV series or film project of all time.^{[1][2]} The series' creators stated that they had hoped to distinguish the new series from previous portrayals of Jesus by crafting a multi-season, episode-based story.^[3] The series portrays Jesus "through the eyes of those who met him".^[4]

The show has used innovative methods to finance its production and stream the series. The show is financed via **crowdfunding**; the show is free to watch and viewers are asked to "pay it forward" by contributing whatever amount they wish to fund future seasons, and contributors may receive perks such as appearing as an extra in the film. As of 2021, viewers had contributed \$40 million towards its production, making it by far the most successful crowdfunded entertainment project.^[5]

The series is available on DVDs but it can also be viewed on YouTube on your computer or on your Smart TV. If you are interested in more information about The Chose, check out this link to learn about this amazing series that is changing the lives of some of those who have seen it.

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Blessings, Cheryl





Who Can We Be Together?

Building Communities
of Hope and Joy

Mission u 2022 Registration

for both the in person event at

Red Mountain UMC

2936 N. Power Rd.

Mesa, AZ 85215

Friday, June 24, 1pm check in and Saturday, June 25, 8:30am light breakfast
and

the Virtual Mission u

Opens Friday, July 22 5:30pm and Saturday, July 23, at 8:30am
on zoom

REGISTER: <https://dscumc.org/secure/2022-mission-u-red-mountain-umc-registration/>

(Both studies are the same subject)

"Who Can We Be Together: A Biblical Exploration of Luke 13"

The book is available for \$10.

Please purchase your study book prior to Mission u. To order contact Mission Resource Center at
800-305-9857 or order online at: <http://www.umwmissionresources.org/>

Our study leaders for the in person study are: Reverend Rula Colvin and Christine Jones.

The Virtual Study will be facilitated by Reverend Rula Colvin.

Please be prepared to have a great weekend of worship, fellowship, and spiritual growth

PLEASE WEAR A NAME TAG YOU HAVE FROM SCHOOL, WORK, CHURCH, ETC. for our icebreaker!

Please bring: size 4-6 diapers, size 2T-5T pull-ups, wipes, feminine hygiene products,
shampoo/conditioner for **UMOM** as our **in-kind** donations.

Please bring: Water & Coffee cup **with lid**, Your Name Badge, Face Mask, Study book, Pen/Pencil,
Notebook, Sweater or Shawl, Money for Thank Offering and/or Mission Giving, and your
Emergency Health Information.

Hotel Information: You are on your own to make your hotel reservation if needed. Below are 2
suggestions for the area:

- La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham, Mesa Superstition Springs
6530 E. Superstition Springs Blvd. Mesa, AZ 85206 480 654-1970
- Best Western Superstition Springs 1342 S. Power Rd. Mesa, AZ 85206 480 641-1164

The Hands On project: Coloring Quilt Squares Social Action presentation: Climate Justice

Janette Gann, Dean

Billie Larime, Assistant Dean



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United Methodist Women Is Now United Women in Faith

NEW YORK, N.Y., Mar. 2, 2022: United Methodist Women is now United Women in Faith! The move is part of a refreshing of the organization that includes a new logo and an array of new and improved programs to nurture current members and welcome new women to join to put their love in action on behalf of women, children, and youth.

The organization announced the new operating name in the March-April edition of **response**, its bimonthly magazine for members, and is launching the rebrand with a new website and Face Book event March 3 at 1 pm ET.

The new programs are fruits of research conducted over the past five years with more than 24,000 United Methodists and women of other Christian traditions participating in the surveys, focus groups and interviews. This input informed the prayerful discernment of staff and elected leaders.

The changes are designed to address the different needs and life stages of current members and new women and expand options for membership and engagement. The new name also aims to welcome current members whose local churches may choose to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church as well as women of other faith traditions who want to join.

New and innovative programs will be rolled out throughout 2022, including:

- **A new, easier to navigate website** with a homepage designed to pique new women's interest in United Women in Faith and a special portal set to come online later this year where members can log in to access additional resources.
- **A new "All-Access" National Membership Option** enabling women to join United Women in Faith via the new website and participate online or in person at local units or larger events
- **Soul Care Retreats**, a pilot recruitment program for members and their nonmember friends and new women focused on nurturing women's bodies, minds, and spirits.
- **Innovations to Mission u**, the organization's longtime spiritual growth and transformative education program. Beginning in spring 2022, Mission u will introduce new curricula each year—one for children, one for youth and one for adults—all focused on a shared biblical theme. The new Mission u curricula will be more adaptable for use in small groups, local churches, vacation Bible schools, retreats, and other settings. Through these vibrant, relevant, justice-

oriented, and biblically centered curricula, Mission u will continue its commitment

to learning together for the transformation of the world and expand its impact. • **More targeted giving options and new interactive online resources** for members.

“This is an exciting time for our organization!” said Harriett Jane Olson, CEO of United Women in Faith. “Looking back, we see the through lines for our organization—faith in God, love for each other and commitment to putting our faith into action supporting women, children, and youth. These commitments have been expressed in different ways at different times using different names, always calling women to world changing action. This combination of a new look, more accessible resources for members and new ways to participate, positions us for impact in our own journeys and in how we engage the world that God so loves.”

‘Ainise ‘Isama’u, United Women in Faith board president, said the changes express the organization’s core values in ways that will excite current members and invite new women to join us.

“I’m confident our members will be excited about these changes,” she said. “Together we are creating more opportunities for engagement with more women through new programs and updates of long-standing programs that embody our core values. Things change. People change. But God remains, and that continues to be the purpose behind everything that we do in this organization.”

The organization remains incorporated in New York as United Methodist Women and is doing business as United Women in Faith.

United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.

May all who read this news be blessed in their understanding.





United
Women
in Faith

Western Jurisdiction United Women in Faith

Dear United Women in Faith,

This has been a hard year for all of us because most of us are not meeting in person for our district and conference United Methodist Women meetings. This means the Western Jurisdiction Nominations Committee can't get to know all of you.

In the past we have come and visited your conferences, but that has not happened. We are asking that you help us out by sending out the Western Jurisdiction Profile to your membership.

Our committee on nominations has the responsibility of finding women within these conferences who are qualified to be in leadership positions and are willing to serve for a term of four years. An important tool we use to do this is our Profile Sheets.

To proceed with our work the nominations committee needs to have on file a record of women and the many gifts and talents they have to offer as United Methodist Women. Filling out the sheet doesn't necessarily mean that you will be asked at this time, but it is important that we have your information for future reference.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Please see the attached profile form.

You can email me back the profile form dynomont_3@msn.com be sure to put an underscore between the t and 3.

Or mail it to me (address is on the bottom of the profile sheet).

Thanks so much on the behalf of the Western Jurisdiction Nominations Committee.

Lynda Montgomery,

Chair of the Nominations Committee





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in Faith

Western Jurisdiction Profile

1. Date_____
2. Name_____ Marital Status _____
3. Address_____
- Street/Box# City Street zip
4. E-mail address_____
5. Telephone: (H)_____ (W)_____ (C)_____
6. Date of Birth_____ Ethnicity_____ Language Spoken_____
7. Conference_____ District_____ Local_____
8. Are you employed? ____no ____yes, full time____yes, part time
9. Are you able to be away from home or work? ____Full day____Weekend____extended time
10. Nature of employment: _____
11. Occupational Experience: _____

12. Educational Background: _____

13. What skills and talents would you bring to this team? _____

14. What are your areas of special interest and/or concerns? _____

15. Write a statement you feel describes you as a person: