



United
Women
in Faith

North Country Breezes

North District United Women in Faith
Desert Southwest Conference



WE HAVE
THIS TREASURE IN
JARS OF CLAY.

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President's Message

I am excited to announce that North District will have an in-person Annual Celebration and Leadership Development Day at Green Valley United Methodist Church in Henderson, Nevada on Saturday October 15, 2023 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Mark your calendars because this is going to be an event you won't want to miss! The theme will be **Jars of Clay** as we will be sharing our experiences of how God is transforming us into **United Women in Faith**. This will be an opportunity for worship and fellowship, as well as a celebration of unit achievements and honoring those who have gone on to their eternal reward. Online registration will be available soon.

I was happy to attend 2022 Assembly virtually on May 20th and 21st. The theme was "Turn it UP" and the

Karen Dallatore
North District President



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

speakers were enthusiastic about the diversity and inclusivity of United Women in Faith. Ideas for fund-raising were shared by the many attendees and it was interesting to see the innovative ideas from various regions.

Voices from the Field: Listening to Women from Liberia

Article first published: [Voices from the Field: Listening to Women from Liberia | United Women in Faith \(uwfaith.org\)](#)



Join Finda Quiwa, United Women in Faith Regional Missionary, and the Liberian country team for an informative discussion of the work of United Women in Faith in Liberia. Speakers will discuss the critical issues facing women in Liberia and share their current work as well as future programs needed to improve the lives of women and girls. [Learn more and register today!](#)

Finda Quiwa
Photo by Priscilla Dickson/
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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.uwfaith.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

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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*

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.

Treasurer's Notes

Jane Ann Murray, Treasurer
North District

Treasurers of the North District

We are in new times with United Women in Faith (formerly United Methodist Women). Information is coming into the leadership team of the conference districts and as we receive them we will forward so please be on the lookout!

Couple of FYI items below:

New Special Mission Recognition (SMR) Certificates--The SMR cer-



tificates have been rebranded to say United Women in Faith. Click [here](#) to download a document that contains all of the certificates. If you want physical certificates mailed to you, please email Jane Ann Murray the certificate types and quantity.

Fundraising – The most important, and usually the largest source of funds for the local budget, are the pledges and mission gifts of individual members. But in many local groups it is necessary to organize fundraising endeavors to supplement individual pledges and to fulfill the group's financial commitments. Fundraising events, of course, can also be good community-building times. Any fundraising event should be thoroughly discussed by the committee on finance and presented to the group for approval. The treasurer is not to be responsible for fundraisers.

More information is coming! Please continue to digest the information that is available and reach out to me with questions and I will do the best I can to get you the answer.
Jane Ann Murray ND District Treasurer stmetman@gmail.com or 615-477-4883 call or text.

Grace and Peace,
Jane A. Murray

Mission Giving

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



Every single Mission Dollar Makes a Difference!

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

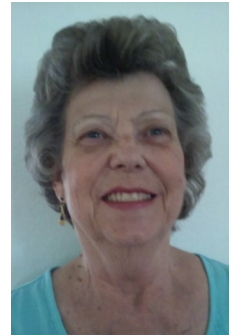
Your gifts through the Five Channels of [MISSION GIVING](#) are critically important.

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

Desert Spring United Methodist Church

Sharon Scobie, Treasurer

Desert Spring United Women in Faith, formerly United Methodist Women, is hosting a special kick-off event on September 10 from 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. to celebrate the new name, **United Women in Faith**. We would like to invite all units in the North District to this event. Please put the date on your calendar. More details will be forthcoming as we are in the process of making the plans now. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Scobie at sscobie42@gmail.com or 702-423-9644.



Green Valley United Methodist Church

Meryl Ahart, President,
and Jungrea Chung, Supporting Ex-Officio



Green Valley Women in Faith now has 12 active members and four inactive.

Our mission for Mothers Day was open to our entire congregation. We collected \$760 in gift cards for women in Safe House Domestic Violence Shelter.

For International Day of Forests we are planting 25 trees which also supports sustainable agriculture and economic empowerment for underserved communities.

June 2, we had "The Great Vegan Potluck," open to our entire congregation. Our Social Justice chairperson, Kristen Johnson, did a presentation regarding climate change and meat consumption. 16 people, 14 women and two men, participated.

St. Michael's United Methodist Church

Cyndy Montgomery
Co-Chair Spiritual Growth



On January 25th Jane Murray spoke to our St. Michael's United Women in Faith group, formerly United Methodist Women, about Operation Christmas Child. At our March meeting we filled 30 shoe boxes for the children. We are continuing to collect items to fill more boxes for the project.

April 26th Christine Buntmeyer came to speak to us about the Clothes Closet and the need for food for the homeless. The entire church helped us collect items of food for the project.



Summertime Splendor

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One theme in Psalms is how nature reveals God's glory. That's especially evident during summer. "There is a signature of wisdom and power impressed on the works of God, which evidently distinguishes them from the feeble imitations of men," writes John Newton. "Not only the splendor of the sun, but the glimmering light of the glowworm, proclaims his glory."

That glory shines even brighter when we spend time in God's Word. Thomas Merton writes, "By reading the scriptures I am so renewed that all nature seems renewed around me and with me. The sky seems to be a pure, a cooler blue, the trees a deeper green. The whole world is charged with the glory of God, and I feel fire and music under my feet."



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Purpose: United Women in Faith 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.

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 Women in Faith 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,
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Journey United Methodist Church

Debora Hodler,
Vice-President



United Women in Faith from Journey United Methodist Church are continuing their big plans for missions and more in 2022! Here's what we've been up to and are planning in the second quarter.

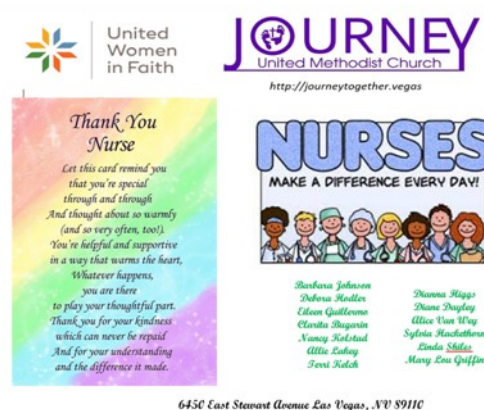
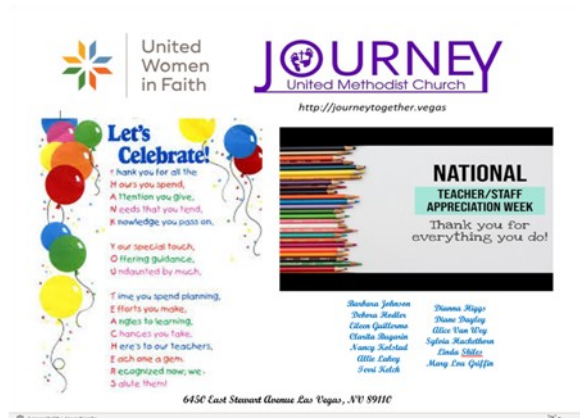
We are keeping up with our ongoing monthly mission on the first Wednesday and Friday of each month at East Valley Family Services to pack food boxes and distribute them to seniors in the community through the Golden Groceries program. We have even discovered that some of the seniors have difficulty getting to the center and back home

and now help them with transportation to and from the center.

We finished our Undie Sunday Project by delivering 85 clothing items (32 men's underwear, 7 pair pajamas, 35 women's socks and underwear, along with 11 knitted hats) to Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth on April 11.

On April 24, 2022, we celebrated Holy Humor or Bright Sunday as UMW/UWF Sunday. In the early church, the Sunday after Easter was observed by the faithful as a day of joy and laughter with parties and shenanigans to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. The custom of Bright Sunday, as it was called, came from the idea of some early church theologians that God played a joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. Easter was God's supreme joke played on death, hence the risus paschalis – "the Easter laugh." We announced the changing of our name within the wonderful sermon presented by our own Eileen Guillermo entitled "Joyfully Embracing Change – Let's Party!" We had kazooos, balloons, knock-knock jokes, and LOTS of fun!

We hand-delivered Teacher Appreciation letters to 17 schools (K – 12) as well as Nurse Appreciation letters to 16 clinics in our "neighborhood" (the area around our church) during the first two weeks in May.



Finally, we are creating Inspirational Post Cards for the families at Ronald McDonald House on May 21 during our first "Design and Dine" lunch meeting at Journey UMC.

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