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2 Corinthians 4:7



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President's Message

“But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.” 2 Corinthians 4:7

This passage is the basis of our theme for North District Annual Celebration October 15, 2022 at Green Valley United Methodist Church from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

We will celebrate our inclusivity and our individuality as United Women in Faith. We have been isolated for a time. Staying connected through technology has been good; but now we will come together in person to celebrate how our Supreme Potter continues to form us. It may have seemed like we were spinning out of control on the Potter's wheel without form, but through the loving care of our Lord, we have been uniquely shaped into a beautiful creation called United Women in Faith! We will celebrate each local unit's Mission Today Achievements and Reading Program Awards and recognize new unit and district leaders. I thank Green Valley United Women in Faith for hosting this event. Lunch will be provided.

Karen Dallatore
North District President



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

Please complete the registration form included in this newsletter and mail to me at the address below.

When we receive your registration, we will send you menu options so you can select your preference of sandwich. Several activities are planned for this day, so please come, and enjoy!

Blessings!

Karen Dallatore
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REGISTRATION FORM

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ANNUAL CELEBRATION 2022

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022

10:AM – 3:00 PM

Green Valley United Methodist Church

2200 Robindale Road Henderson, NV 89074

Jars of Clay

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ANNUAL CELEBRATION 2022

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022

10:AM – 3:00 PM

NAME OF PERSON ATTENDING

LEADERSHIP ROLE or AREA OF INTEREST

ADDRESS _____

Street

City

State

Zip Code

PHONE _____ **EMAIL** _____

CHURCH _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____

Name

Relationship

Phone

Do you give permission to be photographed and authorize photos to be used in United Women in Faith newsletters and other publications, promotional material and/or social media? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you need childcare? ☐ Yes ☐ No Number of Children _____ Age(s) _____

***Note:** If childcare is needed please provide sack lunch for your child.

Do you have any dietary restrictions? ☐ No ☐ Yes If yes, please describe _____

Green Valley United Methodist Church

Meryl Ahart, President

Green Valley United Women in Faith did not meet in July or August, but we are very happy that at our June 2 potluck, which was open to the entire congregation, we gained one new member and the possibility of a second one soon. We had 16 people (14 women and 2 men) in attendance. We started an email Prayer chain which has already gotten several Prayer Requests out to our members.

Our fall plans are to have a program for our Thank Offering and also a program for Prayer and Self Denial. We will close the year with a Christmas Brunch in December.



Journey United Methodist Church

Debora Hodler, 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 for the third 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. Our "Christmas in July" annual drive for fast food gift cards for Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth was a big success! We collected \$145 in gift cards and an additional \$160 in cash.

Backpacks and school supplies were blessed on August 7 during our service and delivered to East Valley Family Services for their Senior Respite Program and Family Resource Center.

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



"Pouring New Wine" Conference Annual Celebration

First seen in September 2022 edition of Southwest Winds, the Newsletter of the Desert Southwest Conference United Women in Faith
([Southwest Winds 9/22](#))

Saturday, October 29, 2022

9:00 AM- 3:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

no registration fee

Join us at 8:30 AM for breakfast and a chat with our Deaconesses.



You will want to hear **Katie Pryor**, National United Women in Faith, talk about the new branding and all the exciting plans for United Women in Faith. You will be able to learn about the future of United Women in Faith and ask questions. After lunch **Melanie Beikman** from Arizona Interfaith Power and Light will share with us. There will be a business meeting, and we will conclude the day with communion and a memorial service honoring our members who have passed away this year.

This is another perfect opportunity to have a watch party (gather a few ladies together to watch) at your church, in your home, etc. Those at watch parties last year enjoyed it so much. It's a day of celebrating for us all. See you there!!

[Register Now!](#)

Your gift today will be joined with others in the Mission Giving Fund to support global programs and projects on behalf of women, children and youth. From climate justice to women's leadership development, United Women in Faith are making a difference where it matters most.

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An Interview with Venantie Ntakirutimana, United Women in Faith

First seen 9/27/22 on United Women in Faith ([A Journey of Mercy at Africa U | United Women in Faith](#))



Venantie Ntakirutimana

In the spring of 2023, divinity student at Africa University, Venantie Ntakirutimana will graduate and enter the ministry in her home country of Rwanda. Her journey to become one of the few Rwandan female pastors hasn't been easy, and she doubts that she'd have this opportunity if not for the scholarship given by United Women in Faith. We caught up with Ntakirutimana right before classes resumed this fall. Here is an excerpt from her remarks.

How has the United Women in Faith scholarship helped you to become a leader?

Before getting this scholarship, I was struggling financially. That struggle was an obstacle to my studies at Africa University and I was about to drop out of school. So, this scholarship has helped me to overcome these challenges and go further in my studies in divinity by paying my school fees, tuition, transport, food, medical insurance and books.

Today, I am a skillful and knowledgeable woman. As an educated woman in ministry, I received an opportunity to lead the church and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. With this scholarship, I will graduate in June 2023 with a bachelor's degree in divinity.

What will you do when you graduate?

When I graduate, I plan to go back to Rwanda, my home country, to serve and contribute to the development of my church and my country. In the United Methodist Church of the Rwanda Provisional Conference, there are few active women pastors due to a lack of education in theology. I plan to help women to study, especially in areas that help them enter into the ministry. I will assist children to go to school and encourage the church to access and construct health centers.

As an educated woman, I will try my best to increase the church membership and plant new churches in all corners of the country. I will invest in agriculture to fight against poverty, unemployment, poor housing, etc.

What have you discovered about yourself at Africa University?

I grew in my family and community where I learned everything according to my culture and local language, which is Kinyarwanda, spoken by more than 8 million people in Rwanda. At Africa University, I discovered how to work together with people from all over the world including students, staff, and visitors, who come with their own cultures and own languages.

Here's an interesting example: I joined a women's organization for women from a variety of African countries where we meet at the Women Centre in Mutare, here in Zimbabwe, once a week. Despite our different home countries,

we come together to pray, worship, and help vulnerable people.

What surprised you about your college experience?

Africa University is a school where students are nurtured. The university

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hosts different students from all over the continent of Africa. Every student who joins this school goes back home with knowledge and skills that enable him or her to make changes and develop society for the better.

What were the expectations for you as a girl?

As a woman, I came to Africa University with an intention to develop my talents and gifts in spiritual ministry to be able to lead the church and interpret the Bible accordingly so that I may prepare weekly sermons and lead Sunday services.

What has changed for you at university?

By studying hard at Africa University and by having the support from United Women in Faith who sponsors my studies, I am strengthened and empowered to lead the church that people once thought was an opportunity not for women but solely for men.

How does your family support your education?

Starting with my husband, who also studies at Africa University, I'm happy to inform you that all of my family members are with me on this journey of mercy in which I serve God. I appreciate their (and your) encouragement and prayers.

United Women in Faith Scholars

In 2022, United Women in Faith provided approximately 137 scholarships to students in the U.S. and around the world, totaling close to \$400,000. Within that total, slightly more than \$85,000 is given to 16 students who attend Africa University (Africa U).

Africa U, founded 30 years ago by United Methodists and located in Zimbabwe, is the first private university in Africa and draws upon the wisdom and skills within and among the pan-African community. Venantie Ntakirutimana is one of 1,400 students from 25 countries at Africa U, learning and sharing values of leadership, equality, and peacemaking.

Join our members in supporting work with women, children, and youth by giving now at uwfaith.org/give.



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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.