



United  
Women  
in Faith

# North Country Breezes

North District United Women in Faith  
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**Purpose:** We are 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.



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## President's Message

From the desk of the President of North District United Women in Faith:

Greetings, in the name of Jesus Christ. This past month a group of individuals from Saint Michaels ventured over to Payson, Arizona to attend the United Women in Faith spiritual formation retreat, Saturday, April 29. There were 62 women there from all over the conference. It was a marvelous time as we grew with each other during our time of loving, rejoicing, and

caring for each other. We were able to all sit at different tables, and we got to make new friends. The day consisted of singing, skits, crafts, time of silence, and prayer walks. Fun time was had by all.

If your unit is having events that you would like to invite the whole District to, please reach out to me or Pam Huff so we can get the information out to all the units.

Peace and Grace,  
Jane

Jane Ann Murray  
North District President



North District President,  
Jane Ann Murray

**“...we grew with each other during our time of loving, rejoicing, and caring for each other.”**



We believe love in action can change the world.

## Desert Spring United Methodist Church

Alison Kerr,  
Serendipity Circle Lead

Desert Spring United Women in Faith held a quarterly luncheon on April 22nd which focused on Social Justice and was led by our Social Justice Coordinator, Yvonne Daniely.

The speaker was Mile Kamer from Project REAL and included an active Q and A. Project REAL's goal is to educate students about Nevada specific laws as well as federal laws through interesting, fun activities and curriculum focusing on Kindergarten to 12th grade. "This way we're able to impact students lives from all levels of schooling."



## Journey United Methodist Church

Allie Lakey,  
VicePresident



Journey UWF members celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week with teachers and staff at a neighborhood school, Kirk Adams Elementary School, on May 12<sup>th</sup>. We served lunch to approximately 50 enthusiastic teachers and staff.

Comments from Journey participants reflect how enjoyable the event was. From Debora, "It was really great. Lots of appreciation going both directions!!" And from Clarita, "Yes, it was a great experience. It was fun!"

We set up a taco bar with all the goodies it takes to make a delicious taco. Here's the poster that tied it all together!

Journey UWF has sponsored other events at neighborhood schools, including a Welcome Back on the first day of school. We are planning to participate in another Welcome Back event at Kirk Adams on the first day of school this fall in partnership with Journey's Good Neighbor Experiment ministry. We will gift the kids with colorful pencils inscribed with Journey's contact information.

All during the pandemic, we continued to meet by Zoom. Our general meetings are currently on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 10 a.m., at the church.



## Green Valley United Methodist Church

Meryl Ahart, president of Green Valley United Women of Faith, presented Emily Ntia with a recognition certificate and a pin in recognition her years of service as our Treasurer since our group began three years ago.

Meryl Ahart,  
President



# Mission u

## Registration is OPEN!

### Adult Study

July 21st & 22nd  
In Person -  
Prescott UMC

<https://dscumc.org/secure/2023-mission-in-person-registration/>

### Virtual Adult Study

June 23rd 5-8 pm  
& June 24th 9-  
11:30 Break Then  
12:00-2:00 pm

<https://dscumc.org/secure/2023-mission-u-virtual-adults/>

### Virtual Youth Study

Aug. 24th 31st,  
Sept 7th & Sept  
14th 6-8pm

<https://dscumc.org/secure/2023-mission-u-virtual-youth/>



LIVING THE GOOD NEWS

Reflecting God's Love  
Living the Kin-dom

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## Mission u 2023 Registration Is OPEN! And we are Looking for YOU!

***The in-person event at: Prescott UMC, 505 Gurley St., Prescott, AZ 86301***

***Friday, July 21, 12:30pm check in and Saturday, July 22, 8:00am light breakfast***

**The Adult Virtual Mission u - Opens Friday, June 23, at 5:00pm and Saturday, June 24, at 9:00am on Zoom.**

**The Youth Virtual Mission u - Opens Thursday, Aug, 24, Aug. 31, Sept. 7 and Sept 14, at 6:00pm on Zoom.**

### REGISTER:

In-Person Event: <https://dscumc.org/secure/2023-mission-in-person-registration/>

Virtual for Adults: <https://dscumc.org/secure/2023-mission-u-virtual-adults/>

Virtual for Youth: <https://dscumc.org/secure/2023-mission-u-virtual-youth/>

**Adult Study: Living the Kin-dom: Exploring the Lord's Prayer as a Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation**  
by Riva Tabelisma

**Youth Study: Seek and You Shall Find: Living in the Kin-dom**  
by Rachel Mosher

*Our study leaders for the in-person study are:*

***Reverend Amanda Corella and Reverend Susan Jacobson.***

*The Virtual Adult Study will be facilitated by Reverend Amanda Corella.*

*The Virtual Youth Study will be facilitated by Rachel Mosher (the author of the youth study).*

*If you are attending the in-person study, 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!***

**Hotel Information:** We have a reserved block of rooms at **Motel Best Western in Prescott**, 1317 E. Gurley St. Prescott, AZ 86301-3313 Phone 928-445-3096. **Cost is \$164 plus Tax.**

**Cut Off Date to secure a room at this rate is 6/21/2023. Call Hotel directly referencing the United Women in Faith group to book your rooms.**

Ask for special accommodations. if needed for mobility issues. Must ask for downstairs or handicapped room because there is no elevator. Complimentary Wi-Fi, hot buffet breakfast and parking.

*The Hands-On project: Dream catcher key chains or Colors of Faith Cross keychain*

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## Annual Conference Mission Projects 2023

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### 2023 MISSION PROJECT NEWS

DESERT SOUTHWEST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

On February 24th, the Sessions Committee, our planning body for Annual Conference, confirmed the three mission projects for this year. The projects are as follows. Donations for all three can be received at <https://dscumc.org/mission-project-donation/>.

### Ukraine UMC Support

February 24th, 2023, marked the 1-year mark for the war in Ukraine with Russia. In the past year, thousands have died, been injured, and lost loved ones. Millions have lost their homes; cities have been completely destroyed. The Methodist clergy continue their ministry with all people of Ukraine, offering food, clothing, shelter, schooling, migration to the western part of Ukraine, and so much more. Our support and prayer are critical.

### RIP Medical Debt

As medical costs continue to escalate, more and more people are struggling with medical debt. Through this initiative, debt can be relieved by helping families return to financial health. From the RIP website, they share: nearly 50% of U.S. adults delayed or skipped medical care due to the high costs of treatment; 50% of U.S. adults wouldn't be able to afford an unexpected \$500.00 bill; and – 2/3 of bankruptcies cite medical debt as a leading cause. Let's help! Rev. Jen Lambert of Red Mountain UMC has already been involved with RIP Medical Debt relief and can attest to the miracles when \$10.00 donated purchases \$1,000 in economic relief for those experiencing bankruptcy due to their medical bills.

### Turkey & Syria Earthquake Relief

Since February 6th, the day of the first earthquake to strike Turkey and neighboring Syria, national and international news organizations have carried stories of the total devastation and overwhelming numbers of lives lost. Complete cities were leveled, with nothing left. There is a belief that literally hundreds of

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thousands more lives are buried underneath the rubble. UMCOR has provided financial assistance since day one; volunteers from all over the world have traveled to help dig through the rubble, stone by stone. Miracles have occurred finding some people alive, more than 200 hours after that first quake. A second series of earthquakes hit on February 20th. The official death toll has exceeded 50,000 as of February 24th.

What is notable about all three projects is the ongoing nature of needed support and prayer.

Turkey, Syria, and Ukraine will need support for families to rebuild entire lives – shelter, clothing, food, schools, even businesses – the very economics to make life whole again. Yet in each of those countries, there is one constant – Hope. People “of” hope, living into Hope. All three countries need yes, our financial support, but also our prayers – our continuous prayers as we are taught to do by the God who loves us without ceasing.

In our own country and, in this case, our own states – we know the deafening effects of inflation and how crushing medical debt can be – both for those who have insurance and for the many who do not or who’s coverage simply does not address the escalating cost burden. The weight of debt so great families must declare bankruptcy and determine a way to survive.

Our Conference is a generous Conference. Year after year, we have witnessed the power of Desert Southwest United Methodists making a difference in the lives of so many. I can already feel the blessings to come. Here we go!!! Annual Conference Mission Projects 2023 are here!

## Questions?

Find graphics and news updates about the 2023 Mission Project at <https://dscumc.org/mission-project>. Please contact Billie at [bfidlin@dscumc.org](mailto:bfidlin@dscumc.org).

To learn more about all three mission project focuses for the 2023 Desert Southwest Annual Conference, visit <https://dscumc.org/mission-project>. The other mission foci are earthquake recovery in Syria and Turkey, and support for Ukraine UMC. Donate to all three or to a specific focus at <https://dscumc.org/mission-project-donation>.

**Churches:** Please share your church’s giving mission totals with Billie Fidlin at [bfidlin@dscumc.org](mailto:bfidlin@dscumc.org) by

