



United
Women
in Faith

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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North Country Breezes

North District United Women in Faith
Desert Southwest Conference

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President's Message

Jane Ann Murray
North District President

Greetings in the name of Jesus the Christ!

****Save the Date: North District Annual Celebration on October 21, 2023 at Advent United Methodist Church! ****

"We make each other better."

Dear Members of the United Women in Faith Units,

We are excited to announce our upcoming annual celebration, and we can't wait to have all join us for this joyous occasion! Mark your calendars for ****October 21**** as we come together to celebrate our unity, faith, and shared journey.

****Event Details: ****

Date: October 21 Time: 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM
Location: Advent United Methodist Church
3460 N. Rancho Road, Las Vegas, NV

Our annual celebration is a time of reflection, gratitude, and connection. It's an opportunity for us to strengthen the bonds of sisterhood and celebrate our achievements throughout the year. Together, we will engage in inspiring discussions, heartwarming stories, and uplifting moments of worship. Stay tuned for more updates as we finalize the schedule and program for the day. We encourage you to invite your units and any other women you think might enjoy this time to join us for a memorable celebration. Let's come together to uplift and support one another as we continue our journey of faith. For any questions or further information, please feel free to reach out to:



North District President,
Jane Ann Murray

***"Iron sharpens iron, and one person sharpens the wits of another."
Proverbs 27:17***

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President's Message

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North District President

****Special Guests Announced for Our North District Annual Celebration! ****

Get ready to be inspired and uplifted by two incredible guest speakers who will be joining us for this memorable event! These remarkable individuals bring a wealth of wisdom, experience, and insight that is sure to leave a lasting impact.

Our Distinguished Guests:

Clair Hart

Clair Hart will lead us in a transformative journey of Spiritual Formation for Awakening Session. Through intentional reflection, growth, and connection, we can experience profound positive changes in our lives. I am sure there will also be some singing!

Eileen Guillermo

We are thrilled to have Eileen share with you the wonderful upcoming United Women in Faith Western Jurisdiction Alaska meeting site and events that promise to enrich your spiritual journey, foster connections, and inspire growth.

These two guests will bring us together in unity as we continue to explore our faith and strengthen our bonds.

More information will be coming within the next couple of weeks so you may RSVP. Let's come together to ignite the flames of awakening within us and discover the boundless potential of our community. With anticipation and unity, let's embrace this opportunity to learn, grow, and celebrate together. We look forward to seeing all of you on October 21st at Advent United Methodist Church. Let's make this annual celebration a truly remarkable and meaningful event!

With Love and Blessings,
Jane Murray, President
North District United Women in Faith

See more details about the
North District Celebration on page 6.



JOIN US IN
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
WESTERN JURISDICTION
QUADRENNIAL EVENT

May 9-11, 2024

Hotel Captain Cook

spirited worship
engaging workshops
motivating speakers

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See more
details about
the Western
Jurisdiction
Quadrennial
Event on pages
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Reading Program and Program Resources

Sandy Garlick
North District Program Resources

Have you read any good books lately? The year is passing by quickly, so if there are readers in your units who are on track to receive Awards for the 2022-2023 books they have read please make sure to submit your lists to the District by September 25.

The Reading Program booklists are found on the [United Women in Faith website](#) where you will find many book titles that will help you to complete Plans 1,2,3, or 4! Any books from lists for the past five years are valid for counting in 2023. Many titles are available through the online library in your area. Audiobooks and e-books may also be available. Some of the titles are currently also in movie form. If you watched the movie you can count it in the category where the book is listed, i.e., Spiritual Growth, Social Action, Education for Mission, Nurturing for Community, or Leadership Development. And don't forget that regularly reading Response magazine or listening to the online Faith Talks Podcasts, as well as attending or reading the books for Mission u, are also counted as part of participation in the Reading Program. Make sure to check them out. If there are any questions or you need assistance, please let me know.

Information on how to complete reading Plans can be found by [clicking here](#) or going to <https://uwfaith.org/resources/reading-program/>



A PDF of the reporting form is also available for printing on the United Women in Faith website by [clicking here](#) or going to <https://uwfaith.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/ReadingProgramReportingForm.pdf>

If you weren't able to complete one of the plans, make sure you keep track of those titles for reporting next year. I hope to be hearing from you soon!

Sandy Garlick
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A prayer e-card

Consider sending a United Women in Faith e-card to your sisters in faith. It's easy and fun to pick out a card, personalize it and send it to someone having a special day or having a challenging time.

<https://uwfaith.org/2023-prayer-guide-e-cards/> [Click Here](#)

Desert Spring United Methodist Church

Alison Kerr

Desert Spring United Women in Faith were asked to provide one meal for the staff and volunteers during our church's week long Vacation Bible School (VBS). It was a wonderful opportunity to not only serve our church community children but many more from the surrounding neighborhood. With many of our unit members on vacation, we had a wonderful group of women pitch in and serve.



Journey United Methodist Church

Allie Lakey
Vice President

Journey United Women in Faith Marks Start of New School Year with Greetings and Gifts



Students & parents, Barbara Johnson, Debora Hodler, Eileen Guillermo, a student, Terri Kelch

With excitement and signs, Journey UWF greeted children on the first day of school at Kirk Adams Elementary School in our neighborhood.



Pastor Jaycee, Shannon Cole of EVFS, Debora Hodler, Barbara Johnson, Journey UFE co-presidents

Journey pastor, Rev. Jaycee Salangsang, joined UWF to present back to school supplies to East Valley Family Services. The Journey congregation was very generous again this year.

Mesquite United Methodist Church

Nancy May Rowe
Prayer Shawl Circle

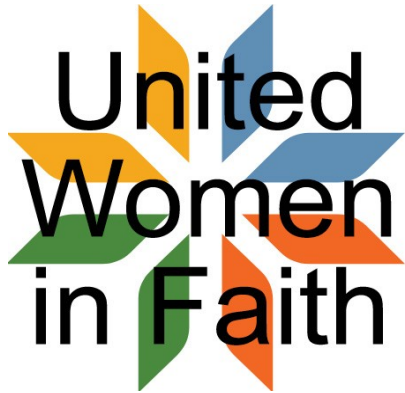


Prayer Shawl Ministry - Once a year we bless 23-28 prayer shawls. Last June, Pastor Wendy Swanson blessed 26 prayer shawls and one quilt. The nine ladies who said prayers while knitting/crocheting these lovely prayer shawls are Betsy Augustine, LuAnne Bender, Sherry Howie, Ann Jakubowski, Sue Loe, Trish Killian, Doris Points, Nancy Mae Rowe, and Jeanne Saxion.

They present to others the prayer shawls for various reasons: death of a spouse or family member, illness, surgery, birth, marriage, confirmation, or graduation. These prayer shawls have been hand delivered with a little ceremony of a book mark explaining the prayer shawls and a little prayer. They are shipped or sent special delivery by a relative or special friend. The prayer shawl group meets monthly at the home of Nancy Mae Rowe, the group's mentor, leader, and coordinator. These prayer shawls are made with love and donated yarn which is stored in Nancy Mae's garage.

Hats and Mittens - With this same donated yarn, the group has a goal of 400 hats per year, a goal which they reach every year. Last year was great, as they made a total of 528 hats and 42 scarves. So far this year they have 245 hats and 12 scarves for our winter warm-up campaign. They are given to preschool through 5th grade students in two local schools and one neighboring school. Also, they are mailed to two Indian schools which covers all grades. Last year the Mission team collected over 100 pairs of mittens to be mailed with the hats and scarves to the Indian schools, as they get snow and cold weather.

Along with the yarn that is donated, they get yarn (wool and fancy) the ministry cannot use, material, and craft and sewing items that are still usable and not ready for the garbage can. Once a year they bring these items to a bazaar or outdoor market that the United Women in Faith hosts and give them away for a small optional donation. This money keeps them self-sufficient as they use it to mail prayer shawls, hats, scarves and mittens.



North District Annual Celebration

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****Nominations for upcoming officers 2024**

****Honoring our units for the year**

Brunch and fun start at 9:30 AM

**R.S.V.P by October 7 to Karen Dallatore
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2024 WESTERN
JURISDICTION
Get Together!
United Women in Faith

May 9-11, 2024
Hotel Captain Cook Anchorage
May 8 Pre-Event Opportunities
Ubuntu, Pioneer Tour, Legacy Dinner

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Find it all in one place. **&** **WILD**

TOP ATTRACTIONS

From flightseeing to wildlife viewing, Anchorage has it all.

- The Chugach Mountains hold a wonderland of wilderness trails, peaks, rivers, glaciers, and wildlife
- There are 60 glaciers within 50 miles of Anchorage
- Anchorage is home to 1,500 resident moose, as well as eagles, fox, beluga whales, bears, salmon, and more
- Fascinating museums showcase Alaska Native, Russian, gold rush, aviation, and natural history
- Art galleries, concert venues, and creative performances and displays abound

NATIVE CULTURE

Located within the traditional homelands of the Dena'ina Athabascans and the Native Village of Eklutna, Anchorage is now home to Alaska Native peoples from across the state. This unique blend of cultures is showcased via exhibits at the Anchorage Museum, demonstrations and life-size traditional dwellings at the Alaska Native Heritage Center, gatherings like the Alaska Federation of Natives meetings, the Native Youth Olympics, and the Indigenous World Film Festival, and public art by local Indigenous artists.

CUISINE

There are more than 1,600 eating establishments ranging from casual to fine dining.

Local chefs offer up mouth-watering creations, and cuisine reflects the city's global draw and diverse community. You'll find meals drawing on time-tested recipes, and discover a few found only in the Great Land. Menus include everything from king crab, halibut, and wild salmon to other surprising Alaska food specialties, whether fished, farmed, or foraged.

Anchorage also has over a dozen breweries, two distilleries, wineries, and a meadery to choose from.



For more information visit **Anchorage.net**



SPRING ADVENTURES

Go birding in the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge. Find lingering patches of spring snow for some late-season skiing, sledding, or snowshoeing. Catch a live performance or art exhibit. Spring in Anchorage blossoms with wildlife watching opportunities, unique seasonal activities, and plenty of ways to experience the city's special blend of urban and wild.

Northern Lights – Anchorage is an accessible base from which to chase the northern lights, with prime locations, mild temperatures, and plenty of knowledgeable guides.

Glacier Day Cruises – Score a front row seat with great views of glaciers. You might also spy otters, birds, seals, and whales.

Changing Colors – Soak up the pink evening alpenglow. See blue skies reflected in Cook Inlet. Find fresh buds blooming along city greenbelts. Chase the changing colors of spring via Anchorage hiking and biking trails.

Dog Sledding – Try your hand at driving a team of Alaska sled dogs.

Flightseeing – Enjoy epic mountain and glacier scenery while flightseeing aboard a fixed-wing airplane or helicopter.



Wellness – Relax and recharge with a rejuvenating variety of spas, yoga studios, lounges, galleries, and other indoor spaces devoted to visitor wellness – mind, body, and soul.

Sledding and Skiing – Build up some momentum sledding at Arctic Valley or hope on a pair of skis (or board) for a day of spring skiing.

See a Show – With world-renowned musicians and Broadway hits as well as local theater and dance troupes, Anchorage is Alaska's prime entertainment spot.

Museums and Galleries – The Anchorage Museum showcases artful Alaskans and Arctic subjects with exhibits rotating throughout the year. Other galleries feature the work of a variety of Alaskan and out-of-state artists. Watch for special First Friday events.



For more information visit Anchorage.net

A Mile in My Shoes: Immigration & the Bible – registration deadline

by [Rev. Jerry Haas](#) | Sep 11, 2023
First seen on dscumc.org



The deadline for this year's **Five Day Academy for Spiritual Formation** is coming fast – September 22. The theme “A Mile in My Shoes: Immigration & the Bible” features Karen Gonzalez, author of *The God Who Sees: Immigration, the Bible and the Journey to Belong* with AZ-JFON staff as consultants. \$300 scholarships are available for first-time participants. The dates of the retreat at Redemptorist Renewal Center are October 22-27, 2023. More information is available at <https://dscumc.org/arizona-five-day-academy/> or contact Jerry Haas, retreat leader, at jndhaas@gmail.com.

If you've already registered for this event and need to make a registration payment, please find the balance due form at <https://dscumc.org/arizona-five-day-academy/az-5-day-academy-retreat-registration-payment/>.

If you are the communicator at your church and want to share this event offering, Help us promote this event by sharing the brief bulletin announcements or the promotional video.

[Click here to download the bulletin announcement.](#)

Find the video at <https://youtu.be/Ndwq9cckOFc>.

