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Mission u is again coming to Tucson. It will be at **Catalina United Methodist Church, Friday and Saturday, August 18 and 19**. The three studies will be:

1. Spiritual Growth Study: Living as a Covenant Community. This study examines covenants throughout the Bible and what they reveal about God's character and eternal love for us. It will enhance your understanding of how God works with us, in us, and through us.
2. Issue Study: Climate Justice - A Call to Hope and Action. This study invites you to understand climate justice, which means setting right our relationships with each other and the earth.
3. Geographic Study: Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the U.S. The aim of the study is to give an overview of the three missionary conferences in the United Methodist Church, the contexts out of which they grew and their current engagements.

Registration is \$62.00 per person for the two-day session (actually Friday mid-afternoon thru evening and Saturday all day). The DSUMW will pay for the study books for anyone who registers, but we cannot afford to pay your registration fee. Although you have until early in August to register, the earlier you register the better chance of getting the study you prefer. Please call Marilyn McKee for further information, for registration forms, and the purchase of your study book. ~ Marilyn McKee

UMW Spring/Mother's Day Event



Fun luncheon out

Thursday, May 11th, 26 ladies and their guests gathered at The Horseshoe Grill for the annual UMW Spring/Mother's Day event. Diana Barber, our program Coordinator, read a Mother's Day poem that was perfect for the occasion. She did a terrific job arranging this - the food was enjoyed along with visiting, making new friends and planning summer activities. Plans were discussed for a field trip this summer to the Jewish History Museum where Dr. Barry Friedman is President of the Board - he was the speaker at one of our recent General Meetings. We look forward to this trip along with other fabulous UMW events. ~ Marilyn McKee

Meet a fellow UMW member

My name is Florence Tate and I was born and raised in a small town in Michigan's Upper Peninsula so I am known as a "Yooper". I attended and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. It is a small Church with less than 100 members, most of whom are related to me as I was lucky enough to have 38 first cousins while growing up. I have not lived there for over 60 years but have always returned to visit in the summer, and now am able to spend the whole summer there. While home I still attend my childhood Church and am able to reconnect with my cousins as so many of them still live in that area. We have a "first cousins" reunion each July but our numbers are dwindling as we age.

I married my high school sweetheart and we remained married until his death in 2013. He was in the Air Force when we married and after being stationed in Minnesota, Michigan, Newfoundland, New Hampshire and Florida, he received orders for DM and we moved to Tucson in 1971. After his retirement in 1973 we both began working for Civil Service. His job was relocated to Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque. We lived there for 20 years and then both retired in 1996. His field was flight simulators and mine was in Accounting and Finance. We then made our "last move" back to Tucson.

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Florence Tate

Red Bird Mission, Kentucky

Red Bird Mission is the largest and most comprehensive United Methodist mission in the United States. It is one of the national missions supported by United Methodist Women. For ninety-five years Red Bird Mission has been responding to the physical, intellectual and emotional needs of people in three remote Appalachian counties of Kentucky where there is increasing unemployment. Coal mines were once the basis of the economy, but many mines have closed and mechanization continues to replace workers in mines that are still open.

The goals of the mission include alleviating suffering and helping people find long-term solutions to enable them to overcome financial poverty. The mission includes a pre-K through grade 12 school; medical and dental clinics; adult education, parenting classes and teen leadership training; workshops for home improvement projects; an industrial kitchen and cafeteria, craft shop, computer lab and senior center.

Families are the focus of Red Bird. Many young people have become addicted to drugs and are incarcerated. Increasing numbers of grandparents are raising their grandchildren. The parenting classes offered for grandparents help them adjust to these unexpected responsibilities.

Each year more than 2,500 volunteers come from thirty states to work at Red Bird Mission, helping with home improvement projects that make rundown homes fit for habitation. Fifty long-term volunteers have

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"Dear Lord, help me remember what a difference it makes when I make time with You a priority in my morning. Awaken me in body and spirit each day with a desire to meet with You and to hear You speak words of affirmation, assurance and wisdom over my heart as I prepare to go into my day. In Jesus' Name, Amen." ~ Traci Miles from <http://www.crosswalk.com/faith/prayer/prayers/10-morning-prayers-to-use-daily.html>

UMW Assembly 2018

UMW Event Calendar – 2017

June

- 13 - Helping Hands - Kitchen - 9:00 a.m.
 18 - Happy Father's Day
 21 - Zippy 49ers Swim Party - contact Lorna Niven or Glenda Burdick
 M&M Circle Contact - Sandy Kleen or Jeann Fishback for summer info

July

- 4 - Happy 4th of July
 11 - Helping Hands - Kitchen - 9:00 a.m.
 13 - Jewish History Museum - 10 a.m.
 Watch the Church Bulletin and the Skyline Newsletter about further summer adventures

August

- 18 and 19 - Mission u at Catalina UMC Contact Marilyn McKee for info
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"The Power of Bold" will be the theme of the 19th quadrennial Assembly of United Methodist Women in Columbus, Ohio, **May 18-20, 2018** celebrating not only the 150th anniversary but a return to the location of the first Assembly in 1942. Like Mary, who boldly risked safety and security to answer yes to God's call to service, the participants will likewise affirm their own commitment to mission with women, children and youth as United Methodist Women in the 21st century.

Women united enable bold and courageous things to transpire. In 1869, eight women came together to send a woman doctor and woman teacher to India and formed the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. Today, UMW is the largest faith-based women's missionary organization in the world. Because we unite as women and help women, children, youth and families all over the world, we transform our church and our world.

"Our movement was launched by the bold action of women who saw a need and claimed their power as disciples of Jesus Christ to address it," said Harriett Jane Olson, chief executive officer of the United Methodist Women. In 1942, the leaders continued to be bold when learning that St. Louis, the original site of the first Assembly, would not allow white and black women to congregate in the same space, they boldly united and switched to a location where ALL women could meet, worship, and stay together, Columbus, Ohio, and therefore stood up for racial justice.

The Assembly website, <https://umwassembly.org/>, has more information. Registration opens Sept. 1, 2017. On the website Pat Meadows Davis of National Lewis University stated "Assembly is such an awesome experience to join thousands of other women committed to our UMW mission. One can't help coming away inspired, invigorated, and ready to re-commit to living a life of faith, hope, and love in action. Don't miss it!!"

Summarized from "The Power of Bold" in the May, 2017 edition of the UMW magazine. Response ~ Adele Edwards

Red Bird Mission (Continued)

moved to Red Bird where they have taken on permanent roles. One couple from Delaware began volunteering annually in 1997 and in 2008 moved to Beverly, Kentucky to provide year-round assistance.

Besides providing immediate help like food, clothing, potable water (many wells have been contaminated by coal mine run-off) and housing, adult education classes help people earn their GEDs and find jobs. Perhaps the brightest spot is the education provided to children from families in crisis. There were seventeen twelfth graders who graduated from the Red Bird Christian School in 2016 and all of them went on to college. (Learn more about Red Bird Mission by going online to rbmission.org.)

Summarized from "Red Bird Mission" in the May, 2017 edition of the UMW magazine, Response. ~ Mary Broughton



Prayer

Lord, may nothing separate me from You today.

Teach me how to choose only Your way today so each step will lead me closer to You.

Help me walk by the Word and not my feelings.

Help me to keep my heart pure and undivided.

Protect me from my own careless thoughts, words, and actions.

And keep me from being distracted by MY wants, MY desires, MY thoughts on how things should be.

Help me to embrace what comes my way as an opportunity... rather than a personal inconvenience.

And finally, help me to rest in the truth of Psalm 86:13, 'Great is Your love toward me.'

You already see the ways I will fall short and mess up.

But right now, I consciously tuck Your whisper of absolute love for me into the deepest part of my heart.

I recognize Your love for me is not based on my performance.

You love me warts and all.

That's amazing.

But what's most amazing is that the Savior of the world would desire a few minutes with me this morning.

Lord, help me to forever remember what a gift it is to sit with You like this.

Amen.

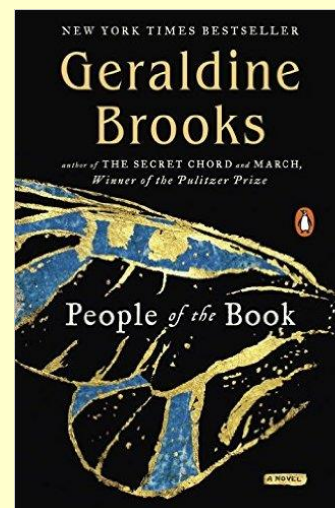
- Lysa Terkeurst taken from

<http://www.crosswalk.com/faith/prayer/prayers/10-morning-prayers-to-use-daily.html>

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. **1 Corinthians 13:4-7**

Book Report

People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks is inspired by a true story. This novel of historical interest, is both factual and fictional and is the story of the famed Sarajevo Haggadah (Jewish text that sets forth the order of the Passover Seder) and the journey of this rare illuminated manuscript through centuries of exile and war. Ms. Brooks' book is a fictionalized history of the Haggadah from its beginnings in Spain in 1480 to the National Museum in Sarajevo where it went on permanent display in December 2002. Her heroine, Hanna Heath has been given the job of a lifetime in analyzing and conserving this rare book. She finds a series of tiny artifacts in the binding of the book which help her to unlock the book's mysteries. This proves to be a stirring testament to the people of many faiths who risked so much to save this priceless book. ~ Marilyn McKee



UMW Member (continued)

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 2:1-4

God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, "The Lord said to my Lord: 'Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.'" **Act 2:32-35**

During the years he was in the AF and during our time in Albuquerque I didn't have a regular home Church, choosing to attend the Base Chapel and being active in their programs, Sunday School, Bible School and the Protestant Women's groups. After moving back to Tucson I started attending Desert Skies along with my daughter and her family, and became a member in 2002. I have two children. My daughter Vicki and her husband live in Vail and they have six children and four grandchildren. My son (retired Army) lives in Germany with his German-born wife and he works for a government contractor. He has one son who just retired from the AF on 30 April. My son has two grandchildren, so I have seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren. They keep me busy and young!!!

My Church life has been varied; I was baptized Lutheran, raised a Presbyterian which I still revert to each summer while home, attended Base Chapels for 40 years and then ended up here at DSUMC. I love Desert Skies with all it offers for spiritual growth and especially the membership. I enjoy participating in UMW and the Zippy 49'ers Circle. ~ Florence Tate

Christ Be With Me

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ where I lie, Christ where I sit, Christ where I arise,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of every one who speaks to me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.
Salvation is of the Lord.
Salvation is of the Christ.
May your salvation, Lord, be ever with us.
--- St. Patrick

Recipe

Four Cheese Ravioli

1/2 onion diced	1 pound ground beef
1 14 oz. can diced tomatoes	1/4 to 1/2 cup parmesan cheese
9 oz. package four cheese ravioli	8 oz. package shredded mozzarella
1# 10 oz. jar Classico Italian Sausage spaghetti sauce	

Caramelize onion in small amount of olive oil in a large skillet. Add ground beef and brown. Drain grease. Add spaghetti sauce, diced tomatoes and Parmesan cheese and mix thoroughly. Cook ravioli according to package directions, and drain. In a 9 x 13 pan add a bit of the sauce to the bottom of the pan. Add a layer of ravioli, a layer of the sauce, then another layer of ravioli, finishing with the sauce. Top with the shredded mozzarella. Cover with foil. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour or until brown on top. ~ Louise Glaysher



Four Cheese Ravioli

Circles

The UMW meet in small groups called circles. Desert Skies has 2 circles.

Zippy 49'ers Circle had their final meeting of the year on May 17, a luncheon at Risky Business, attended by 13 women. Theo Vandenburg led a wonderful program on friendship, complete with visuals. We each chose a crayon that was our favorite color, and learned the typical characteristics of people who chose that color.

We then were encouraged to look beyond our favorite color and to expand our color palette and our circle of friends to include more colors of the rainbow to enrich our lives and the lives of others. Thank you, Theo for a great reminder to enlarge our circle of friends.

We decided to use the Ray VanderLaan DVD's for our study next year. These are faith lessons from the Bible using the back drop of the Holy Land and actual footage of archeological locations. We plan to do "In the Dust of the Rabbi," "Walk as Jesus Walked," and "Early Church." Please note that we do not plan to begin meeting until the third Wednesday in October – October 18 – as many of our members will be gone in September. We will continue to meet the third Wednesday of each month, but since our regular meeting in December falls on Dec. 20, we decided we would not meet in December, either.

Members who are in Tucson year-round expressed a desire to get together during the summer. Our first get together will be a pool party on June 21, to officially welcome the summer season. Watch your e-mail and the Sunday Bulletin for more information, or call Lorna Niven or Glenda Burdick for details. ~ *Glenda Burdick*

Mary Martha Circle assisted with the tutoring program with many circle members helping. We shared a birthday lunch celebration at Risky Business. The circle stuffed socks for homeless people. The socks included toiletries and food supplies. These socks could also be used for newly arriving refugees to give them basic supplies. The seventh graders at Desert Christian middle school distributed the socks on their mission trip to South Tucson this spring. They were greatly appreciated. ~ *Pamela Vondrak*

Peace Prayers

Grant Us Your Peace

O Lord, my God, grant us Your peace; already, indeed, You have made us rich in all things! Give us that peace of being at rest, that sabbath peace, the peace which knows no end. ~ *St. Augustine*

A Prayer For Peace

O God, You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are fixed on You; for in returning and rest we shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be our strength. ~ *Isaiah 26:3; 30:15*

"How I long for the months gone by, for the days when God watched over me, when His lamp shone on my head and by His light I walked through darkness! Oh, for the days when I was in my prime, when God's intimate friendship blessed my house, when the Almighty was still with me and my children were around me, when my path was drenched with cream and the rock poured out for me streams of olive oil." **Job 29:2-6**



Elvis and Sue Patrick at her daughter Colleen's wedding.

If you have any questions about UMW, its meetings and activities, please contact one of the UMW Board Members:

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