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Wonderful friends and food

Mission u

Hello, my Desert Skies family and friends. Again I had the blessing of attending Mission u at Catalina United Methodist Church with other UMW of Southern Arizona. I attended a workshop class entitled Living as a Covenant Community.

Our God is in the covenant making business. The divine covenants lie at the core of our faith and delineate our relationship with God. They are foundational to our understanding of salvation, holiness, healing, worship, deliverance, and sanctification. Covenants are found in the Bible from the moment God created man and woman until the last page of Revelations. God cares enough about human beings to establish a sacred relationship of a divine covenant. Through covenantal living we are connected to God, others and creation.

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UMW General Meetings Oct. and Nov.

UMW met in the Fellowship Hall on October 28 at 9:15 am for brunch and social time, followed by our speaker, Jean Fedigan of the Sister Jose Women's Center. This center strives to meet the most basic needs for homeless women, providing the services necessary to lead them to a more sustainable life. Originally the center was established in a small house, but now a larger facility has been secured so that more women can be accommodated.

Those wishing to provide assistance for the center can do so by volunteering, providing financial contributions, or by contributions of clothing (preferably new), personal hygiene items, bedding (twin size), and cleaning products. Checks should be sent to: Sister Jose Women's Center, PO Box 1028, Tucson, AZ 85702. For more information you can call 520-954-3373. ~ Diana Barber

November 18th found over 30 UMW and UMM members enjoying a wonderful meal provided by UMW Board members and UMM members. The talk was entitled Outlaws on the Arizona Frontier. David Chittenden gave the prayer, Glenda Burdick gave the devotion and Diana Barber introduced our riveting speaker, Jan Cleere.

Jan provided wonderful pictures of the six outlaws (men and women), where they lived, and often where they were jailed. Once reason Arizona had so many outlaws was because it was easy to hide

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Meet a fellow UMW member

I am Lynne Ann Van Sice (Sprinkle) and I was born May 31 in Helena Montana to Ruby and Francis Sprinkle. My father was a high school coach and taught Industrial Arts. My mother was a homemaker. My brother, Randy was born in 1950 and in 1953, a boy named Ron Beaver, moved in with us. He needed a place to live and finish high school so my folks took him in. Now I had a big and little brother.

In 1956, after I finished fourth grade, we moved to Billings, Montana, where my father became Dean of Men at Rocky Mountain College and the head of the Industrial Arts Department. Ron Beaver was a freshman in college and Randy was in first grade. Since we lived on campus, we got to participate in lots of activities.

In 1960 we moved to Bozeman, Montana, where I started high school. My father was head of the Industrial Arts Department at Montana State College, which became Montana State University in 1964. Fall of 1964 found me enrolled as a freshman at Montana State University, majoring in Elementary Education. I pledged and went active in the Chi Omega Sorority. I also became a member of the Air Force ROTC sponsored Angel Flight Drill Team.

In December of 1966, I went out with Rob Van Sice. It was almost love at first sight. We were pinned in May of 1967, engaged in July and married October 7, 1967 in Bozeman.

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Lynne Van Sice

Mission u (cont.)

There are several divine covenants:

1. The Covenant of Care and Grace with Adam and Eve.
2. The Covenant of Redemption and Safety with Noah and his family.
3. The Covenant of Blessing between God and Abraham.
4. The Covenant of Guidance and Law given to Moses.
5. The Covenant of Eternal Rule with David.
6. The Everlasting Covenant: The Covenant of Redemption and Grace - humans have through Jesus and encompasses all of God's previous covenants.

Our covenant agreement with God can be summarized as learning to love God with all our heart, our soul, our mind, and all our strength. Through this study we came to marvel at our covenant God, grow in our love for God, and for our neighbors, near and far. Each covenant encompasses the other, coming to a fullness and completion in Jesus' life, death and resurrection. We need to become agents of transformation through a commitment to enter fully into partnership with God's Everlasting Covenant.

I am willing to share the resource material with anyone a Desert Skies.
See you in church and stay awake! ~ Karen Davis

O little town of Bethlehem

2 For Christ is born of Mary
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels
keep their watch of wond'ring
love. O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the
King, and peace to men on
earth.

3 How silently, how silently
the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive
Him still the dear Christ enters in.

Hymns to the Living God #114
Author: Phillips Brooks (1868)



UMW Event Calendar – 2017- 2018

December

- 2 - Hanging of the Greens Service
- 4:00 p.m. - Sanctuary
Gourmet Dinner and Holiday
Concert - 5:15 p.m. – Fellow-
ship Hall
- 9 - Set up for Cookie Walk and
Craft Sale - 2:00 p.m - 4:00
p.m. - Kitchen
- 10 - Cookie Walk and Craft Sale -
8:00 a.m. – Patio by Fellowship
Hall
- 12 - Helping Hands - 9:00 a.m. -
Kitchen
- 25 - Merry Christmas
No Zippy 49ers Meeting this
month.

January

- 1 - Happy New Year
- 8 - UMW Board Meeting - 10:00
a.m. - Room 2
- 9 - Helping Hands - 9:00 a.m. -
Kitchen
- 17 - Zippy 49ers Circle Meeting -
9:15 a.m. - Fellowship Hall
- 27 - UMW General Meeting - 9:15
a.m. - Fellowship Hall
- Contact Jeann Fishback or Sandy
Kleen for dates for M&M Circle
Meetings.
- Remember - M&M Tutoring is 3:00
p.m. Monday and Tuesday
each week that school is in
session.

Similar Roles at DSUMC

Many of us serve in multiple capacities at Desert Skies. But are these differing roles or do they all still involve the hands, feet and voice of God in our community? This question was posed by Karen Anderson at the September Church Council meeting.

For example, I am one of Desert Skies' Stephen Ministers. We each attend 50 hours of training over several months, in addition to receiving ongoing supervision and training. We are called the 'after' folk to faith walk beside those who have requested assistance at a time of need. We meet one-on-one with a care receiver in a confidential environment over an extended period of time with the goal of faithfully sustaining that individual through their difficult life experience.

I am also a member of UMW, United Methodist Women and the Mary Martha Circle. And don't our women purposefully sustain each other, the community and the world in difficult times? Many times we support each other in times of calamity or poor health, even when we are too burdened to really ask for ourselves. And we participate in projects to help achieve charity and justice, both in our community and far away. Sometimes we are asked, but many times we ascertain the need and offer help out of God's love for one another. We study situations in the world, like human trafficking, to better understand its presence in our world and where we might make even the slightest impact.

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Ester Ames Profile

Ester Ames was profiled in our last issue, #5. We learned she grew up in Michigan, went to college at Michigan State University, and completed her graduate work in Human Ecology. She married an Army vet and lived all over the country. Continuing her story:

I've worked as a teacher and substitute teacher – one of the usual occupations allowing a military spouse to flex and move frequently (nursing is another). I worked for a decade in federal engineering organizations (Arizona, Washington, D.C., and Virginia), and then spent a decade for a county government (Oregon), where I was a capital projects manager before I was able to focus on health care clinics – safety, Joint Commission accreditation, and environment of care issues. Volunteer work has been varied, from scouting to thrift shops, and neighborhood mediation.

I returned to AZ in 2006 because I love the Sonoran Desert and my son's family is here. Also, my brother lives in Gold Canyon. My grandchildren live in Arizona, the Pacific North West, and in West Virginia.

Caregiving diverted my focus from my Tucson therapy practice. For several years, I helped my parents in Michigan and Tucson. I used every project management, self-care, and complementary wellness modality I'd ever learned to assist as their advocate and trustee.

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Prayer

A prayer for peace

Gracious God,

We pray for peace in our communities this day.

We commit to you all who work for peace and an end to tensions,

And those who work to uphold law and justice.

We pray for an end to fear.

For comfort and support to those who suffer.

For calm in our streets and cities.

That people may go about their lives in safety and peace.

In your mercy, hear our prayer, now and always.

Amen

Book Report

I just read the book *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. It is a wonderful historical fiction book set during WWII. The story is told from two perspectives - Marie-Laure, a six year old girl who has just lost her eyesight to juvenile cataracts, and Werner, an orphan living in Germany. Their lives are completely different, but eventually intersect in a most unusual way.

Marie-Laure's father is a locksmith for the Museum of Natural History in Paris, where it is rumored to house a fabulous blue diamond with a red flame inside, called the "Sea of Flames." This diamond is never on display and is said to be cursed in the sense that the owner will never die, but his loved ones will have endless misfortune. Marie-Laure's father takes her to work with him, where she learns about the locked rooms and various displays in the museum. The book beautifully describes how her father teaches her to navigate the neighborhood, problem solve, and develop her confidence. On her birthdays, her father gives her a puzzle box with a small gift inside. The puzzle boxes get more intricate and difficult as Marie-Laure grows up, and she becomes more adept with her hands, and with problem solving.

Werner, finds a broken short-wave radio and discovers an aptitude for repairing radios and understanding the physics involved, so that he can repair almost any radio, whether he has seen it or not. He and his sister Jutta must decide how they feel about the rising Nazi regime, and how they will respond.

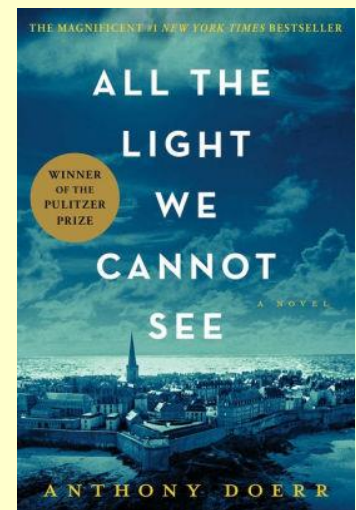
All these storylines and additional characters are masterfully interwoven into a delightful work, with vivid descriptions, intrigue, and suspense, and the clash between good and evil. And one begins to wonder who "can or cannot see." ~ Glenda Burdick

Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King

3 Hail the heav'n-born
Prince of Peace! Hail the
Sun of Righteousness! Light
and life to all He brings, ris'n
with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
born that we no more may
die, born to raise the sons of
earth, born to give them
second birth.

Hark, the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn
King!"

Hymns to the Living God
#127 Author: Charles Wesley
(1739)



Upcoming Events

Infant holy, infant lowly

1 Infant holy, infant lowly,
for His bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels
singing, noels ringing, tidings
bringing; Christ the Babe is
Lord of all, Christ the Babe is
Lord of all.

2 Flocks were sleeping,
shepherds keeping vigil till
the morning new saw the
glory, heard the story,
tidings of the gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from
sorrow, praises voicing,
greet the morrow:
Christ the Babe was born for
you. Christ the Babe was
born for you.

Hymns to the Living God
#126 Paraphraser: Edith M.
G. Reed (1921)

This year's Cookie Walk and Craft Sale will be **December 10, 8:00 a.m. to noon**, in the Fellowship Hall Patio. Please make cookies and bring them to the kitchen on Saturday, December 9, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. The proceeds from the Cookie Walk will be given to the Sister Jose Women's Shelter. If you are unable to bake or make crafts this year, then please buy some delicious items to help such a worthy cause. Donations, too, are welcome!

Our first General meetings of 2018 will be on January 27. The M and M circle will provide food. We are still planning the program so look in the Weekly Skyline Newsletter for more information, or call the church office. ~
Mary Broughton

UMW Member (cont.)

Rob was an electrical engineering major and a cadet in the Air Force ROTC program. He graduated in August and commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the USAF with orders to report to pilot training in December. Little did I imagine what adventures the next 27 years in the Air Force would hold for us. I was wife, mother and professional volunteer through these years. I did get my Elementary Degree in 1970 while Rob was in Vietnam. We were fortunate to have a three year tour in Japan where our daughter, Heather Lynne, was born in 1972. Then it was on to Las Vegas, Nevada where our son, Jason Robert, was born in 1975. Overseas travel entered our world again in 1977 with a three year tour in Madrid, Spain. How fortunate we were to have the experience of living overseas.

The next fourteen years we spent at several east coast bases. Making military and civilian friends and exploring new towns, states and activities. The volunteer theme for me, whether School PTA, Soccer Mom, Officer's Wives Club, Family Services, or Thrift Shop was a big part of my life until July of 1994 when Rob retired from the AF, Jason graduated from high

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Recipe

Hearty Fall Soup



Hearty Fall Soup

1/2 head of cabbage, chopped	6 cups chicken stock
3 medium potatoes, diced	1 medium onion, chopped
2 medium carrots, diced	3 cloves garlic, diced
1 lb. Polish Kielbasa sausage, sliced 1/4 inch thick	
1 - 15 oz. can of white beans or pinto beans, drained	
1 - 14 1/2 oz. can diced tomatoes and green chili peppers	

Combine all ingredients in large sauce pan. Bring to a boil, then simmer 1 hour or until vegetables are tender.

I received this recipe from my dear friend, Gail Daniels, when we both lived at Nucla, Colorado. ~ *Diana Barber*

Circles

Methodism founder John Wesley knew the key to social change is small-group gatherings. Circles are a basic unit of United Methodist Women all over the world. Desert Skies has two circles that meet monthly for fellowship, community support, and business. Circles are a great way to be more connected to the church, UMW members, and God. The support circle can be life changing.

Zippy 49'ers Circle met Wednesday, November 15 in the church Fellowship Hall. We gathered at 9:15 a.m. and had a light breakfast at 9:30. We continued with the Ray Vander Laan DVD series "In the Dust of the Rabbi." We are still collecting new items of clothing for Southern Arizona Child Advocacy Center. All women of the church are invited to attend. For more information call Glenda Burdick, 760-5520. ~ Glenda Burdick

Mary Martha Circle are currently focusing on the tutoring project and can use more tutors to get the 1:1 ratio that we would like to have. Tutoring takes place in Fellowship Hall on Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 2:55 - 4:15. M and M's recently made gift boxes for their glass crosses and for the Flea Market jewelry room, using old greeting cards. ~ Jean Fishback



M&M Jewelry boxes for the Flea Market

UMW Member (cont.)

School, and Heather graduated from Florida State University. Those were exciting times and brought big changes for all of us.

Rob went to work for Hughes Aircraft, which was bought by Raytheon Company. I came to Tucson via Washington D. C. and Seattle in November of 2002. Volunteering is still a big part of my life. I joined the St. Luke's Board of Visitors at St. Luke's Home, an assisted living retirement home for low income seniors 55 years and older. The Board's mission is to raise funds and volunteer. I go shopping every Wednesday with the elders to Fry's. I am involved with the monthly birthday parties, card making for Christmas and Valentine's Day, decorating the home for holidays, and generally spending time with the elders. The Board of Visitors puts on a fund raiser every spring, the "Baile". It is a festive dinner, with music, a silent auction and a raffle of a painting donated by a local artist.

I belong to a couple of organizations for enjoyment. I became a P. E. O. when I lived in Seattle and transferred to Chapter B in Tucson. P. E. O. is a Philanthropic Educational Organization that raises funds for women's education; locally, nationally and internationally. P. E. O. supports Cottey College, a women's college in Nevada, Missouri. The Chapter B ladies have been a wonderful group of caring women that has allowed me to meet more people in Tucson and help support education for women.

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

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Mary Martha Circle: Sandy Kleen
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O holy night! the stars are
brightly shining

2 Led by the light! of faith
serenely beaming, With
glowing hearts by His
cradle we stand. So led by
light of a star sweetly
gleaming, Here came the
Wise Men from Orient land.
The King of kings lay thus in
lowly manger, In all our
trials born to be our Friend.
He knows our need - to our
weakness is no stranger.
Behold your King, before
Him lowly bend! Behold
your King, before Him lowly
bend!

3 Truly He taught us to love
one another; His law is love
and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break, for
the slave is our brother,
And in His name all
oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in
grateful chorus raise we;
Let all within us praise His
holy name.

Christ is the Lord! O praise
His name forever!
His power and glory
evermore proclaim!
His power and glory
evermore proclaim!
His power and glory
evermore proclaim!

Baptist Hymnal 2008 #194
Translator: John S. Dwight;
Author: Placide Cappeau
(1847)

Similar Role at DSUMC (cont.)

The major difference I see is that while Stephen Ministry is confidential and 'after' a situation has developed, UMW women function as 'before, during and after' folk when needs arise and are not constrained by strict confidentiality, but by love and respect for all humanity. In the end, love and respect are indeed the hands, feet and voice of God in our world.

Are your roles at Desert Skies similar and in line with leading our neighbors to Christ? ~ Jean Fishback

UMW General Meetings (cont.)

in the sparsely populated state in the mid-late 1800's. This was one reason why it took Arizona so long to obtain statehood. It was interesting to learn that you weren't allowed to carry a gun in Tombstone, you had to surrender it to one of the saloons; but you could easily borrow a gun from behind the bar, which outlaws often did.

We learned about Frank Leslie who killed 13 men and one woman. He appeared in court 3 times, only convicted the last time and was sent to the Yuma Territorial Prison. Charles P Stanton seemed like an upstanding business man in Antelope Station, AZ (later named Stanton - after Charles) but was a conniving man who wanted to run all the stores in the small town and didn't mind killing the competition to do so. Augustine Chacon, or El Peludo, the "Hairy One", escaped from jail often in Solomonville and even Tucson. Albert Wright "Burt" Alvord started out as a lawman in Willcox. He convinced others to rob a train for him and even tried to get Chacon jailed but ended up in Yuma Prison. Turning to the ladies, Pearl Hart robbed a stage coach and ended up in Yuma Prison. And Cecil Creswell rode a horse and shot a gun as well as most men; she also rustled cattle in Winslow, Az. In her late 60's she was confronted by lawmen in 1954 who had a "beef" with her. They had the proof of another nearby brand on her cattle. Rather than be taken in, Cecil shot herself. We all learned that Arizona truly was the wild west. ~ Adele Edwards

UMW Member (cont.)

ROSC (Retired Officers Spouses Club) is an all services retired spouses club. We have a luncheon once a month with a program and enjoy sharing our service experiences and friendships.

Rob retired from Raytheon Missile Systems in October of 2008. Travel, family and relaxing is in order.

Our daughter, Heather got her Masters Degree in International Public Health Management from Emory University. She is employed by CARE International and has been living in Geneva, Switzerland. Rob and I have enjoyed visiting her there and in Harare, Zimbabwe, where she was previously assigned. Heather is in Amman, Jordan for three months at the present time.

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Ester Ames Profile (cont.)

Part of my own recovery from caregiving was a course in yoga teacher training. I've volunteered at Desert Skies and work occasionally as a witness for a trust attorney. I am finally back at work as a certified consulting hypnotist again. I sew, hike, and take life slowly (Slow Food, Slow Stitching) in my spare time.

I have wandered and explored far from the Methodist church: touching on Buddhism, Taoism, Unity, and Self Realization (the last two are Christian). Ever-curious, I love to find out how things and systems work, what people believe and what brings people together. My parents and caregiving prompted my return to the wonderful Method of Methodism. Mom and I were active for several years at St. Paul's UMC after she moved to Tucson, and then I began ringing with the Desert Skies handbells. I served with St. Paul's UMW for a couple years and then joined Desert Skies in 2014.

Lastly, here are a few of my favorite things: My favorite Cookie Walk cookie is the little lemon wedge sugar cookies. My favorite holiday is Christmas (I celebrate every day). The UMW Christmas Tea at St. Paul's is still one of my favorite Christmas events. A favorite hymns is Here I Am, Lord. My favorite time of day is dawn, when the first hummingbirds come to my five feeders. My favorite hike is in Sabino Canyon. My favorite place in AZ is the north rim of the Grand Canyon. ~ *Esther Ames*

Helping Hands

The second Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. several ladies gather in the church kitchen with Ginger Crowder, the coordinator of the Helping Hands, Primavera Lunch Project. They make 30 sandwiches and pack other items for the lunches for men involved in the Primavera Work Program. Items needed for this venture are 30 slices of turkey and 30 slices of ham luncheon meats, 60 slices of cheese (individually wrapped), 6 loaves of bread (at least 22 slices each loaf), fruit (30 oranges or 30 bananas), 30 individual packages of chips, and 5 dozen cookies, which should be homemade. These items can be delivered to the kitchen on Sunday or Monday (and no later than 9:00 a.m. Tuesday morning) - well labeled that they are for the Helping Hands - and placed in the refrigerator or on the kitchen counter. Ginger would be delighted if you would call her at 298-8116 and tell her you would like to donate one (or more) of the above items for this project.

God does not enter our hearts through scientific research.

And we cannot mix one chemical with another to prove that he is there.

The love and the light that fills us inside, comes to us through a simple yet hard task called faith.

It is only through faith that we will come to know and share the light of God.

~ *Ginger Crowder*



Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King!
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Hymns to the Living God #106
Author: Isaac Watts (1719)

