



# THE JOYFUL NOISE

## UMW Newsletter

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## South District UMW Mission u

Mission u is an opportunity to study current issues impacting society with particular attention to the responsibilities of women in fulfilling the mission work of the church. Participants grow in understanding the mission of the church in the current world context. Mission u this year will be at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 1431 W. Magee Road, Tucson, AZ 85704, **August 24 and 25, 2018**. It is a new location from where it has previously been held. I expect the hours will be Friday afternoon and evening and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The three studies will be:

Spiritual Growth Study: Embracing Wholeness

Geographic Study: Missionary Conferences of the U.S.

Issue Study: What About Our Money?

At the moment, I am not sure who will be the leaders of these studies. Registration for these events is now open. Online Registration <https://dscumc.org/secure/2018-mission-u-registration/> (we are the South District) or I will send in your registration and check. It will be \$65.00 per person. For further information about Mission u, please contact me, and I will get it for you. Also, I will order the books for these classes and our UMW Treasury will pay for the books, if you will advise me which one(s) you will need. ~ Marilyn McKee

## UMW April Outing

On April 9 the UMW, along with friends and family members were treated to a fun and educational trip to the Tucson Wildlife Center. With everything from bunnies to bobcats to owls, the center does a magnificent job of saving the lives of injured animals. The facilities include a hospital, appropriate living quarters for the different species, and even exercise areas for large birds.

The goal is always to heal the animal and then return it to a safe area in its native habitat. However, if it is determined that the animal will not be able to take care of itself if released, it will have a permanent home, either at the Center or a similar facility.

The Center provides care for thousands of animals each year, serving all of southern Arizona and beyond, and maintains service around the clock. If you find an animal that is injured, please call the Center immediately at 520-290-9453. (I keep this number in my phone under "wildlife"). ~ Diana Barber



## Meet a fellow UMW member

My name is Wanda Chittenden and I was born in Warsaw, Missouri and lived in Missouri until I graduated from college. I still go barefoot as much as possible!!! My father was a meat cutter and my mother had many jobs, from being a school cook to taking in ironing. Raised Southern Baptist, it was my mother who made sure that we were grounded in the church, attending Sunday School and worship on Sunday morning and worship Sunday evening. As a high school student, I sang in the choir, served as pianist and taught Sunday School.

When I went away to college at Central Missouri State, now University of Central Missouri, my involvement in church diminished. Even with scholarships, I knew that I would need to work many hours to pay my own way through college, which was my only option, so week-end time was spent working. I attended summer school, thus finishing my Bachelor's degree in Education in 3 years, and was offered a graduate teaching position, so finished my Master's in the fourth year.

With a major in Health, Physical Education and Recreation my first teaching position was in Sioux City, Iowa. After one year, I was invited to apply for a faculty position at Westmar College, LeMars, Iowa, which was affiliated with the Evangelical United Brethren Church. "I" Schluchter is a Westmar alum. Dave Chittenden, and Del Schluchter attended there one year before returning to North Dakota. I began attending the "college" church. Dave was teaching math and coaching in LeMars, and a romance began. In 1968, two important mergers occurred. The EUB church and the Methodist church merged to become what we are today--The United Methodist Church....and on September 11, 1968, Dave and I became Mr. and Mrs.

Dave continued teaching math and coaching in LeMars, becoming the head football coach in 1975, until 1982. I continued to teach at Westmar, and with the help of Title IX started the women's athletic program there, coaching volleyball and softball in addition to teaching classes. We were active in Calvary UMC which remained the campus church.

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Wanda Chittenden

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But remember, my friends, what you were told in the past by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. They said to you, "When the last days come, people will appear who will make fun of you, people who follow their own godless desires." These are the people who cause divisions, who are controlled by their natural desires, who do not have the Spirit. But you, my friends, keep on building yourselves up on your most sacred faith. Pray in the power of the Holy Spirit, and keep yourselves in the love of God, as you wait for our Lord Jesus Christ in his mercy to give you eternal life.

Show mercy toward those who have doubts; **Jude 17-22**

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## Open House at Sister Jose Women's Center

April 26, 2018, seven ladies (Mary Broughton, Mary Lou Metzger, Glenda Burdick, Marilyn McKee, Jeanne Myers, Sue Polachek and Sylvia Flagg) from our church attended the Open House at Sister Jose's Women's Center to view what they have accomplished in less than a year. This is where the donated material DSUMC UMW collected earlier this year went and the proceeds of last year's Cookie Walk. Desert Skies own Sandra McNary and her husband Charles gave us a tour of the facility. Sandra volunteers there 2 days a week.

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**UMW Event Calendar – 2018**

**June**

- 4-8 - Bible School and Music Camp
- 10 - Final Performance of Above
- 12 - Helping Hands - 9:00 a.m. - Kitchen
- 17 - Happy Father's Day

**July**

- 4 - Happy 4th of July
- 10 - Helping Hands - 9:00 a.m. - Kitchen
- 18 - Potluck Salad and Bunco Day - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hall

**August - Mark Your Calendar**

- 24 and 25 - Mission u at St. Mark's UMC - Tucson  
(contact Marilyn McKee for info)

Our Circles are on "vacation", unless there is a special meeting, until September. Watch for info and dates.

## July Bunco and Salad Potluck

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m. for our Salad Potluck (if you would prefer to bring a dessert, please advise us) and then we will begin our Bunco game about 1:00 p.m. It's a fun and easy to learn. Registration would be appreciated so we can plan for tables, etc. Please watch the Skyline and bulletin for reminders. ~ Marilyn McKee

## Open House at Sister Jose Women's cont.

The mission of Sister Jose Women's Center is dedicated to the care and nurture of homeless women in a welcoming environment. This facility was an old warehouse on Park Avenue which has been restored for and by this group. The Center is located at 1050 S. Park (22<sup>nd</sup> St. and Park) providing breakfast and lunch to 95-100 homeless women daily and has a sleeping area of up to 35 women. There are showers available and also washing machines with a clothes yard for hanging laundry. Adjacent to the clothes line is a dog run. Many of the ladies have small dogs for protection on the streets – especially at night. We could peek through screens and see the residents for that night with their sleeping things enjoying a pizza party.

Four of our ladies from DSUMW visited their previous facility which was a small house not in a very good area where they could not cook, had room for 13 ladies (at the most) to spend the night, and where there were no "learning" facilities.

During our recent tour, Sandra showed us the beautiful patio with newly planted flower beds, tables and chairs that provide a serene atmosphere away from the elements in the streets. A beautiful hand painted mural on the back wall of the building completes the scene and provides much needed relaxation. They have a library; they are teaching ladies to sew; and more; plus there is program - CREATE - that is working with the women towards "moving forward" with their lives where they learn life skills, rebuild their personal identity and chart their path forward in a supportive setting.

They have a "store" where gently used clothing is cleaned and sized and made available to the ladies, who are able to choose 2 blouses and 2 pants per week and a pair of shoes once a month. Personal items are also available. Here is wish list of items needed:

**Ladies clothes:** new socks, underwear/bras, sweatshirts/pants, coats, gloves, hats, scarves, walking shoes, pants, t-shirts, blouses, shorts. Seasonal clothing only, please.

**Personal Care:** Shampoo, conditioner, hand soap/sanitizer, body wash, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, disposable razors, new brushes/combs, nail clippers, nail files, toothbrush, wet wipes, sunscreen.

**Center:** Blankets, pillows, towels/wash cloths, twin sheets/pillowcases, HE (High Efficiency) liquid detergent, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, bleach, dish soap, disposable gloves, plastic utensils.

Their February, 2018 newsletter states "Twenty-four women are off the street since May 17, when we opened the center." ~ Marilyn McKee and Sylvia Flagg



Getting Breakfast and looking for a job At Sister Jose's Women's Center



Sorting and washing clothes

## Prayer

Heavenly Father,  
 I want to thank You for my countless blessings.  
 I thank You not only for the food I have to eat,  
 lovingly prepared for me,  
 but also for spiritual gifts,  
 in particular the loved ones I cherish dearly,  
 a comfortable place to live,  
 the beauty that surrounds me,  
 health, and spiritual wealth to name a few.

I acknowledge you for the countless blessings You've provided.  
 I thank You for giving us clear direction through Your Holy Word.

Through good and bad times,  
 help me to see that we are blessed beyond measure.  
 Amen.

<http://www.beliefnet.com/faiths/prayer/prayers-to-thank-god.aspx#6zZwEaMWSKOCTHft.99>

## Book Report

If you have ever seen Renoir's large painting, "Luncheon of the Boating Party", it probably made you smile. More than a dozen congenial people enjoying each other's company on the terrace of a restaurant. From their attire, you can discern that they come from a variety of socio-economic levels, from the top-hatted gentleman in the background to the straw hatted rowers in the foreground. They are refreshing themselves after a day of boating on the Seine. And now they are modeling for the artist.

Susan Vreeland brings each of these characters to life as she crafts backstories from known history plus her own imagination to bring all of them into August Renoir's circle of friends. The young woman who was a mime at the Folies-Bergiere dreams of acting in legitimate theater; "I want to say beautiful words, brave words, unforgettable words." Her friends around the table promise to be first in line for tickets when she speaks onstage. The scene of relaxed gaiety hides the hard work Renoir put into this creation. He was almost desperate to prove to the stuffy academicians of the Paris Salon that a mere "impressionist" had the skill to create a great work of art. And he did.

This masterpiece resides at the Phillips Collection in Washington, D.C. The book was published in 2007, so you may find it in used-book stores or at the Pima County Public Library. Or you can borrow mine when we return in October. ~ Jeanne Myers



Spring in Tucson

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Do any of you think you are religious? If you do not control your tongue, your religion is worthless and you deceive yourself. What God the Father considers to be pure and genuine religion is this: to take care of orphans and widows in their suffering and to keep oneself from being corrupted by the world. **James 1:26-27**

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## UMW Member (cont.)

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You were chosen according to the purpose of God the Father and were made a holy people by His Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be purified by His blood. May grace and peace be yours in full measure. Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! Because of His great mercy He gave us new life by raising Jesus Christ from death. This fills us with a living hope, and so we look forward to possessing the rich blessings that God keeps for His people. He keeps them for you in heaven, where they cannot decay or spoil or fade away. They are for you, who through faith are kept safe by God's power for the salvation which is ready to be revealed at the end of time. **1 Peter: 2-5**

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In 1982, Dave and I moved to Topeka, Kansas. Dave taught math and coached at Topeka High School. Washburn University was just starting an Academic Advising Center for students who were in the process of deciding on a major. I was one of three advisors hired for the Center. Countryside UMC became our church home and we made wonderful friends and became active. I was involved in UMW, serving as a circle chair and as the funeral dinner coordinator. When an addition was built onto the church, one boasting a professional kitchen, I was able to stock the new kitchen with everything from cookware to dinnerware. A local restaurant supply store was very happy to see me walk through its door!!!

I retired in 2004 as the Executive Director for United Methodist Campus Ministry in Kansas. Each state university in Kansas has a local board, in addition to a state board. I was hired by the state board and served as the liaison between the state and local boards.

Dave and I came to Arizona in 2005 and joined Desert Skies soon after we arrived. What a wonderful group of people, especially those in what we call our "pew neighborhood". We do our best to look out for each other. We had decided that we were not going to become as involved as we had been before....and yet, here we are!!! I recruit worship greeters for the 2 services and oversee the volunteer office staff. And of course we work at the Flea Market. Desert Skies folks are so willing to step in and help out whenever and wherever needed. God has been SO good to us, as have the marvelous people at Desert Skies.

~ Wanda Chittenden

## Recipe

### Pothole Cake

This is a recipe we received from my mother when we were living in Mozambique. It's an easy recipe, especially for kids who want to cook. Our daughters loved it!

Place the first five ingredients in a greased 9" x 13" baking pan and mix with a fork.

2 cups sugar	3 cups all purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking soda	1/2 cup cocoa
1/2 teaspoon salt	

Mix the next four ingredients together in a small bowl.

2 tablespoons vinegar	1/2 cup cooking oil
2 cups cold water	2 teaspoons vanilla

Make 16 or 20 scooped out places - potholes - in your dry mix. Add the combined liquids, pouring some into each hole. Mix with a fork until blended. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 35 - 40 minutes. ~ Mary Broughton



Pothole Cake

## 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** next regular meeting not until **September 19, 2018**, at 9:15 AM in Fellowship Hall. Zippy 49'ers met on April 18, prior to Herb Croff's funeral. Since many members were going to be unable to attend the regular May meeting, and since we had finished our DVD study, we decided to wait until September 19, 2018, to resume our regular meetings. However, members are encouraged to watch the bulletin/email for possible fun get-togethers for church women during the summer months.

Next year we decided to do the Adam Hamilton DVD sermon series "Unafraid." We talked about what we wanted to do for ministry next year, and the members wanted to continue collecting new clothing for SACAC, and for those who would like to do a more interactive ministry, we will be visiting church members who cannot get out much or are home bound. Many members expressed the desire to do this in pairs, so it would be easier to carry on a conversation. Call Glenda Burdick, for more information. We also handed out the new UMW directories. Please plan to join us when we resume our regular meetings in the fall, we'd love to have you. ~ *Glenda Burdick*

**Mary Martha Circle** presented a little gift to each confirmand that consisted of:

1. Fused glass Caring cross pendant (handmade by the M&M circle)
2. Pocket Cross (handmade by Edie and Esther)
3. A lovely Box to hold these gifts (handmade by the M&M Circle out of recycled greeting cards)

~ *Sandy Kleen*

## Fourth of July

Independence Day is the national holiday of the United States of America commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. At the time of the signing, the US consisted of 13 colonies under the rule of England's King George III. There was growing unrest in the colonies concerning the growing taxes that had to be paid to England. This was commonly referred to as "Taxation without Representation" as the colonists did not have any representation in the English Parliament and had no political voice. Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, picnics, baseball games, and other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States. Fireworks have been associated with the Fourth of July since 1777! ~ <http://listverse.com/2007/10/04/15-holidays-and-their-origins/>

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A Prayer for Forgiveness

Be merciful to me, O God, because of your constant love. Because of your great mercy wipe away my sins! Wash away all my evil and make me clean from my sin! **Psalm 51: 1-2**

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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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