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O merciful God,
whatever You may deny me,
do not deny me this love.

Save me from the idolatry of loving
the world,
or any of the things of the world.

Let me never love any creature
but for Your sake and in subordination
to Your love.

Take full possession of my heart;
raise there Your throne
and command there as You do in
heaven.

Being created by You, let me live to
You;
being created for You,
let me ever act for Your glory;
being redeemed by You,
let me render to You what is Yours
and let my spirit ever cleave to You
alone. ~ John Wesley

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?

Registration for these events is open. Online Registration <https://dscumc.org/secure/2018-mission-u-registration/> (we are the South District) or contact me and 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 members playing Bunco in 2013

July Bunco and Salad Potluck

Sixteen ladies gathered Wednesday, July 18, for the annual (maybe it is semi-annual) Bunco event in the Fellowship Hall. A delicious luncheon was enjoyed by everyone, with each attendee brought her favorite salad or dessert. There was much visiting and sharing of ideas for over an hour and then the fun began. Sandy Kleen, in charge of the game, showed our ladies how to play this popular dice game. Marilyn McKee provided prizes of vinca flowers in white mugs for the winners. Though the competition was fierce the winners were Elsie Heinz, Jean Smith, Julie Jenkins, and Marilyn. I refuse to tell who won what prize! Another great summer get together and perhaps another one will be on the schedule for next summer. ~ Marilyn McKee

Meet a fellow UMW member

Hello, Ladies of UMW. My name is H. Aliene (I-leen) Schluchter. My friends call me "I", my kids call me "Big I", and my grandchildren & great call me "Omi" or "Gam". The H. is my given name that nobody calls me by anymore, except Dr's office staff that don't know me... Hilda. Hilda was my mother's name, so I grew up being called Aliene. Since my parents are long gone and my only 2 brothers are also gone, Hilda has become more like a "maiden" name that nobody knows is even associated with me anymore. And I'm ok with that.

I was born and raised in St. Joseph, MO in 1931. I met my husband during my first few days of college at Westmar EUB College in LeMars, Iowa. He was there on a football scholarship from Northeast ND, Cavalier. We had a fun first year away from home meeting lots of new friends and doing lots of group outings. Then, he transferred to NDSU in Fargo and I stayed at Westmar. We were married in the spring of 1954 in my husband's hometown Evangelical United Brethren (EUB) church. My husband is Delorin W. Schluchter. His friends call him Del, his kids called him "Big D" back home and his grandkids & great call him "Opi" or "Pap".

We came from families steeped in EUB traditions before we became the United Methodist Church in the late 60s. Even though we were raised hundreds of miles apart with very different backgrounds, we had a firm foundation in our churches. Del's family was in the farming industry with both livestock and agriculture. My daddy was an electrician for an Armor meat plant and mom worked in the school kitchen. Del's mother was a very active & proud member of their Cavalier, ND church, as was my mother in our St. Joe, MO church.

During our first 4 years of marriage we moved 6 times, mostly due to Del's being drafted into the Army. I could always find a 1st Grade Teaching job. With each move came our desire and internal need to seek an EUB church to call home. That helped keep us grounded and gave us many lifetime friendships around the country. I would teach Sunday School and Del enjoyed singing in the choirs. When we finally settled and put roots down in Fargo, ND we joined a new church that needed a Women's President.

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I Schluchter

"Oh that God would give me the thing which I long for! That before I go hence and am no more seen, I may see a people wholly devoted to God, crucified to the world, and the world crucified to them. A people truly given up to God in body, soul and substance! How cheerfully would I then say, 'Now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace.'" ~
John Wesley

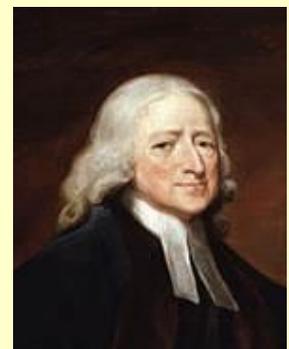
John Wesley – Fun Facts

In Church we have been discussing John Wesley, the founder of Methodism. Below is some information about him you may or may not have known.

1. John Wesley wrote one of the all-time bestselling medical texts.

Wesley believed that God is concerned about our earthly life as well as our heavenly one, so he wrote a medical text for the everyday person titled *Primitive Physick*. The book detailed current knowledge about home remedies. With 32 editions, it is one of the most widely read books in England.

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John Wesley

UMW Event Calendar – 2018**August**

14 - Helping Hands - 9:00 a.m. -
Kitchen
24 and 25 - Mission u at St.
Mark's UMC- Tucson

September

3 - Happy Labor Day
9 - Happy Grandparent's Day
11 - Helping Hands - 9:00 a.m. -
Kitchen
19 - Zippy 49ers - 9:15 a.m. -
Fellowship Hall
22 - First day of Fall.
M&M Circle - Contact Sandy
Kleen or Jeann Fishback for
info.

October and November -

Mark Your Calendar
Oct. 27 - UMW General
Meeting - 9:15 a.m. -
Fellowship Hall
Nov. 17 - UMW and UMM Joint
Meeting - 8:30 a.m. -
Fellowship Hall

Origins of Labor Day

Labor Day is a national legal holiday that is over 100 years old. Over the years, it has evolved from a purely labor union celebration into a general "last fling of summer" festival. It grew out of an 1882 celebration and parade in honor of the working class by the Knights of Labor in New York. In 1884, the Knights held a massive parade in New York City celebrating the working class. The parade was held on the first Monday in September. The Knights passed a resolution to hold all future parades on the same day, designated by them as Labor Day. In the late 1880's, labor organizations began to lobby various state legislatures for recognition of Labor Day as an official state holiday. The first states to declare it a state holiday in 1887 were Oregon, Colorado, New York, Massachusetts, and New Jersey. Then in 1894, Congress passed a law recognizing Labor Day as an official national holiday. Today, Labor Day is observed not only in the U.S., but also in Canada and other industrialized nations. While it is a general holiday in the United States, its roots in the working class remain clearer in European countries. ~ <http://listverse.com/2007/10/04/15-holidays-and-their-origins/>

John Wesley – Fun Facts cont.

2. John Wesley coined the term "agree to disagree."

"There are many doctrines of a less essential nature. ... In these, we may think and let think; we may 'agree to disagree.' But, meantime, let us hold fast the essentials. ..." This appears to be the first recorded use of the term. It was a hallmark of Wesley's way of holding to his convictions while remaining in connection with those with whom he disagreed.

3. John Wesley rode far enough on horseback to circle the earth 10 times.

Wesley rode 250,000 miles! He was convinced that it was important for him personally to spread the gospel through relationships and continue to grow closer to God in those relationships.

4. "Methodist" was originally a derogatory term.

Though the origins of the term "methodist" are in dispute, it is clear that it was originally used by outsiders to mock John Wesley and his early societies because of their dedication to following a method for growing closer to God. They ended up accepting the term, considering it a positive descriptor of their movement.

5. Wesley never intended to split from the Church of England.

When the American Revolution occurred, Wesley ordained ministers so they could give the sacraments in the colonies. That act was the beginning of the separation that formed the Methodist Church in America. The Methodist Church in England did not officially form until after Wesley's death.

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Sunset - Eastern Tucson

Prayer

Father,
 I have to thank You for looking beyond my faults
 and for loving me unconditionally.
 Forgive me when I fail to love others in the same way.
 Give me eyes to see the needs of the difficult people in my life,
 and show me how to meet those needs
 in a way that pleases You.
 In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Father, I am tempted to worry about so many things.
 Our world is a mess!
 Forgive me for focusing on anything or anyone but You.
 Thank You for the Bible that equips and empowers me to live each day.
 Right now, I declare that You are my only Hope.
 Please help me remember that You really are in control.
 In Jesus' Name, Amen.
 ~ Mary Southerland

<https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/prayer/prayers/23-short-prayers.html>



A monsoon bloom

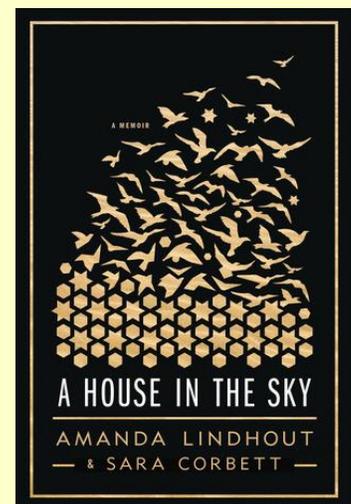
"One of the principal rules of religion is to lose no occasion of serving God. And, since He is invisible to our eyes, we are to serve Him in our neighbor; which He receives as if done to Himself in person, standing visibly before us." ~ John Wesley

Book Report

"A House in the Sky" by Amanda Lindhout and Sara Corbett is a memoir by Amanda, who was kidnaped by Somalians in the country known as the most dangerous place on earth, and held hostage for 460 days. It is a harrowing tale of the treatment she received, as well as that of her friend, Nigel Brennan, an Australian journalist, who was kidnapped with her. Amanda had a difficult childhood and during the bad times, she would read National Geographic magazines and think how wonderful it would be to visit these exotic locales around the world. At 20 she became a waitress and started saving her tips toward the trips she would take over the years, visiting Latin America, Laos, Bangladesh, India and more. She eventually developed an interest in journalism and was working as a TV reporter when she and Nigel were captured by teenage Muslim insurgents August, 2008.

The title of the book is the result of keeping her mind working while in captivity by imaging building stairways, and rooms, airy areas with windows and cool breezes and so on until she had built a house in her mind, and then building more and more edifices, until she eventually constructed a city. That is where she put herself, in the wide-open sky of her mind.

It is amazing how resilient a person can be. This is a wrenching testament to the capacity of the human spirit to overcome unspeakable adversity and find a deep resolve to live. This book is available in the Library in the Fellowship Hall and at the Pima County Public Library. ~ Marilyn McKee



UMW Member (cont.)



Brittlebush in bloom

"The best means of resisting the devil is, to destroy whatever of the world remains in us, in order to raise for God, upon its ruins, a building all of love. Then shall we begin, in this fleeting life, to love God as we shall love Him in eternity." ~ John Wesley

In 1970, we moved to St. Cloud, MN for a management opportunity for Del. I continued my 1st Grade teaching career and retired in 1981. We raised our children in our church home at St. Cloud UMC. We were active members there. Once our first grandchild, Chelsea, was born in Tucson in 1988, Del decided it was time for him to retire and we moved to Tucson. When we started at DSUMC we quickly came to love the feel of DSUMC. Del and I continued with our involvement. I taught Sunday School part time and Del loved singing in the choir. We both enjoyed helping Monday mornings at the Flea Market. We were also involved with our UMW & UMM, Del more so than I.

What keeps me involved in UMW? It's the friendships I've made throughout the many stages of my life that have endured. It's the ladies that I have a commonality with and enjoy being around. It's the inspiration I get from our activities and bonds. It's the sense of community—of doing things for others in our community that maybe those individuals cannot do for themselves. It's the gratifying feeling we get when we're able to help those in need... it keeps me grounded in service to others. I've loved being involved, in a small way, in the many DSUMW missions... the Cookie Walk in December that helps fund projects that we take on, the Prayer Shawls that are an ongoing labor of love, the Spring Mother-Daughter Tea Parties that have been a true joy to be part of... and so many more. The UMW group has been the best place to meet new friends that have similar faith backgrounds, desires and worship habits. My prayer is that we continue to engage our youth into such a loving, giving society of women. ~ I Schluchter



Recipe

Pasta Salad

This was one of the salads we enjoyed at our Bunco Salad Luncheon.

1/2 box of bow tie pasta cooked

1/2 of a green and 1/2 of a red bell pepper chopped fine

A little celery chopped fine

1 can of pitted medium black olives

About 10 round pieces of dry salami cut up

Mix it all together. Add Wish-Bone Italian signature blend of herbs and spices dressing. Put in refrigerator to chill. Add a little more dressing just prior to serving. ~ Dot Naylor



Pasta Salad

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 will resume meeting the 3rd Wednesday of the month in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, September 19. We will gather at 9:15 am with a light breakfast at 9:30. This year we will use the Adam Hamilton DVD series "Unafraid" as our study. The Circle will continue to collect new clothing for SACAC and we are hoping some members will want to be part of the visitation team for those church people who could use some extra TLC. Call Glenda Burdick if you have questions. ~ *Glenda Burdick*

Mary Martha Circle is gearing up for tutoring to start again in September. We are also getting 22 backpacks and supplies ready for past and present children that we have tutored. The circle also made a glass cross wind chime that we will be hanging under the new patio in August. ~ *Sandy Kleen*

"God's command to 'pray without ceasing' is founded on the necessity we have of His grace to preserve the life of God in the soul, which can no more subsist one moment without it, than the body can without air." ~ *John Wesley*



John Wesley – Fun Facts cont.

6. Wesley believed you could not be a Christian on your own.

He said that we needed to be involved in "social holiness." Though some often think this term is synonymous with "social justice," its meaning is quite different. Wesley believed we could only grow as Christians in community. In his preface to the 1739 hymnal, he was adamant that "the gospel of Christ knows of no religion but social; no holiness but social holiness."

7. Methodism grew from four to 132,000 members in Wesley's lifetime.

The beginning of Methodism was a group of four who called themselves the "holy club" at Oxford. When Wesley died in 1791, he left behind a movement with 72,000 members in the British Isles and 60,000 in America.

8. John Wesley came from a huge family.

The child mortality rate in eighteenth century England was unbelievably high. John Wesley's mother—Susanna Wesley—was the 25th of 25 children and John was the 15th of 19 children.

9. John Wesley was a victim of bullying as a child.

John, a short, intelligent boy, was bullied relentlessly as a child. This abuse affected him for the rest of his life. As an adult, Wesley would tremble when talking of the barbaric treatment he received from his peers.

Taken from <https://blog.logos.com/2011/06/5-interesting-facts-about-john-wesley/> and <http://www.umcom.org/learn/10-fascinating-facts-about-john-wesley-and-united-methodism>

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

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