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Letter from Rev. Candace

As I sit to write to the women of Desert Skies, my mind pictures all of you in the many places I see you, work in ministry with you, laugh and cry with you, serve with you, have coffee with you. I am so grateful for each of you, for the love you bring to the world and the spirit you bring to Desert Skies. It is an honor to be in ministry with you and I learn much from you daily. You show strength in the face of adversity, patience when all doesn't go well with you or your partner, humor when the last thing you want to do is laugh, perseverance to see things through the long haul, and friendship to those who cross your path.

When I look at the world we live in, I see so many opportunities for women...and yet still so many barriers. The young women today need you...your strength, wisdom, time, friendship, and faith. Our children and teens are growing up in a world where they have to practice active shooter drills in school, where bullying and ostracism happen in person and in social media, and where faith is taught less and less in the homes

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October 27th UMW Meeting

This fall our first UMW meeting will be in the fellowship hall on October 27, beginning with brunch at 9:15 AM, followed by a business meeting and a very exciting program.

Our speaker will be Dennis Treadwell, representing Safari Club International and the International Wildlife Museum, located west of Tucson. Dennis has been with the organization for 5 years and has worked with conservation groups for 20 years. He has also been a teacher, and is a professional bronze artist, graphic designer and marketing professional.

Safari Club International funds and directs wildlife programs dedicated to wildlife conservation education, ecology, and natural resources, as well programs for the disabled, and numerous humanitarian projects.

The International Wildlife Museum, originated in 1988, is dedicated to increasing knowledge of and appreciation for the diverse wildlife of the world and explaining the role of wildlife management in sustainable use conservation.

Please bring your friends and family and join us for what promises to be a very interesting and educational day. ~ Marilyn McKee



Prior UMW meeting, engaging talks



and delicious food.

Meet a fellow UMW member

Hello my Desert Skies family and friends, it is Dr. Karen Davis. You all have been so supportive during my grieving time for my beloved husband, Chuck. You provided food for my family, visits, and fellowship/hospitality as Jesus Christ tells us to love our neighbors as we love our selves.

I have been asked to write a short profile of my life and spiritual journey. My story begins a long time ago with my great grandparents fleeing from Russia to avoid religious persecution. My Wheat family is honored in the Wheat Museum near Newton, Kansas. My ancestors (German) brought Russian Red Wheat to Kansas when they arrived by ship. This Wheat is what is grown all over Kansas because it was much heartier than what was previously grown.

I was born in Kansas January 28, 1945 and lived there the first two years of my life while my parents finished school. We moved to Glendale, Arizona, in 1947 where my dad opened his dental practice.

My spiritual journey began in third grade from a Kids Bible Study run by a neighbor lady. She would help us learn important scriptures and the Lord's Prayer. I won a fake diamond cross for memorizing the Lord's Prayer. I accepted Jesus in my whole heart and soul. I became saved when I was baptized at the Glendale First Methodist Church. After that I started going to church regularly, attending Sunday School and VBS. I was very active in MYF (Methodist Youth Foundation) and by the end of my junior year; it became the place to be on Sunday evening.

During my high school years, I went with a work group to help build a Methodist Church in Mexico. While in college, I went on a work study in Alaska right after the Good Friday Earthquake. There was much damage still visible. We worked with the logger men, feeding them and building with them, etc.

After I graduated from a private Christian College in 1967, the love of my life since my senior year in high school and I were married on June 16, 1967 in the Glendale First Methodist Church. We were married 49 ½ years until Chuck passed away from COPD. I was very grief-stricken and the Loss Support Group with Jeann Fishback was very helpful, as were the other widows in our DSUMC congregation.

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November 17, UMW & UMM

On November 17, the UMM and the UMW will meet at 8:00 am. in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, followed by brunch at 8:30 a.m. We are delighted that Merrill and Elsie Heinz, members of the UMM and UMW, will be speaking about their recent safari in Africa. All members of our church, plus friends, are invited to attend this adventuresome event. ~ Marilyn McKee



Dr. Karen Davis

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time... Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls. **1Peter 1: 3-5, 8-9**

30 Year of Desert Skies UMW

UMW Event Calendar – 2018

October

- 9 - Helping Hands - 9:00 am. -
Kitchen
- 10 - Choir Spaghetti Dinner and
Silent Auction - 5:30 p.m. -
Fellowship Hall
- 13 - UMW District Meeting - 8:30
a.m. - Eloy UMC
- 17 - Zippy 49ers - 9:15 a.m. -
Fellowship Hall
- 21 - DSUMC Meet Yourself -
Between and after services
- Church Patio
- 27 - DSUMW General Meeting -
9:15 a.m. - Fellowship Hall
- 28-31 - Set Up for The Flea
Market
- 31 - Happy Halloween

November

- 1-3 The Flea Market Sale Dates
- 5 - DSUMW Board Meeting -
10:00 a.m. - Room 2
- 10 - ASPIRE - 6:00 p.m. - Christ
Community Church
- 11 - Dedication of Patio - One
Service - Patio
- 13 - Helping Hands - 9:00 a.m. -
Kitchen
- 17 - General Meeting of UMM
and UMW - 8:00 a.m. -
Fellowship Hall
- 22 - Happy Thanksgiving

December

- 8 - Set Up for Cookie Walk and
Craft Sale - 2:00 p.m. - 4:00
p.m. - Kitchen
- 9 - Cookie Walk and Craft Sale
- 8:15 a.m. - Fellowship Hall

Contact Jeann Fishback or
Sandy Kleen for
meeting dates for M&M Circle

A group of 15 to 20 women met at the home of Connie Taylor in 1988 to organize Desert Skies United Methodist Women. A member of St. Paul's UMW was present to help with the process. We do not have a list of the original members, but we know that Betty Pile was the first President and Kate Brunner served as secretary. Vivian Whiteman, Jan Hoffman and Susie Thompson were a part of the original unit.

UMW had its first fundraising bazaar in November of 1988. There was not too much to sell so Sharon Elrod (the wife of the founding pastor of this church) rented spaces to area crafters for \$25. In the Flea Market portion there were clothes, tools, toys and general household items. Homemade cloth clowns were one of the items sold at the bazaar and they were extremely popular. The sale was on a Saturday and the money raised was divided between the UMW and the church at large. As we all know this event became an annual one and evolved into the all church endeavor it is now – THE Flea Market.

UMW has two circles, each of which is involved in mission work. The Zippy 49ers Circle spearheads the prayer shawl ministry begun by Mary Ellen Bennett, collects clothing for Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy, visits church members who are in need of special time with friends, meets nine times a year to share friendship and fellowship, and has a learning time with ministry thru a DVD series.

In 2015 The Mary and Martha Circle began a new school year project in conjunction with the Tanque Verde School District. It is a tutoring program that meets twice a week at DSUMC for the children of Dragonfly Village and Amity House.

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Aspire – Nov. 10th

On Saturday, November 10th, Christ Community Church, 530 S. Pantano Road, will be hosting the group "Aspire" which is a one night, three hour event just for women and will be full of laughter, learning, stories, worship and music. The show begins at 6:00 p.m. and admission is \$20.00. For information or to make a reservation, please call Marilyn McKee. ~
Marilyn McKee

Candace (cont.)

as years go by. As women of faith, your voice is needed. So, please tell your stories, share your lives with someone a generation or more younger than you, encourage and support the women of this church, who all do such a good job of using their giftedness. The church depends on it!

In the last sermon on Simon Peter, I mentioned that in his day, women were allowed only restricted access to the Temple...and I had this vision of how our Sanctuary and the Vail Innovation Center would look on Sunday mornings if none of us were allowed past the Narthex. I thank God that is not so today...at least not in our place and time. Let's work hard to make it so for every woman and girl everywhere! ~ *Shalom, Rev. Candace*

Prayer

O Lord, who hast mercy upon all, take away from me my sins,
and mercifully kindle in me the fire of thy Holy Spirit.

Take away from me the heart of stone,
and give me a heart of flesh,
a heart to love and adore thee,
a heart to delight in thee,
to follow and to enjoy thee,
for Christ's sake.

~ Ambrose of Milan, c 339-397

http://www.faithandworship.com/early_Christian_prayers.htm#ixzz5SWhqo2Nt



Book Report

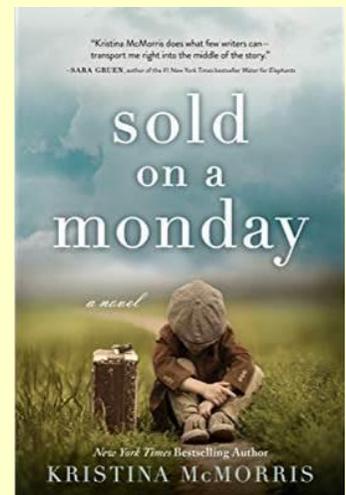
"sold on a Monday" by Kristina McMorris, begins in 1931. Philadelphia newspaper reporter Ellis Reed was on assignment when he saw a rural ramshackle house with two children on the front steps next to a sign reading "2 children for sale." He was so moved by the sight that he took a photograph, intending it for his personal collection. However, his co-worker Lily Palmer accidentally discovered the picture and was so touched by it that she showed it to her editor, who then requested that Ellis write a piece about the family. And, using today's terminology, it all went viral, being published all over the country. Later, Ellis discovered that the mother had actually let the children go to a wealthy California banker as she believed she had tuberculosis and had only months to live and the banker had promised the children would not be separated.

When Ellis and Lily tried to follow-up later, they learned that Geraldine, the children's mother, had been misdiagnosed, did not have tuberculosis but another type of lung infection from which she had been cured, and was very much alive. Lily, a single mother herself, was motivated to try to reunite Geraldine and her children. This led her and Ellis on a dangerous investigation, which included Ellis being captured by mobsters, spending a night in jail, the two of them breaking into an orphanage, and learning that the children had been separated and both were being held in abysmal circumstances.

This heart-tugging story was inspired by an actual photo of children for sale in a 1948 newspaper. McMorris turned this inspiration into a brilliant tale of familial love and kind-hearted folks who could not resist reaching out to others despite putting their own lives in danger. And who among us would do the same? ~ Diana Barber

Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." 1

Peter 1: 13-16



UMW Member (cont.)



Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. 1

Peter 3: 13-16

After our marriage, we moved to Tucson because Chuck had accepted a job with the City of Tucson as the Therapeutic Recreation Director, which are recreational activities for disabled children and adults. During my professional career, I taught first grade in an inner city school in San Diego and taught and directed the Children's Program at the State Mental Hospital for four years.

In 1970, I joined the Department of Education as the State Consultant for Mental Retardation and Emotional Disturbed Children. In 1974 I moved to Tucson to join my husband. The State Department opened a state office in my home. After a year and a half we added a second consultant and moved into office buildings and then finally moved into the state building on Granada and Congress. I worked in the State Department of Education from 1970 – 1998. In 1998, I retired from the State Department and went to the University of Nevada at Las Vegas where I established and taught the Special Education Administration Program. In 1999, I returned to Tucson and the University of Arizona to finish my doctorate, which I completed in 1999. I became the Director of S.E. and Associated Superintendent at PPEPTEC, a high school for dropouts.

In 2002 I was in a major car accident which resulted in a broken back, a severed right ear, and I was bedridden for 6 ½ years. Then I started becoming active in DSUMC. I have participated as a greeter, a liturgist, and in Bible study, Sunday School, church and as a prayer chain warrior.

I believe there is no condemnation for those who are with God, for those who are in Me. The law of the Spirit of Life has set us free from sin and death. Not many Christians know how to live in the freedom which is their birthright. "I died to set you free; live freely in Me".

Again, thanks to all my Desert Skies family and friends during my trials and tribulations. ~ Dr. Karen Davis

Recipe

Blueberry Buckle

This is a Burdick family favorite, and my "go to" coffeecake recipe for company. Enjoy!!

¾ cup sugar	¼ cup soft shortening	1 egg
½ cup milk	2 cups sifted flour	2 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. salt	2 cups blueberries (frozen or fresh, well-drained)	

Heat oven to 375°F. Grease and flour a 9x9 square pan. Mix sugar, shortening and egg thoroughly. Stir in milk. Sift dry ingredients together and stir in. Carefully fold in the blueberries. Sprinkle top with the following streusel mixture and bake about 45 minutes.

¼ cup butter	½ cup sugar	½ tsp cinnamon	1/3 cup flour
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Cream all but flour. Then cut in flour until blended. (I found this works better for me than mixing the dry ingredients and cutting in the butter.) ~ Glenda Burdick



Blueberry Buckle

Circles

Zippy 49'ers Circle thirteen ladies attended the September 19 meeting in Fellowship Hall. It was the first meeting of the 2018-2019 year and the beginning of our new DVD series by Adam Hamilton called "*Unafraid*." It promises to be a very good series, so if you missed the first one, try to come to our next meeting on October 17, when we will gather at 9:15 AM and have a light breakfast at 9:30, followed by intercessory prayer and our DVD episode. Everyone had a great time getting caught up with those that have been gone over the summer, and getting acquainted with a new attendee. Yes, everyone is welcome, and we would be delighted to have you come visit our group and see if it is a good fit. ~ *Glenda Burdick*

Mary Martha Circle is once again sponsoring the after school tutoring program that takes place from 3:00 pm-4:15 pm on Monday and Tuesday every week during the school year. This is a collaborative effort between DSUMC and the TVSD. We currently have 17 children in the program ranging from K-6 grades.

The M&M circle has 2 baskets for the SILENT AUCTION taking place on October 10th for the Choir. One basket has items from Edie and Esther: embroidered hand towels, coasters, pot holder cozy, pocket crosses, miniature pillows, and book marks. The other basket has a handmade wooden cutting board donated by Clyde Van Arsdale and 3 one-of-a-kind fused glass serving pieces made by the M&M circle. ~ *Sandy Kleen*

30 Years of UMW (cont)

M&M's manage the Easter Basket drive for the children at TMM, make beautiful glass crosses for grateful recognition or "just because", make small boxes from old greeting cards for glass crosses or Flea Market jewelry.

DSUMW's "Helping Hands" has two groups. One packs Hygiene Kits once-a-month for five facilities in Tucson – TMM, Emerge, YOTO, ICS and St. Luke's Home. On the 2nd Tuesday AM of each month lunches are prepared for the homeless workers at Primavera who go out to day jobs.

UMW also provides opportunities for fellowship and study - weekend retreats, study groups, traditional Mother-Daughter Banquets, and even a Bridal Show where Mary Mitchell modeled her wedding gown. Members also attend "Mission u", discussing and learning about spiritual growth, geographic and issue subjects.

Our DSUMW is gearing up for another busy year and we hope that you ladies will look into what is on our schedule and come join us for our four General Meetings (first one is Saturday, October 27), at a Circle Meeting, our Cookie Walk and Craft Sale in December, or another event. It is a tremendous way to enjoy fun, fellowship and friendship with a delightful group of UMW. And don't forget to volunteer at the Flea Market, as it was one of the beginning projects for our church. Yearly, they give UMW a check to support our projects. ~ *Originally written by Sandee Landsburg and Vivian Whiteman in 2013, with a current update by Marilyn McKee.*

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. **2 Peter 1: 5-8**



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

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