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Supporting the Cookie Walk and Craft Sale



Connie Plummer of ReSources Vail

A Job Well Done

Sister Jose Women's Center received \$1,397.75, the proceeds from the UMW Cookie Walk/Craft Sale. I am delighted and thank everyone for their hard work - baking, frosting, cleaning up and then baking, frosting, cleaning up again along with the energy put into the crafts. It turned out to be most worthwhile for Sister Jose Women's Center. Please thank your friends, church members, your circle members and everyone else for helping us in this effort. ~ Marylyn McKee

10th Volume of the Joyful Noise

It seems only a few years ago that I stood up in a UMW meeting and suggested that we have a newsletter. I stated that I would put the newsletter together, but I needed the support of everyone in writing the articles. Marilyn McKee said that she would help remind people what they offered to write. We didn't have a name so the first edition which came out in May 2010 was just Newsletter.

We started with the following topics: Note from the President or some front-page article, UMW Meetings, Fellow member, Community Service, UMW Board Meeting and Calendar update, Prayer, Reading Corner, Special Article, Education and Circles. Over the years some topics have changed, others have stayed. Sandee Landsburg was our original editor, but when she became ill and had other family obligations, my husband David stepped in. Sandee is now back helping to ensure every sentence is correct, Marilyn continues to ask for articles while I format them every other month for your reading pleasure.

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UMW January Meeting

On January 26th, we met at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. A delicious brunch was provided by the Zippy 49ers, followed by a short business meeting and Pledge Service. Connie Plummer, president of ReSources Vail spoke. They were incorporated in June 2016 and have created the Vail Depot Thrift Store that provides funds to pay for the expenses of running the Vail Food Bank. 100% of all donations go into their programs which include backpacks for students, a transition from high school to work for special needs students, and homebound food delivery. Though Safeway and other supermarkets donate food, they always need items like peanut butter and cereal. They assist about 5,000 a year with over 12,000 volunteer hours. ~ Adele Edwards

Meet a fellow UMW member

My name is Suzanne Wicks. I was born in Chicago to parents that were married for 14 years before I was born. I was an only child, lived in a beautiful home in an area on the south side of Chicago called Beverly Hills (a lovely neighborhood filled with historic homes) and I, as an only, had everything I ever wanted. My grandparents lived with us so I had a very close relationship with them. We also had a summer home in Sister Lakes, Michigan, where my mom, grandparents and I spent the summers while my dad commuted on weekends from Chicago. My family had always attended a Methodist church, but after moving to Beverly Hills, we attended a non-denominational church which held services in a small roller rink. It was at this time I accepted Jesus as my savior and joined the church. In high school, I was active in Young Life, president and chaplain of our YMCA's Tri Hi Y club and a leader in our church youth group.

After graduating from high school in 1960, I attended Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, MI. I majored in Physical Education and received my BS in 1964. I never attended church while I was at college and even though I knew something was missing in my life, I didn't make the effort to change it. During college, I would sometimes meet my folks at our cottage on fall weekends. On one of those visits, in 1962, we went to the local farm market to get some apples and cider. There was a young fellow making cider that was wearing a Michigan State sweatshirt and my dad (being a tease) asked him if he ever got to Western Michigan. When he said yes, my dad immediately said: "Why don't you look my daughter up sometime." He actually did, but we never dated until the summer of '63 and Paul and I were married the next summer, after my graduation.

Life was about to change a whole lot! I was leaving school life and the big city to live in the country on a 400 acre fruit and vegetable farm and I didn't even like gardening! However, we did have a beautiful 100+ year old family farm house that was newly painted and filled with furniture from my folks who were downsizing. Summer was an adjustment as I learned about strawberries and asparagus and tart cherries. In the fall I started teaching junior high girl's health and physical education in Niles, MI.

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Suzanne Wicks

How happy I was to find that some of your children live in the truth, just as the Father commanded us. And so I ask you, dear Lady: let us all love one another. This is no new command I am writing you; it is the command which we have had from the beginning. This love I speak of means that we must live in obedience to God's commands. The command, as you have all heard from the beginning, is that you must all live in love.
John 2:4-6

UMW February Meeting

Our next UMW meeting will be on Saturday, February 23, 2019, with breakfast at 9:15 AM, followed by a brief meeting and then a program presented by Rose Muzzy. Rose will be introducing us to Twilight Wish Foundation, a non-profit that works similarly to Make-a-Wish, but the recipients of the wishes are low-income seniors. The mission of the foundation is to enrich the lives of deserving seniors through intergenerational Twilight Wish celebrations. Rose is the Arizona Regional Director of the foundation. In addition, we should note that Rose was honored with a Ben's Bells award for her outstanding work with seniors and in her community. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for this great program. Guests are always welcome. ~ Diana Barber



Having fun at the January Meeting

A Lenten Quiz

From <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/the-united-methodist-lenten-quiz>

UMW Event Calendar – 2019

February

- 12 - Helping Hands - 9:00 a.m. -
Kitchen
- 14 - Happy Valentine's Day
- 17 - Western Sunday - 9:00 a.m.
- All Church
- 20 - Zippy 49ers - 9:15 a.m. -
Fellowship Hall
- 23 - UMW General Meeting -
9:15 a.m. - Fellowship Hall

March

- 6 - Ash Wednesday
- 12 - Helping Hands- 9:00 a.m. -
Kitchen
- 17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day
- 20 - Zippy 49ers - 9:15 a.m. -
Fellowship Hall
- Tutoring - Monday and Tuesday
afternoons -
3:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall
- Contact Jeann Fishback or
Sandy Kleen for
meeting dates for M&M Circle
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This is what love is: it is not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the means by which our sins are forgiven. Dear friends, if this is how God loved us, then we should love one another. No one has ever seen God, but if we love one another, God lives in union with us, and his love is made perfect in us. **1 John 4:10-12**

1. What does the term 'Lent,' which comes from 'lencten,' mean?
 - a) Sacrifice
 - b) Time
 - c) Spring
 - d) March Madness
2. How were ashes imposed in the early church?
 - a) The shape of a cross was drawn on the forehead.
 - b) Ashes were smeared across closed eyelids.
 - c) Ashes were poured or sprinkled over the head.
3. Why do people give things up for Lent?
 - a) To follow the example of Jesus' 40-day fast in the wilderness.
 - b) To help us focus on prayer and devotions.
 - c) To give the acquired savings to the poor.
 - d) All of the above.
4. What snack food has significance during Lent?
 - a) Chocolate
 - b) Pretzels
 - c) Popcorn
 - d) All of the above.
5. Many people fast during Lent. How often did John Wesley fast?
 - a) Twice a week
 - b) Twice a month
 - c) Twice a year
 - d) Rarely
 - e) He did not fast
6. Why does Lent last 40 days?
 - a) To represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, tempted by Satan.
 - b) To recall the 40 days and nights the earth was flooded in the Old Testament.
 - c) To remind us of the 40 years the Israelites wandered in the desert.

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10th Volume (cont.)

In celebration and tribute to so many of you who wrote articles for the newsletter over the years, I will be reprinting one to two articles per issue this year. I hope you enjoy some of the amazing insights that have been shared over the years. Also, if you have a great idea for an article, please contact Marilyn or myself. Additionally, I would love ideas for ways to improve the newsletter. This is your newsletter, written by you and read by you, so tell me what I can do to make it even better. ~ Adele Edwards

Prayer

Lord, train us to see others as you would see them.

Help us use truth as a light to guide us,
and grace as a hand to hold the weary.

Help us to be your disciples.

We ask also for your forgiveness.

We have failed to show grace to our neighbor.

We have used truth as a club rather than a bandage.

Help us to refine these gifts you have given us, and speak with your voice.

Amen

~ From Pete Briscoe's *Experiencing Life Today*

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.

~ Mary Southerland

But me he caught—
reached all the way
from sky to sea; he
pulled me out of that
ocean of hate, that
enemy chaos, the void
in which I was drowning.
They hit me when I was
down, but God stuck by
me. He stood me up on
a wide-open field; I
stood there saved—
surprised to be loved!

Psalms 18:16-19

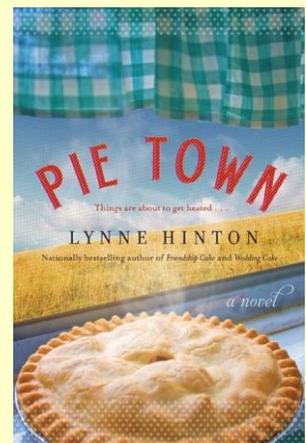


Book Report

Pie Town, by Lynne Hinton, caught my eye recently when I was walking through Bookman's, largely because I knew where Pie is located in western New Mexico. I have not actually been there, but have seen road signs indicating that Pie Town was down the road to the east. Naturally I was intrigued and had to buy the book. That was a good decision.

Anyone who has lived in a small town can relate to this charming story of a place where families have lived for generations, where everyone knows everyone, and newcomers are looked upon with suspicion. Despite this community's inability to agree on much of anything, the town, however, is united completely in their love and support for Alex, a boy born with serious disabilities in his body, a larger than life capacity for love, and wisdom far beyond his years. In fact, the biggest annual event every year is Alex's birthday party, which is attended by everyone in town.

The town gets something new to talk about with the arrival of a new priest who works hard to fit in, a young woman who arrives by hitch-hiking, and a fire that destroys the local church, while young Alex works hard to bring the town together. This is a heart-warming tale of unconditional love and community and contains some lessons for all of us. ~ Diana Barber



UMW Member (cont.)



Snow in Tucson

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your friends, hate your enemies.' But now I tell you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may become the children of your Father in heaven. For he makes his sun to shine on bad and good people alike, and gives rain to those who do good and to those who do evil. **Matthew 5:43-45**

On the weekends, I learned about the many variety of apples while working in our small farm market. Church was not an option during the summer and fall as the crops needed care 7 days a week. However, in the winter and part of the spring we were able to attend church, this time a United Church of Christ in Dowagiac, where Paul's folks were attending.

In 1967, our daughter, Kimberly was born and I quit my teaching job to be a stay at home farm wife and mother. Life on the farm continued with many ups and some downs of not enough migrants to harvest the crops, hard frosts, not enough rain, too much rain, etc., but life was good and we were very happy and very much in love. I learned about doing the farm bookwork and payroll. I even learned to identify all the different varieties of apples and how to tell an apple tree from a cherry or peach tree, without the fruit on it.

In the late summer of 1968, the Niles schools called and wanted me to come back and teach elementary physical education at three different schools. A friend of ours said she would take care of our daughter, so I went back to teaching but told them I would only do it for a year.

In 1969, we decided that we needed to either modernize our farm house or build a new house. We decided on a new house that would get us on the other side of the farm and farther away from our farm market and our migrant housing, as someone was at our door at all hours of the day and night. We had the basement dug and the house studded up and bricked. In his free hours from the farm, Paul put up all the walls as well and did the plumbing and wiring.

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Recipe

Pecan Tarts

For the Tart

1 stick butter, softened
 3 ounces cream cheese, softened
 1 cup flour
 ½ cup chopped pecans

For the filling

¾ cup brown sugar, packed
 1 egg
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 1 tablespoon butter
 1/3 cup chopped pecans



Pecan Tarts

For the tarts, it is advisable to use a standard two to three ounce capacity twelve unit muffin pan. Do not fill the individual molds up all the way with dough. That will not allow enough room for the rest of the filling. Cream the butter and cream cheese. Add the flour. Chill. Shape into 1-inch balls. Place the balls in an ungreased 12-unit muffin pan and press to create tart shells. Sprinkled the ½ cup nuts in the shells. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

To make the filling, beat the sugar, egg, vanilla, and butter until smooth. Put in tart shells. Sprinkle the 1/3 cup nuts on top of the filling. Bake for 25 minutes. Loosen gently with a knife and let cool in pan. If all goes well, you will have made mini-pecan pies without all that glue-like stickiness. ~ Sandra McNary

Circles

Zippy 49'ers Circle had a fun meeting on December 21. Since it was so close to Christmas our program was sharing our memories of our Best Christmas and our Worst Christmas. We had so much fun listening to everyone's experiences. Then we had a white elephant exchange, with lots of oohing and aahing over items the giver no longer wanted or needed. There was even some trading of items after the exchange was over. Everyone had a wonderful time.

We met again on January 16 and resumed our DVD series by Adam Hamilton called Unafraid. We watched the episode called "Friendless and Alone?", which was excellent. If you have an interest, you are welcome to attend our next meeting, Wednesday, Feb. 20 in Fellowship Hall. We gather at 9:15am and have breakfast at 9:30am. The DVD episode will be "Fear of Failure." Our ministry this year is supporting the Sister Jose Women's Shelter, and two of our members will be shopping for them with the money in our treasury left over from last year. We hope to shop the sales and make our money stretch as far as possible. If you would like more information, call Glenda Burdick. ~ *Glenda Burdick*

Mary Martha Circle continues its support of the tutoring program which has 17 students. Tutors are always needed as we give as much one-on-one help as possible. Tutoring is Monday and Tuesday from 3pm to 4:30pm. ~ *Jeann Fishback*



A Lenten Quiz (cont.)

8. Which hymn, based on St. Patrick's prayer, would be a good Lenten devotion?
- "Jesus Walked This Lonely Valley"
 - "Christ Beside Me"
 - "O Happy Day, That Fixed My Choice"
 - "Come and Find the Quiet Center"
9. True or false? Sundays are not counted in the 40 days of Lent.
- True
 - False
10. When early Methodists in America sat in a church on a mourner's bench, they would:
- Repent their sins
 - Experience a new birth
 - Rededicate themselves to Jesus
 - All of the above

The answers will be in our next Joyful Noise Newsletter.

My lover speaks to me.
Come then, my love;
my darling, come with me.
The winter is over; the rains have
stopped;
in the countryside the flowers
are in bloom.
This is the time for singing;
the song of doves is heard in
the fields.
Figs are beginning to ripen;
the air is fragrant with
blossoming vines.
Come then, my love;
my darling, come with me.
You are like a dove that hides
in the crevice of a rock.
Let me see your lovely face
and hear your enchanting
voice.

Song of Solomon 2: 10-14

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

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Jeann Fishback

Call to Prayer and Self-Denial

A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial is an opportunity for women to reflect on the gospel of Christ and make an offering that helps sustain ministry around the country and the world. Every year, United Methodist Women members participate in A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial observance. In response to God's love and grace, offerings collected through A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial support worthy initiatives that relate to each year's mission focus.

The mission focus for 2019 is "Building a Thriving Generation of Children and Youth Worldwide," which provides an opportunity for United Methodist Women members to learn more about the difficult circumstances children and youth face at home and abroad. All offerings received from A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial observance this year will go to programs that promote well-being and equal opportunities for children and youth in need, including:

- Advocacy to end the school-to-prison pipeline.
- Anti-violence and child protection programs.
- Afterschool and wraparound programs.
- Vocational livelihood training for refugees and vulnerable children and youth.
- Formal and informational workshops on healthy living.
- Equal access to education.
- Access to educational and life opportunities for children with disabilities.

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/call-to-prayer>

PRAYER AND SELF-DENIAL

MARCH 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Do you have more than one Bible? Give 25¢ for each one, and be sure to read a passage in one of them					1 Pray for those who have no shoes, and give 2¢ for each pair that you own.	2 Thank God for beautiful mountain views. Count each window in your home, and give 5¢ for each one.
3 Jesus is the "light of the world." Count each lamp in your home and give 5¢ for each one, and give thanks.	4 Do you own more than one vehicle? Think those who have no vehicle and give 25¢ for each one you own.	5 Give thanks for time to relax and give a thank offering of 5¢ for each chair inside your house.	6 ASH WEDNESDAY For the gift of Jesus Christ and the reminder that Lent brings, give a thank offering. .	7 Children are at risk all over the world. Pray for those children and give a thank offering for your own.	8 Are you lucky enough to have grandchildren? Pray for them and give at least 50¢ for each one.	9 Do you enjoy the companionship of a pet? Thank God and give 25¢ for each one.
10 For the opportunity to worship freely, give thanks and a free will offering.	11 Visited the dentist this year. Add 50¢ for a healthy smile.	12 Do you drive to church? Thank God for this privilege and give 5¢ for each mile you drive, to and from church.	13 Thank God for your many blessings, and give 5¢ for each purse you own.	14 Pray for your friends and family, and give 5¢ for each phone call you make or receive today.	15 Have you made any overnight trips this year? Give thanks for that privilege and 25¢ for each trip.	16 Do you have many towels? Give 5¢ for each blue one, and remember those who have no clean water.
17 Thank God for a comfortable church building and home. Give 25¢ and hum a hymn.	18 Remember that rain is a blessing in the desert and give a thank offering for rain.	19 For new ways to keep in touch and bless others, give a thank offering of 10¢ for each computer you have.	20 Give 50¢ and thank God for the seasons of the year, especially for Spring which begins today with the promise of new life.	21 Give thanks for family and 10¢ for parents and each brother and sister.	22 Count ALL the doors in your house, including your closets, and give 1¢ for each one.	23 Out to lunch? Give a 5¢ for each time you have gone to lunch so far this month.
24 Vitamins or medicine. Add a coin for each pill you take each day.	25 Pray for those who do not have adequate clothing and give 2¢ for each jacket and coat you own.	26 Over 2 billion people around the world live on less than \$2.00 a day. Give \$2.00.	27 Give a penny for each digit in your zip code. (8+5+7+4+9 = 33¢)	28 Be thankful for a safe place to live that is comfortable. Give 50¢ for each home you have.	29 Remember that we were created in the image of God. Count your mirrors, and give 5¢ for each one.	30 Thank God for the resources to do a calendar like this, and give a thank offering.

Do the count each day, and write amount on calendar. At the end of the month, add up the amount and write a check to UMW and give to your circle leader of mail to Marilyn Mckee. Be sure to indicate on the memo line that it is for prayer and self-denial.

UMW 150 years old

On March 23, 1869, eight women gathered at Tremont Street Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston, Massachusetts, to organize for mission focused on the needs of women and children. Those visionary women left a legacy that has moved generations of women for 150 years to engage in mission. UMW is celebrating its 150th anniversary by strengthening and passing on its mission inheritance with the Legacy Fund. The forward-looking permanent endowment will provide a firm foundation for generations of United Methodist Women to come, as they engage in mission with the women, children, and youth of their day. For more information about giving to the fund and events around the 150th anniversary, see <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/150/toolkit>.



Celebrating “The Mighty Power of Prayer”

This article was originally published in the Dec. 2010 edition of The Joyful Noise. Pat Walker remembers that Del was so faithful to the Telephone Prayer Chain and worried that people would miss the contact of a human voice and personal interaction on an email chain. Things have changed and now 65 people are on the email chain. Though Ginger has retired from the Telephone Chain she still gets the email notes. Del is now fully in the care of her daughter and doesn't get out at all. But she loves cards, as, I think we all do. Her address is in the church directory. If you would like to be part of the prayer chain or receive prayers, please contact Pat Walker. ~ Pat Walker

My name is Delma “Del” Holmer. At this time, I am part of our Methodist Women's United in Service to God through prayer. Adding to this mighty mission work DSUMW sponsors an e-mail Prayer Chain and a telephone Prayer Chain.

The telephone prayer chain, now under the direction of Ginger Crowder has been in existence for many years. In the last few years, since the e-mail chain began its work headed by Pat Walker, many members of the telephone chain have had to retire. We now ask you to pray for more help from our church ladies, asking all of you to ask the Lord if you could or should help us with this.

My prayer life has been enriched by my contact with both chains. I have heard wonderful stories about so many people who have put their prayer requests before the Lord and then found that the Lord gave them an answer with medical healing or whatever they asked for in their prayers; they faithfully bowed their heads and accepted God's will...finding the Lord's peace beyond human understanding!!! His peace, his will, not ours!!!

Please consider becoming part of The Telephone Prayer Chain. Please call Ginger. Your help is really needed! ~ Del Holmer

“If you listen to these commands and obey them faithfully, then the LORD your God will continue to keep his covenant with you and will show you his constant love, as he promised your ancestors. He will love you and bless you, so that you will increase in number and have many children; he will bless your fields, so that you will have grain, wine, and olive oil; and he will bless you by giving you many cattle and sheep. He will give you all these blessings in the land that he promised your ancestors he would give to you. **Deuteronomy 7:12-13**”

