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“Walk with Jesus” Easter Event

The Children's Ministries are excited to present the reenactment of Jesus' last days on earth through the event “Walk with Jesus” planned for Fri., April 12th, 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Included in our event will be a replica of the “Last Supper” that will be served. It is our hope to have volunteers assisting with the event, helping with various areas from background prep to dressing up in biblical time clothing! If you are interested or have questions, please call Lorna Niven. Thank you, Lorna

UMW February and March Meetings

On February 23, 2019, UMW members and friends gathered for breakfast at 9:15 am, followed by a brief meeting. Rose Muzzy, our speaker, talked about the Twilight Wish Foundation, a non-profit that is similar to Make-a-Wish, except recipients of the wishes are low-income seniors. Rose talked about her involvement, which included starting the Arizona Region branch. Rose is now the Director! The foundation enriches the lives of deserving seniors through intergenerational Twilight Wish celebrations. Rose shared wonderful stories of how she, with the help of generous donations, was able to provide snow in the summer to make one wish recipient's day, and for another, Lute Olsen (he was still the U of A basketball coach) to come to the VA and celebrate. ~ Adele Edwards



Rose Muzzy

On Saturday morning, March 30th, eighteen ladies gathered in Fellowship Hall to celebrate 150 years of Women in Mission. Though there have been many name changes and involvement by women from several denominations, the goal has always been to meet the needs of underserved women and children in the United States and around the globe. Joan French, longtime UMW member at Desert Skies, read of a poem from *Response Magazine* that focused on the many ways that UMW impacts the lives of members. We played a trivia game created by Glenda Burdick that traced the history of our organization back to 1869. Jan Van Buren and Mary Jo Floyd won prizes.

We celebrated with a beautiful cake and Jeann Fishback's fresh strawberry creation. Marilyn McKee presented a program on the Prayer and Self-Denial offering. Proceeds go to the mission work of United Methodist Women. “A Legacy Carol,” a skit focusing on the history and future of United Methodist Women was performed by our talented actresses Linda Jakubowski, Mary Broughton, Glenda Burdick, Jeann Fishback and Jeanne Myers. Glenda offered a closing prayer. ~ Marilyn McKee and Mary Broughton



UMW Actresses

Meet a fellow UMW member

United Methodist Women is celebrating its 150th year as an organization. Your experience of UMW may differ from others, as each person brings her unique views, background and skills to join with those of others around her to the betterment of the organization.

UMW began with eight women in Boston. At that time women and children were legally classified as "chattel, legally dead, non-persons." Today, there are over 800,000 members worldwide, but a lot happened in those intervening years.

"In 1869, Mrs. William Butler and Mrs. Edwin Parker, wives of missionaries to India, were home on furlough. They spoke to a group of eight women in Boston. Mrs. Butler told about the desperate spiritual and physical needs of women in India. A male doctor could not treat women. Schooling for girls was almost non-existent. Single, trained, and dedicated women were needed for medical and educational work. The women who were present called another meeting of women, wrote a constitution, and organized the Methodist Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (WFMS). By November 1869, the newly formed organization raised funds and sent Isabella Thoburn, an educator, and Dr. Clara Swain, a doctor, to India."

"Ms. Thoburn began a school with six young girls in Lucknow. This school expanded to include Isabella Thoburn College, the first women's college in Asia. Dr. Swain began her medical work, resulting in the establishment of the first women's hospital in Asia. Both of these institutions are still serving the people of India. In 1875, Lizzie Hoffman was instrumental in forming the Woman's Missionary Association of the United Brethren Church. After spending one night praying, she was convinced that the women of the church should be organized for special mission work. Sierra Leone, in Africa, was the first country to which missionaries were sent. Strong Women's Home Missionary Societies were founded in 1880 (Methodist Episcopal Church) and 1890 (Methodist Episcopal Church, South). (Continued on page 7)



DSUMC UMW members from two different meetings

little things, BIG RESULTS

The UMW's collecting of little things is changing again. Campbell dropped out, and Tyson will discontinue their Project A+ labels at the end of the 2018-19 school year in order to "focus our resources more effectively," that being to combat hunger, specifically.

So, clean out your junk drawer and turn in any Boxtops and Tyson A+ labels you find. BOXTOPS HAVE EXPIRATION DATES so don't hang on to them, turn them in frequently. We now collect two things - BOXTOPS & POPTABS.

General Mills Boxtops for Education will continue to support McCurdy Ministries in Español, NM. - <https://www.boxtops4education.com/>

Aluminum pop tabs will continue to support Ronald McDonald House right here in Tucson. ~ Jeanne Myers

All I want is to know Christ and to experience the power of his resurrection, to share in his sufferings and become like him in his death, in the hope that I myself will be raised from death to life.

Philippians 3:10-11

UMW Event Calendar – 2019

April

- 7 - Ice Cream Social - 2-4 p.m. -
McDonald Park
- 9 - Helping Hands - 9:00 a.m. -
Kitchen
- 12 - "Walk with Jesus" - 5:30 p.m.
to 7:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall
- 14 - Palm Sunday
- 17 - Zippy 49ers - 9:15 a.m. -
Fellowship Hall
- 18 - Maundy Thursday Service in
Sanctuary
- 19 - Good Friday
- 21 - Easter Day
- 21 - Youth Easter Breakfast
Fundraiser - Fellowship Hall

May

- 5 - Cinco de Mayo
- 12 - Happy Mother's Day
- 14 - Helping Hands - 9:00 a.m. -
Kitchen
- 16 - Zippy 49ers - 9:15 a.m. -
Fellowship Hall
- 27 - Memorial Day

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

At once the Spirit drove him into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for 40 days being tempted by Satan. He was among wild animals, and angels were ministering to him. Now after John had been arrested, Jesus went to Galilee and proclaimed the gospel about the kingdom of God. He said, "The time is now! The kingdom of God is near! Repent, and keep believing the gospel!" **Mark 1:12-15**

History of Easter

Easter, the Sunday of the Resurrection, Pascha, or Resurrection Day, is the most important religious feast of the Christian liturgical year, observed at some point between late March and late April each year (early April to early May in Eastern Christianity), following the cycle of the moon. It celebrates the resurrection of Jesus, which Christians believe occurred on the third day of his death by crucifixion sometime in the period AD 27- 33.

The holiday marks the end of the forty day fast of Lent, during which time Christians are encouraged to abstain from meat, fat (traditionally), and all but the simplest foods. This is also the time that Christians "give something up for Lent". Shortly after St. Anicetus became the Pope in the mid second century (ca. AD 155), Polycarp visited Rome and among the topics discussed was when the pre-Easter fast should end. Those in Asia held strictly to the computation from the Old Testament's Hebrew calendar and ended the fast on the 14th day of Nisan, while the Roman custom was to continue the fast until the Sunday following. In modern times we use the Roman measurement.

In Western Christianity, Easter always falls on a Sunday from March 22 to April 25. The following day, Easter Monday, is a legal holiday in many countries with predominantly Christian traditions. In Eastern Christianity, Easter falls between April 4 and May 8 on the Gregorian calendar. Their calculations to determine the date use the Julian Calendar. <http://listverse.com/2007/10/04/15-holidays-and-their-origins/>
~Adele Edwards

Suzanne Wicks Profile (cont.)

In February's issue we learned about Suzanne's youth in Chicago and living on a farm after she was married. We left the story as she and her husband, Paul, were just starting to build a new farm house.

The house was finished in the late fall of 1970, and we moved in just before Christmas, in time for the January birth of our daughter Michelle. Paul took me to the hospital, stayed until our daughter was born; but because of a snowstorm, I didn't see him for 3 days when he was able to take us home. My mom arrived from Chicago, and we were snowed-in for a week. Her car was buried in our driveway with only the tip of her aerial showing above the snow! Our church life continued just on Sundays, when we weren't busy with crops, but we did make the commitment and joined the Federated UCC. We both served as trustees for quite a few years and gave as much time as possible helping with different jobs and activities.

As the years passed, we formed a partnership on the farm with Paul's parents. We raised many fruits and vegetables through the years, but it ended up we were raising apples, tart cherries, Stanley plums, concord grapes (contracted to Welch's) and about 150 acres of asparagus (all hand-picked). At the same time, the farm market, called Wicks' Apple House, continued to grow. (Continued on Page 5)

Prayer

A mother is any woman who supports and helps others, who shows how to be strong by being strong and how to be loving and kind by being kind and loving to all of God's children.

A blessing and prayer tribute to all mothers

Blessed be all mothers
Who have come into our lives
Whose kindness, care and loving
Remain with us to guide.

Your inspiration in us
Made us strive in every way
Especially to remember
Helping others makes our day.

Mothers, this little tribute
Flows directly from my heart
You are so loved and cherished
Invaluable, one and all, you are.
-Susan Kramer



Celebration Cake

"But even now," says the LORD, "repent sincerely and return to me with fasting and weeping and mourning. Let your broken heart show your sorrow; tearing your clothes is not enough." Come back to the LORD your God. He is kind and full of mercy; He is patient and keeps His promise; He is always ready to forgive and not punish. Perhaps the Lord your God will change His mind and bless you with abundant crops. Then you can offer Him grain and wine. **Joel 2:12-14**

Book Report

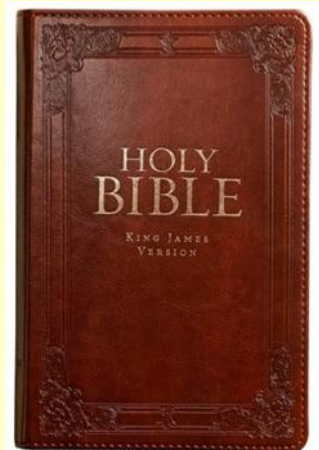
The Bible by God with human assistance. This book is actually a compilation of poems, songs and stories told in two parts. The Hebrew Bible (or the Old Testament) is thought to have been written around the 6th century BC but might be as old as the 10th century. The New Testament was written in the 1st century AD. There are more than 200 versions of the Bible, and it has been translated fully in 532 languages and partially translated into 2,883 languages. Websites like the Bible Gateway offer a searchable online Bible in different versions and languages: yet many United Methodists got their first Bible from their family or at church.

There are over 100 million copies sold each year. The Bible informs the tradition of three major world religions: Christianity, Judaism, and Islam.

Summarizing the Bible is difficult. Some say it is a collection of stories about man and God and how man continues to disappoint and God continues to forgive. Others believe it is the written word of God, and everything happened as stated; others say it was written to help us know how to live our lives in a loving way, to improve our relationship with God.

The best way to know about the Bible is to read it. Some like to read it cover to cover while others follow a daily devotional reading, often accompanied by reflective thought or additional information.

However you decide to approach it, I would implore you to read the Bible. It can change your life and improve your relationship with God and Jesus.
~ Adele Edwards



Suzanne (cont.)



Spring in Tucson

The kind of fasting I want is this: Remove the chains of oppression and the yoke of injustice, and let the oppressed go free. Share your food with the hungry and open your homes to the homeless poor. Give clothes to those who have nothing to wear, and do not refuse to help your own relatives. **Isaiah 5:6-7**

It became not only a large farm market with jams, jellies, homemade fudge, cheeses, and much more, but we also had a full line bakery that featured apple n' spice donuts and homemade pies, a large gift shop and a 90-seat restaurant that served breakfast and lunch. I gave school and senior tours every week during the fall, and once a year we held Cider Fest, where we gave narrated horse-drawn and tractor-drawn tours around our farm, offered music, a petting farm and activities for the kids. There was no charge as it was a thank you to all our wonderful customers. We usually averaged about 8,000 people on that weekend! We employed about 25 people on the farm and another 20-25 in the Apple House. Paul ran the farm and I managed the Apple House, and for many years I did the bookwork and payroll for both operations.

We were fortunate enough to be able to put both of our daughters through college. Kim graduated from Taylor University in Upland, Indiana and Michelle graduated from Hope College, in Holland, Michigan. Both girls worked in the family business through high school, college and even after they were married.

In 1998, we sold the farm. It had been in Paul's family for over 130 years, and then he worked for me in the market. In 2000, we sold the market, which, in various forms, had operated for 50 years, and we retired. For me, it was a bittersweet moment. I loved our farm and farm market, the loyal customers and the good people who worked for us, but... it was exciting to think of what retirement would bring.

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A Note from Children's Ministries

It's almost summer time, oh my!?! The summer is a time for our Sunday School teachers to have some rest from their teaching dedication during the school year. If you love children and would like to have a short-term experience in a multi-teaching situation during the summer, we need you!! For further info, please contact Lorna Niven on Tuesday mornings in the church office. ~ Lorna Niven

Recipe

Chili

- 2 pounds Ground Beef
- 3 onions - chopped medium
- 2 cans (7 1/2 ounce) Mexican tomatoes
- 1 cup Catsup
- 2 cans (28 ounce) Diced Tomatoes - drained
- 1 package Chili seasoning
- 2 tablespoons Chili Powder (or more if you want it hotter)



Chili

Brown Ground Beef with onions. Add other ingredients. Cook at least an hour - or longer which is better. ~ Ken Winkelmann

Circles

Zippy 49'ers Circle Zippy 49'ers Circle will meet Wednesday, April 17 in Fellowship Hall, gathering at 9:15 with a breakfast at 9:30. We will view the last DVD episode "Sickness, Growing Old and Death" in the video series by Adam Hamilton. Since this is the last in our series we have not definitely decided what to do in May, but are thinking of "revisiting" one of Adam Hamilton's sermons from a previous series. Our ministry continues to be collecting items for Sister Jose Women's Shelter. Please feel free to visit our group, we would love to have you. Call Glenda Burdick for more information. ~ *Glenda Burdick*

Mary Martha Circle's current activity is the coordination of 66 Easter baskets for TMM. The last day to pick up the name of a child who needs an Easter basket will be Sunday, April 7. All baskets are due back on April 14. ~ *Sandy Kleen*

A Lenten Quiz Answers

Below are the questions and answers to the Lenten Quiz .

1. What does the term 'Lent,' which comes from 'lencten,' mean? C - Spring
2. How were ashes imposed in the early church? C - Ashes were poured or sprinkled over the head.
3. Why do people give things up for Lent? D - To follow the example of Jesus' 40-day fast in the wilderness, to help us focus on prayer and devotions, and to give the acquired savings to the poor.
4. What snack food has significance during Lent? B - Pretzels
5. Many people fast during Lent. How often did John Wesley fast? A - Twice a week
6. Why does Lent last 40 days? A - To represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, tempted by Satan.
7. What do some United Methodists not sing at Lent? B - Alleluia
8. Which hymn, based on St. Patrick's prayer, would be a good Lenten devotion? A - "Jesus Walked This Lonely Valley"
9. True or false? Sundays are not counted in the 40 days of Lent. A - True
10. When early Methodists in America sat in a church on a mourner's bench, they would: D - Repent their sins, experience a new birth, and rededicate themselves to Jesus

Explanations for each question can be found here: <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/addendum-to-the-united-methodist-lenten-quiz> ~ *Adele Edwards*

The angel spoke to the women. "You must not be afraid," he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has been raised, just as he said. Come here and see the place where he was lying. Go quickly now, and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from death, and now he is going to Galilee ahead of you; there you will see him!' Remember what I have told you." **Matthew 28:5-7**



Friends at the UMW meeting

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

President: Marilyn McKee

Vice President: Glenda Burdick

Secretary: Mary Broughton

Treasurer: Marilyn McKee

Program Coordinator: Diana Barber

Membership: Elsie Heinz

Social Action: Jeanne Myers

Zippy 49ers Circle: Glenda Burdick

Lorna Niven

Mary Martha Circle: Sandy Kleen
Jeann Fishback

Suzanne (cont.)

The year 2000 also changed our spiritual lives. We started going to the Methodist Church that was just about 2 miles from our house. We immediately started attending church every Sunday and shortly after became members. It felt as though I had found my home. I have always served in many capacities and on many committees. I also sang in the choir and prepared the altar every week for 16 years by decorating it to go along with the topic of the sermon. With my committee of two, we stripped wall paper and then painted the entire 3 bedroom parsonage. Our UMW consisted of all the women in the church. I did not attend very many meetings but was always there to help with and support all the activities, projects and money raising efforts for our missions.

In 2004, we had decided to go to Florida to find a place to spend winters. At the same time, Paul's mom decided to sell her park model here in Tucson and wanted us to use it for a month before it was sold. So, we decided we would try it. Talking to one of her neighbors one day, we asked where they were going to church. It was Desert Skies UMC. So, we decided to visit it before Sunday. It was a Monday morning when we arrived at the church and the first door I tried was locked and all of a sudden, I heard a voice saying "Can I help you?" and the next two hours were spent talking with Jerry Myers, Max Crowell, Emmitt Warner and Eugene Whiteman. They did a great job of selling DSUMC and as we were driving home we decided that this church sounded like the place for us. The next Sunday, we arrived and were immediately greeted by many friendly faces. During the greeting time in church when people introduced guests, Emmitt came right over and gave Paul the microphone and told him to introduce ourselves. After he did, it was time for greeting one another. Joanne Evans came down from the choir and said I'm from Hartford, MI and we'll talk after church. After meeting more people from Michigan and more friendly greetings we decided that this was the place for us.

We attended every Sunday and at the end of the month decided that not only did we like the climate here, but we loved the church. So, we purchased a home and became snowbirds for 14 years and attended DSUMC every Sunday while we were here. We started helping with Snak Paks, the Flea Market and as greeters.

In 2018, while still owning a home in Michigan, Tucson became our primary address. We had talked about joining Desert Skies because we love the church and the church family, but at the same time, we loved our little New England style country church and our church family of 45 people. Then, after talking with Rev. Candace, we found out that we could become affiliate members, so after 14 years, we finally joined Desert Skies, and we look forward to taking a more active part. ~ Suzanne Wicks

UMW Member (cont.)

In 1879, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church was founded; and in 1884, the Woman's Missionary Society was organized in the Evangelical Association. These groups became powerful, independent women's organizations, sending hundreds of missionaries all over the world and supporting many projects.

The Ladies Aid Societies, which had existed for many years, were incorporated into the missionary societies in the 1940s. Through reorganization and denominational mergers, these various groups were brought together. In 1973, United Methodist Women became the women's mission organization of The United Methodist Church." <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/about/history>

The response magazine has numerous stories about UMW in the March/April 2019 issue. Short biographies of some amazing women are detailed at <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/archives-notable-women-in-methodist-history> and <http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/timeline-of-women-in-methodism>.

Learn about UMW's rich history and get involved in DSUMC's UMW. Women together have and continue to change the world. We need you – the world needs you. ~ Adele Edwards

Prayer Booklet Reflection

We are so fortunate to have time during our church service to reflect our thoughts, particularly during this season of Lent. When we think of what Jesus did for us, we are truly blessed.

The prayer booklets in the pews are giving us the opportunity to quietly reflect our thoughts, to experience a closeness to God. They are uniquely designed and made with love by members of the United Methodist Women at Desert Skies, more specifically the 49'ers Circle, led by Glenda Burdick, who came together with a cheerful heart. Others involved were the "Wired Word" Wednesday group led by Doc and the Painting God's Beauty Oil painting class. With all this said, a heartfelt "Thank You" to all who made this possible! Blessings. ~ *Lorna Niven*



Then Pilate called in the high priests, rulers, and the others and said, "You brought this man to me as a disturber of the peace. I examined him in front of all of you and found there was nothing to your charge. And neither did Herod, for he has sent him back here with a clean bill of health. It's clear that he's done nothing wrong, let alone anything deserving death. I'm going to warn him to watch his step and let him go." **Luke 23:13-16**

Reading Corner

This article was originally published in the April 2011 edition of *The Joyful Noise*. It is still an appropriate book today. ~ *Adele Edwards*

[Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide](#), by Pulitzer Prize-winning husband and wife journalists Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn.

Women hold up half the sky ~ Chinese Proverb

This is not a book for the faint of heart. The authors spell out of the horror that befalls women all over the world with statistics and factual accounts told in the words of the women themselves. Details about how women are routinely raped, killed for honor, die of Aids in brothels, are mutilated, and even worse help you understand the atrocities that are part of some cultures, impacting many women's lives.

The first part of the book argues that the oppression of women in mostly developing countries is not only devastating to the women but to the society as a whole. The rarely recognized injustice that is equivalent to slavery must be fought on moral and political grounds with a campaign to bring this deplorable practice to an end.

The second part of the book discusses how such a movement could be created and how to achieve the needed change. The problems are complex and not easily solved. As I was reading, I realized that many UMW funded mission projects and UM missionaries fight such issues daily and are often succeeding. ~ *Adele Edwards*

