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Mission u

Mission u will again be at Catalina United Methodist Church, Tucson, August 23-24, 2019. Everyone is invited to join this powerful and exciting learning experience - women, men, youth, church professionals and lay people. The tuition cost is \$65.00 per person and the study books are \$10.00 each. If you attend, you will need to pay your tuition but our UMW treasury will pay for your study book, and I will be happy to order it for you. The classes will be from approximately 2:30 p.m. on Friday August 23rd until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday the 24th.

The three studies this year will be:

1. Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship - the study examines different passages in Mark and challenges readers to discover what radical discipleship looks like in their context.
2. Women United for Change - 150 Years in Mission - explore and celebrate the history of United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations,
3. What About Our Money - explores how we understand money within the context of our faith.

This event also includes Worship and singing, Interest Groups around current issues, Mission Projects, Audiovisual presentations, and Fellowship events.

Register online <https://dscumc.org/event/umw-mission-u-2019-08-22/> or call the church office , and I will provide a registration form. It would be advisable to register soon, especially for "United for Change" as I feel that may be a very popular class. ~ Marilyn McKee

Unitedmethodistwomen.org

If you ever wanted to know more about the UMW, one of the best places is the website. It has a plethora of information. It has information regarding the news of UMW, action alerts (email alerts on the four campaigns – end maternal mortality, interrupt the school-to-prison pipeline, just energy for all and living wage for all), mission studies, information for members and leaders, what they do and fund, as well as events, advocacy, newsletter and unique parts of UMW, such as the Church Center for the United Nations (across the street from the UN).

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Meet a fellow UMW member

A vibrant community with no United Methodist presence. Several families with a heart for reaching new people and sharing life together. A school district with a passion for partnerships with churches. An annual conference ready to support and resource multi-site ministry. A young man with a call to ministry and a heart for new things. Mix them all up and you get Desert Skies-Vail Campus, a thriving community of faith that draws on the DNA of Desert Skies as a joyful community drawing people to Christ, a church with a heart for mission, and a desire to be an integral part of the surrounding community. From its inception, the Vail Campus, led first by Rev. Candace Lansberry and now ably led by Mike Leedy, Campus Pastor, Desert Skies-Vail has been service-oriented, a part of the religious leaders/school administrators group, a co-founder of Vail Serves Vail, and a participant in community-wide events, such as Vail Pride Day. With a contemporary flair in its music, led by Worship Leader, Scott Jones, and a traditional approach to liturgy and education, Desert Skies-Vail is a church with a warm, family feel that exists to live out the Desert Skies mission to lead our neighbors to Christ, love one another in caring community, learn to follow Jesus, and live a Christ-like life that serves the world. A third service option for our Desert Skies family, the Vail Campus meets for Worship and Sunday School at 11:15 each Sunday, followed by Youth Group at 12:45. ~ *Candace Lansberry*

Lord Christ, you came into the world as one of us, and suffered as we do. As I go through the trials of life, help me to realize that you are with me at all times and in all things; that I have no secrets from you; and that your loving grace enfolds me for eternity. In the security of your embrace I pray. Amen. ~ *Enriching Our Worship 2*

Women in the Bible

As space allows, we will introduce a woman of the Bible. Each is unique, with strengths and weaknesses we all might have. The articles are to pique your interest in finding out more about these women and their place in Biblical history.

Sarah: Mother of the Jewish Nation

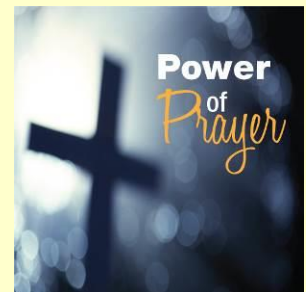
Sarah received an extraordinary honor from God. As the wife of Abraham, her offspring became the nation of Israel, which produced Jesus Christ, Savior of the world. But her impatience led her to influence Abraham to father a child with Hagar, Sarah's Egyptian slave, starting a conflict that continues today. Finally, at 90, Sarah gave birth to Isaac, through a miracle of God. Sarah loved and nurtured Isaac, helping him become a great leader. From Sarah we learn that God's promises always come true, and his timing is always best. <https://www.learnreligions.com/influential-women-of-the-bible-4023025> From Wikipedia, we learn she was the only woman to have her name changed (Sarai to Sarah). She was the half-sister of Abraham, her husband. Both a pharaoh and a king wanted her but God intervened. Sarah's story is found in the Bible, Genesis 11:29 – 25:11. ~ *Adele Edwards*

True Happiness
Happy are those
who reject the advice of
evil people,
who do not follow the
example of sinners
or join those who have no
use for God.

Instead, they find joy in
obeying the Law of the LORD,
and they study it day and
night.

They are like trees that grow
beside a stream,
that bear fruit at the right
time,
and whose leaves do not
dry up.

They succeed in everything
they do. ~ **Psalms 1:1-3**



Sarah's Prayer

Then Sarah stood by the
window, raised her arms in
prayer, and said,

God of mercy, worthy of
our praise,
may your name always
be honored,
may all your creation
praise you forever. **Tobit**
3:11

UMW Event Calendar – 2019

June

- 3-7 VBS/Music Camp - Church Campus
- 9 - Music Camp "The Lion King" Presentation - 4:00 p.m.
- 11 - Helping Hands - 9:00 a.m. – Kitchen
- 30 - Good-bye to Rev. Matt potluck - 11:00 A.M. – Fellowship Hall

July

- 4 - Happy 4th of July
- 9 - Helping Hands - 9:00 a.m. – Kitchen

Check the Skyline and the bulletin for UMW summer activities.

Call Glenda Burdick for Zippy 49ers info and Sandy Kleen or Jeann Fishback for M&M info.

Friends

Life is full of changes. Changes can be scary. When I was little and we were living with my grandparents, as my mom was divorced, my mom would take me to the park, the pool or to the beach. She watched over me, ensured I was safe but also allowed me to explore on my own. I fell down and had lots of skinned knees and stubbed toes from running around the pool. My mom knew I needed to have fun and that sometimes I would hurt myself. Not big injuries but little injuries that she could fix with a Band-Aid and a kiss.

As I got older, my support group expanded from my family to my school friends. I found I turned to them more and more to discuss issues that only they could understand. My mom couldn't, I thought; she was way too old. So, my relationship with my mom also changed. I didn't rely on her as much as I had when I was younger.

When I went away to college, initially I was all alone. My mom and step-father were a telephone away – which was good and bad. I didn't yet have friends. This is when I learned to rely on myself. And that was lonely. Then I went on a church retreat. I was told to close my eyes and think of a place that was safe and that I could easily picture. I chose a couch in the living room of the house I lived in at college. I was then told to see Jesus knocking on the front door. He wouldn't come in; I had to invite him in. I was then told to have a conversation with him. I wasn't sure what to do, so I invited him to sit on the couch. He asked me how I was doing. Not in the superficial way of an acquaintance, but in the deep, caring way of your best friend, someone who really wants to know how you are. I suddenly found myself pouring out all my concerns and issues. He opened his arms as a best friend does and said, it's ok, I am here, and I love you. As I could feel his hug, I also felt my troubles becoming manageable.

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Education

This article first appeared in the February 2011 edition. Today, the minimum wage is \$11.00, but more is still needed. (See 2019 Table for statistics)

Response Magazine recently had an article providing statistics on poverty in the United States. It directed me to a website, www.livingwage.geog.psu.edu, with information on the hourly wage needed to provide for a family in different US locations. The given wages are not for a middle-class lifestyle but for a minimum standard of living, and it presumes a 40 hour/week job. The site also contains information on wages by occupation and monthly expenses in the area.

The table to the left displays the living wage figures for the city of Tucson, where the minimum wage is \$7.25/hour. According to the Arizona Daily Star, the 2010 Census reports that 21.2% of Arizona's population lives below the poverty level, and 31.3% of our children live in poverty. Our mission work is needed. We can make a difference! ~ Sandee Landsburg

| Tucson | Living Hourly Wage | Poverty Hourly Wage |
|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Adult | \$8.00 | \$5.04 |
| 1 Adult 1 Child | \$15.94 | \$6.68 |
| 2 Adults | \$12.32 | \$6.49 |
| 2 Adults & 1 Child | \$20.29 | \$7.81 |
| 2 Adults & 2 Children | \$26.35 | \$9.83 |

2008 Statistics

| Hourly Wages | Living Hourly Wage | Poverty Hourly Wage |
|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Adult | \$10.99 | \$5.84 |
| 1 Adult 1 Child | \$23.88 | \$7.91 |
| 2 Adults | \$17.94 | \$7.91 |
| 2 Adults 1 Child | \$22.41 | \$9.99 |
| 2 Adults 2 Children | \$25.11 | \$12.07 |

2019 Statistics

Prayer

A Summer Gloria

Glory be to God...
 for clear blue skies and sunny days
 for fresh green grass and leafy trees
 for vivid purple flowers and well-tended gardens
 for fluffy white clouds and gentle breezes
 for bright red buses and busy streets

Glory be to God...
 for people stepping out with sandaled feet
 for children playing games with delighted squeals
 for picnics and street parties
 for street traders and market stalls
 for long days and short nights
 for open-topped buses and open-necked shirts.

Glory be to God...
 for seasons
 for summer
 for sunshine

~ Chick Yuill

Unitedmethodistwomen.org (cont.)

The UMW includes women all over the world. Much of the impact they make is in their local communities, similar to DSUMW - providing food, health kits, diapers, baby blankets, and tutoring to those in their community. There are also wonderful stories of inspiration. Take a few minutes and learn more about the global UMW. ~ Adele Edwards

Book Report

Khaled Hosseini has written three books that take place in his home country of Afghanistan. They are *The Kite Runner*, *A Thousand Splendid Suns* and *And The Mountains Echoed*. They are all beautiful, riveting, haunting, powerful, and, at times, cruel. He was born in Kabul, Afghanistan, the son of a diplomat, whose family received political asylum in the United States in 1980. He lives in Southern California, but makes trips back to his home country.

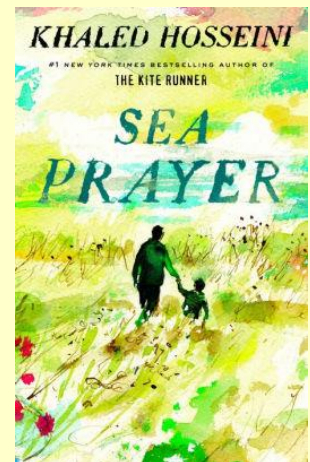
His fourth book is *Sea Prayer* which is a beautiful little book of 48 pages. He wrote it after seeing a photo of the little boy clutched in his father's arms on a beach in Greece after the boat, which was to bring them to safety, sank. Hosseini felt he had to honor the little boy and the thousands of others who have drowned fleeing from their war-torn countries. This book has been brilliantly illustrated by Dan Williams. The author is donating proceeds from this little book to the UN Refugee Agency and the Khaled Hosseini Foundation to help refugees around the world. It is available in the Pima County Public Library System. ~ Marilyn McKee

What God Requires

LORD, who may enter your Temple? Who may worship on Zion, your sacred hill?

Those who obey God in everything and always do what is right, whose words are true and sincere, and who do not slander others. They do no wrong to their friends nor spread rumors about their neighbors. They despise those whom God rejects, but honor those who obey the LORD. They always do what they promise, no matter how much it may cost. They make loans without charging interest and cannot be bribed to testify against the innocent.

Whoever does these things will always be secure. **Psalm 15:1-5**



Friends (cont.)

I praise you, LORD,
for being my guide.
Even in the darkest night,
your teachings fill my mind.
I will always look to you,
as you stand beside me
and protect me from fear.
With all my heart,
I will celebrate,
and I can safely rest.

I am your chosen one.
You won't leave me in the
grave
or let my body decay.
You have shown me
the path to life,
and you make me glad
by being near to me.
Sitting at your right side,
I will always be joyful. ~ **Psalm**
16: 7-11

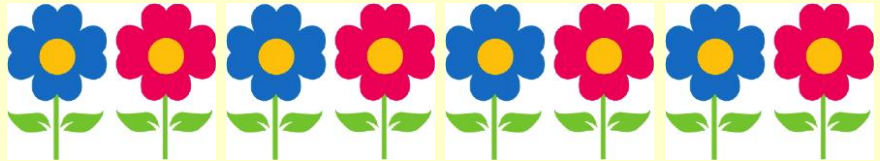
Ever since that time, if I ever feel sad or lonely and I really want to have a conversation with Jesus, I just close my eyes, go back to the college living room and open the door. Jesus is always standing there, as if He has been waiting and wondering why I didn't open the door sooner. He's looking like He doesn't always have to be invited over when things go bad, but that He would really like to be a part of the good times, too. I am working on remembering to invite Him to the parties and celebrations.

When do you talk to Jesus or God? How often do you invite them to the celebrations and the sorrows? Do you sometime forget to keep the door open? ~ *Adele Edwards*

Prayer

Dear Lord!

So far today, God, I've done all right, I haven't gossiped, I haven't lost my temper; and I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, tacky, selfish, or overindulgent. For all of that Lord, I am very Thankful. But in a few minutes, Lord, I'm going to get out of bed and from then on, I'm probably going to need a lot more help! ~ From Theo Vandenburg's refrigerator. This appeared in the Feb. 2011 newsletter, and is still needed.



Recipe

Rene's Coleslaw

5 cups cabbage (I use Tri colored Coleslaw mix) shredded
 1/2 c cup toasted almonds 1 1/2 c dried cranberries or cherries
 1/2 cup diced celery 1/4 cup chopped green onions
 1/2 cup green pepper diced

Dressing

1/2 c mayonnaise 1 T sweet pickle relish
 1 T honey mustard 1 T honey
 Salt and Pepper

(I always double the recipe for my taste)

Combine all 6 ingredients in a bowl. Combine dressing ingredients in a small jar and refrigerate till ready to serve. Pour dressing over salad ingredients just before serving and stir well. This recipe goes well with pulled pork or chicken or just about any other entree. ~ *Elsie Heinz*



Rene's Coleslaw

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 had their final meeting for this year on Wednesday, May 15, at the 49'ers Golf Club Rincon Mountain Grill. We had finished our study for the year and decided to go out to lunch for our final meeting. While we were waiting for our food we heard about a number of options for a study for next year. After narrowing our choices to three, the group voted to study John Ortberg's book, *Everybody's Normal Till You Get to Know Them*. There is no DVD portion to this study, so we will need to read the chapters ahead of time so we are prepared to discuss them. Then, we had a team effort Bible quiz led by Debbie Poisel. Challenging, but lots of fun!!! Circle will resume in the fall on Wednesday, September 18, at our usual time of 9:15 with breakfast at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall. We'd love to have you come join us. For more information call Glenda Burdick. ~ *Glenda Burdick*

Mary Martha Circle met for lunch last week at Risky Business and then Esther and Edie taught us how to make the Pocket Crosses that go in our "First time visitor" gift bags. ~ *Sandy Kleen*

A Prayer for Victory

I pray that the LORD
will listen
when you
are in trouble,
and that the God of Jacob
will keep you safe.
May the LORD send help
from his temple
and come to your rescue
from Mount Zion.
May he remember your gifts
and be pleased
with what you bring.

May God do what you want
most
and let all go well for you.
Then you will win victories,
and we will celebrate,
while raising our banners
in the name of our God.
May the Lord answer
all of your prayers!

Psalms 20:1-5

10 Things Never Heard in Church

10. Hey! It's my turn to sit in the front pew!
 9. I was so enthralled; I never noticed your sermon went over the 25 minutes.
 8. Personally, I find witnessing much more enjoyable than golf.
 7. I've decided to give our church the \$500 a month I used to send to TV evangelists.
 6. I volunteer to be the permanent teacher for the Junior High Sunday School Class.
 5. Forget the denominational minimum salary; let's pay our pastor so s/he can live like we do.
 4. I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before!
 3. Since we're all here, let's start the worship service early!
 2. Pastor, we'd like to send you to this Bible seminar in the Bahamas.
-And the number one thing never heard in Church:
1. Nothing inspires me and strengthens my commitment like our annual stewardship campaign.

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

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