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Mission u - Reminder

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
2. Women United for Change - 150 Years in Mission
3. What About Our Money

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

Salad Potluck and Bunco – Sept. 25

We will begin the new season of our United Methodist Women with a Salad Potluck and Bunco day on Wednesday, **September 25**, in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a salad potluck at **11:30 a.m.** followed with Bunco after our lunch. Any kind of a salad would be good - but if you prefer to bring a dessert instead that would be perfect - just advise us that you will be doing so. If you have never played Bunco, now is the time to learn. If you can count to six and can also roll dice you have it conquered. So come, bring a salad (or dessert) and be ready for good conversation, making new friends, enjoying great food and an enjoyable game. Any lady in our church (member or not) is welcome to join us for this fun event, and feel free to bring a friend. Contact Marilyn McKee for more info or to make a reservation. ~ Marilyn McKee



Having Fun Playing Bunco in 2013

Meet a fellow UMW member

My name is Matie C. Hudson, and my life began in New Rochelle, New York. My parents were elated with the first girl born in five generations on my father's side of the family. I was named after my grandmothers. Both parents had lost previous spouses, so my sister, Carolyn, and I were a second family. We moved to Florida City, Florida, when I was about six years old, and I spent most of my childhood there. My dad had groves of citrus trees and became very involved with his trees after he retired from EBASCO Services.

We attended grammar school in a two room school house. Then we were off to Miss Harris' girls' school in Miami. I had to sell my horse when I went off to Miami. I was heartbroken, to say the least. My rodeo days were over. Time to act like a lady. During my last two years of high school, I attended an Episcopal convent school in Peekskill, N.Y. After graduation I attended the University of Miami, fell in love with an All American football player, and traveled with him to the Dallas Texans, the Kansas City Chiefs, then on to the Buffalo Bills and the Oakland Raiders. After a few years, it was back to Buffalo to coach. During 1967-1971 we had four children – Kristina, Alissa (Tere), Bill, Jr., and Todd. They were the light of my life. We moved back to Miami where we owned and ran a couple of restaurants/bars.

I had been single for five years when I met Jerrel, on a blind date, set up by my sister and her husband. We were married six months later. Jerrel was very involved with the Shriner's hospitals so that became my new life. Jerrel and I were so impressed with Jerry Elrod that we joined Desert Skies in 1988. We even moved over to the east side of town to be close to our new church. Between the church and Shrine we were always busy. One of my memorable jobs was working for Casa de los Ninos and also serving as a Stephen Minister.

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Matie Hudson

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. **Colossians 1:15-18**

Women in the Bible

Shiphrah and Puah

The King of Egypt commanded the two Hebrew midwives, Shiphrah and Puah, to kill all the Hebrew boys when they were born, because the Jews had become too numerous. In Exodus 1:15-20 we read that the midwives feared God and did not do what the King commanded them to do. Instead they lied and said the babies were born before they arrived. This early act of civil disobedience saved many children's lives. These women are great examples of how we can resist an evil regime.

These women feared God more than the unnamed Pharaoh who could have easily had them killed. They understood sanctity of life, and they knew what they did in God's eyes mattered most. They would have been expected to cave in to Pharaoh's command to secure their own safety, but they held strong to what they believed and refused to kill the Hebrew children. ~

<https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/bible-study/10-women-in-the-bible-that-broke-stereotypes.html>

Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior." **Isaiah 43:1-3**

UMW Event Calendar – 2019**August**

- 13 - Helping Hands - 9:00 a.m. -
Kitchen
- 23-24 - Mission u - Catalina
United Methodist Church

September

- 2 - Labor Day
- 2 - DSUMC Day at the Ball
Game - check Skyline for
info
- 10 - Helping Hands - 9:00 a.m.-
Kitchen
- 18 - Zippy 49ers - 9:15 a.m. -
Fellowship Hall
- 25 - Salad Potluck and Bunco
Day - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship
Hall

Looking ahead:

December

- 7 - Set up for Cookie Walk and
Craft Sale - Kitchen
- 8 - Cookie walk and Craft Sale -
Fellowship Hall

Contact Sandy Kleen or Jeann Fishback for info about the M&M Circle and also about helping with Tutoring.

Contact Glenda Burdick for info about the Zippy 49ers Circle.

Historical Events in August

Some things you may have forgotten that took place in August.

August 1st 1779 - Star-Spangled Banner author Francis Scott Key (1779-1843) was born in Frederick County, Maryland. After witnessing the British bombardment of Fort McHenry on the night of September 13-14, 1814, he was enthralled to see the American flag still flying over the fort at daybreak. He then wrote the poem originally entitled Defense of Fort McHenry which became the U.S. National Anthem in 1931.

August 2, 1990 - The Iraqi army invaded Kuwait amid claims that Kuwait threatened Iraq's economic existence by overproducing oil and driving prices down on the world market. An Iraqi military government was then installed in Kuwait which was annexed by Iraq on the claim that Kuwait was historically part of Iraq. This resulted in Desert Shield, the massive Allied military buildup, and later the 100-hour war against Iraq, Desert Storm.

August 3, 1492 - Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, with three ships, Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria. Seeking a westerly route to the Far East, he instead landed on October 12th in the Bahamas, thinking it was an outlying Japanese island.

August 5, 1604 - John Eliot (1604-1690) was born in Hertfordshire, England. Known as the "Apostle to the Indians," his translation of the Bible into an Indian tongue was the first Bible to be printed in America.

August 14, 1945 - V-J Day, commemorating President Truman's announcement that Japan had surrendered to the Allies.

August 18, 1920 - The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, granting women the right to vote.

August 28, 1963 - The March on Washington occurred as over 250,000 persons attended a Civil Rights rally in Washington, D.C., at which Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. made his now-famous I Have a Dream speech. ~

<http://www.historyplace.com/specials/calendar/august.htm>

Community Service

This article first appeared in the August 2013 edition. The need to thank people for acts of kindness and doing some ourselves hasn't diminished.

As part of DSUMC's 25th Birthday celebration we filled a bulletin board with Acts of Kindness. Below is part of a summary that Sandy Kleen sent to Bishop Hoshibata, after having read each one.

All ages participated. The children were proud when they fed their pets, were nice to friends and helped their parents. As expected, many people helped ill or elderly family members, friends and neighbors with an assortment of problems: changing bandages, shopping, car repair, meal prep, fixing computers, paying bills, picking them up for church, taking them to lunch and much more.

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Acts of Kindness Bulletin Board

Prayer

Dear God,
 I feel alone.
 Please bring the warmth of relationships into my life.
 Please cover my thoughts with hope.
 Please send your love into my heart.
 I know you are alive in all I experience.
 May the birdsong speak to my soul,
 May the trees remind me of life,
 May the bread I eat nourish my soul with its goodness,
 As I connect with the world around me.

I give thanks for all those who love me,
 For all those who care.
 Help me to receive your hope in my heart,
 To embrace your life flowing in mine.
 I know I live and breathe as part of your family
 And dwell safely in you.
 I know you understand me.
 I am not alone.
 Amen.

Read more: https://www.lords-prayer-words.com/topics/prayer_for_loneliness.html#ixzz5uQFOzku

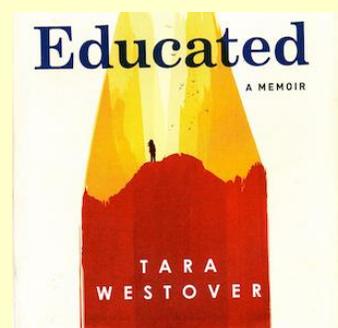
Book Report

A small group of us gathered Tuesday morning July 16 and 23 to discuss the interesting book, *Educated*, by Tara Westover. The book is a memoir, so the discussion was about family, what life was like being raised with six older siblings by parents with radical religious beliefs, who distrusted the government and medical establishment to the point that Tara never went to school until she passed the ACT and was accepted to BYU and never saw a doctor or took any medication until she left home. (Several members of the family have severe brain injuries and burns that her father refuses to allow to be treated in a hospital or by a doctor or with medication.) The book is a window into the difficulties of becoming something “other” than what her parents want her to be, and the tensions that arise when the family tries to pull her back into the same family dynamic that she had been in before she left. Loyalties shift within the family, behavior of some members is erratic at best, and yet she loves them and is in turn loved by them.

So as Tara goes away to school and has to learn how to navigate in a world with beliefs different than her parents, has to learn what textbooks and taking notes in lectures, and taking exams is all about. She finds herself torn between two worlds: the world she grew up in with defined roles for men and women or the world of academia where she gets to decide; their memories or her memories. And, try as she might, she is unable to reconcile the two – she is forced to choose - a heart wrenching decision.

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Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. **Colossians 3:15-17**



Member (cont.)



In 1993, we traveled to the Shrine Centers in the U.S. in our motorhome. On a stop in Whitefish, MT, we fell in love with Montana and purchased a piece of property in the woods on the Stillwater River. We built a cabin and spent summers cleaning up the property, entertaining friends, enjoying the wildlife and slow running rivers. In 2002, we sold the cabin and built our home on Whitefish Stage, between Whitefish and Kalispell. During this time, I became a grandmother 11 times. Talk about proud! What more could I ask for?

In 2013, Jerrel suffered a massive stroke. He was paralyzed on his right side and couldn't speak. Speaking had always been his trademark, so it was difficult for him to adjust but we did. June of 2015 he passed away, but we had 2 ½ years of love and sharing before he left this world. I got our house sold and moved into town for two plus years and then moved back to Tucson in March 2018, to join my sister and Jerrel's daughter, Amelia. I found my way back to Desert Skies and good friends from our past. Very smart move. It's so good to be back even if I miss Montana. ~ *Matie C. Hudson*

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Colossians 3:12-14

Community Service (cont.)

Many folks enjoyed doing uplifting things for people who were in need of a little TLC, such as sending flowers or writing special notes.

I think the overall feeling that I got when reading all of the notes, was how beneficial it is when we are able to slow down a little bit. When we do, we seem to recognize when strangers, who are right in front of us, are in need and would never think to ask for help. The lady at Costco in a wheelchair who needed someone to push her cart so she could leisurely shop without struggling the entire time.

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Recipe

Hawaiian Pineapple Cake

2 cups sugar	2 teaspoons baking soda
2 cups flour	1 (15 1/2 oz.) can crushed pineapple
2 eggs	1/2 cup chopped nuts

Mix sugar, eggs, flour and baking soda with mixer. Add complete can of crushed pineapple and mix a little longer. Add nuts (stir in by hand). Put into a well-greased and floured Bundt pan (or a large 9 x 12 pan) and bake in 350-degree oven for 45 to 50 minutes (about 25 to 30 minutes for the 9 x 12 pan).

Frosting:

3 oz. cream cheese	3/4 cup powdered sugar
1/4 cup margarine	1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Mix together the cream cheese and margarine. Stir in sugar and vanilla, and beat well. Frost cake. ~*Marilyn McKee*



Hawaiian Pineapple Cake

Circles

Zippy 49'ers Circle will meet on Wednesday, **September 18**, in Fellowship Hall. We will gather at **9:15**, with breakfast at 9:30. We are doing a study book this year: *Everybody's Normal Till You Get to Know Them* by John Ortberg. Please read the first chapter and think about the questions at the end so we can discuss them at the meeting. We welcome anyone who would like to attend. If you have any questions, please call Glenda Burdick or church. ~ *Glenda Burdick*

Mary Martha Circle A big thank you to the congregation for participating in the collaborative backpack project between ICS (Interfaith Community Services) and Desert Skies. We were able to supply ICS with over 50 empty backpacks which they in turn filled with school supplies and distributed to many children throughout Tucson. ICS sets aside enough filled backpacks for all of the children in our tutoring program. It would be impossible for ICS to know everything that each teacher had put on their requested supply list. Therefore, the M&M circle adds items to each backpack to make sure all the children have what they need. We also make sure that all school fees are taken care of. ~ *Sandy Kleen*

Book Report (cont.)

We talked about the difficulty of dealing with shifting loyalties within the family, the difficulty of leaving family, the nature of memory, how surprised we were that no one died from one of their horrendous accidents or some childhood disease. We marveled at how smart the family members were, and yet how most of them ended up dependent on the parents for their livelihood. ~ *Glenda Burdick*

Community Service (cont.)

The lonely neighbor who can't wait for his friend who is bringing him a meal to arrive, not because he is hungry but because the neighbor takes the time to sit and talk with him. The mother with a sick child in the grocery store line who was able to get her child home more quickly because everyone let her go to the front of the line. The family that was struggling at the grocery store trying to figure out what items to buy that truly benefitted from a little extra cash that a stranger gave them because time was taken to notice the dilemma. The elderly lady trying to walk home from a store who would not have made it unless a stranger stopped and offered to drive her home and helped her get safely inside and settled.

Given the appropriate resources, it is fairly easy to assist or fix the obvious problems. But it is truly a blessing, if we are fortunate enough to be able to slow down a little bit and give support for those unspoken problems. ~ *Sandy Kleen*

Please think how you can help your community; what small gift you can give your neighbor, and let them know God's love through you.

And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity. - King James

But now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; and the greatest of these is love. - American Standard

But for right now, until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us toward that consummation: Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love. - The Message

But now faith, hope, and love remain; these three *virtues must characterize our lives*. The greatest of these is love. - The Voice **1 Corinthians 13:13**



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

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