

# SKY LIGHTS

## News for the Mountain Sky United Women in Faith

Winter always seems to be a good time for me to burrow in and have some quality time for reading. In the past few months I have read "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michele Richardson, "Grace Will Lead Us Home" by Jennifer Berry Hawes, and "So You Want to Talk About Race" by Ijeoma Oluo. I also have a couple waiting on my shelf --- "Four Winds" by Kristin Hannah and "The Big Deal of Taking Small Steps to Move Closer to God" by Bishop Vashiti Murphy McKenzie. I am constantly amazed by the wide range of books on the program and the depth of knowledge and understanding that I gain on various topics. I hope that you find inspiration and educational growth opportunities through the reading program. United Women in Faith are some of the best educated women in our world!



your calendar. We are also planning our UW Faith Breakfast at Annual Conference in person in Colorado Springs, CO this year. The tentative day is June 24. We are also planning a hybrid Annual Gathering in Billings, MT on October 13 & 14. It will be good to travel and see one another face to face again.

I am so blessed to be a part of the Mountain Sky Conference with the wonderful, wild women that have such hearts for mission, such compassion to fulfill acts of mercy, and such faith to move mountains. We know that together, we can do so much more than just one or two of us alone. We truly are a community that dreams big and wants to work for a world without racism, poverty, climate crises, and hunger. Thank you for all you do in your own churches, communities, and around the world.

Blessings,  
Linda Cockett

As the pandemic is slowly lifting, we are happy that we are starting to offer more in-person and hybrid events. I was heartened by our Annual Gathering in Cheyenne to see people coming back together. The love and the feeling of sisterhood in the room was palpable! We need to be together and support one another in our faith journeys. It will take us a while to put everything back in motion, but we are working on it as we can. That being said, our Spiritual Life Retreat will be virtual again this year. The dates are May 19 & 20. More information will be coming out, but make sure you have those dates on



Sky Light      Sky Bright

### Event Dates

- Voices from the Field  
March 7 - 5:30 pm
- Spiritual Life Retreat  
May 19 & 20 Virtual on  
Zoom
- UWFaith Breakfast -  
June 24, 2023 Colorado  
Springs, Colorado
- Western Jurisdiction -  
May 8-11, 2024  
Anchorage, Alaska

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Women  
in Faith

**YOUR GIFTS TO MISSION MAKE A DIFFERENCE!** Those coins and dollars you place in the United Methodist Women treasury are used to make a better world for women, children and youth!

### ACTING IN TRUST

By Karen Bueno, Education and Interpretation Coordinator

As we consider the founders of United Women in Faith, we become aware of their trust. They trusted the missionary wife that told them that women in India were not allowed to see male doctors. They trusted that they could make a difference by gathering funds to send the first woman doctor to India. Today as we donate funds to Mission Giving we trust that our sisters who care for the funds, manage interest payments, and distribute the funds to our projects are using their own judgments of love and compassion and wisdom to see that the funds are used as we intended.

This is an important part of our faith. That we are open to trust. Sure, we watch for scams, we use good sense. But the fact that we have joined a large group of women with similar values, we have been able to achieve years and years of good results for women, children, and youth around the world. We all give thanks for the strength and courage of our members to continue turning faith, hope, and love into action.

### Giving helps Colegio Sara Alarcón put high tech spin on Methodist education.

by Nile Sprague with Audrey Stanton-Smith

As a young child, Citalli Crespo loved taking things apart.

"I started ... playing, and then I would assemble it again," the 14-year-old student said, laughing. "I started, like, 'how does this work?' And then I would take it apart. And there were times that I couldn't do it again. And they said to me, 'Can you? Can you repair it?'"

Sometimes Crespo could put things back together on her own, and sometimes she needed help from her parents, both engineers. These days, Crespo enjoys using that same curiosity in her robotics class at Colegio Sara Alarcón, where funding from **United Women in Faith** has helped the bilingual school purchase five humanoid robots that Crespo and her classmates are learning to program. Click Here to see video: <https://youtu.be/TKzGh7VhCJo>

United Women in Faith may be helping the school, but it's the help within its hallways and classrooms that keeps students coming back. Every student interviewed said bullying does not exist at Sara Alarcón.

"I didn't have any trouble with anyone," said Santana. "I feel so comfortable here with the people in our community. They really listen to you. ... You can count on them. ... They are so supportive of you."

Read complete story from response by clicking [here](#)

Mountain Sky United Women in Faith  
*Spiritual Life Retreat*



*Presents:*

*Goodbye Worries, Hello Joy!*

Date and Time:

Friday, May 19, 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Saturday, May 20, 8:30am to 3:00pm

A Zoom Gathering

Lisa Hancock (via recorded message)

Lessons from Anne Lamott

Join us on a virtual (Zoom) experience on finding joy!

On Friday gather, learn, share, then enjoy a bedtime story

Choose 2 special sessions on Saturday morning and more learning

Enjoy music, devotions, Love Feast!

We will share, laugh, sing, pray and nurture our souls.

Registration: Please watch for registration coming at [mtnskyumw.org](http://mtnskyumw.org) website. Print form will also be available soon.

For additional information, contact Lora Fulton, 1710 Dogwood Court, Broomfield. Co 80020

Or email Lora Fulton at [mrcumwregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:mrcumwregistrar@gmail.com)

Joy

Treasurer's Report  
Mountain Sky Conference  
United Women in Faith  
January 2023

Did you read the eblast? The ladies of Mountain Sky Conference have outdone themselves in mission giving! We pledged \$170,000 to National for 2022. We actually gave: \$260,452.06 !!!!!

The units donated: \$239,089.92 to Mission Giving  
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Pledge: \$201,838.43  
Special Mission Recognition: \$4240.00  
Gift to Mission: \$4356.00  
Gift in Memory: \$7551.00  
World Thank Offering: \$21,104.49



Please celebrate our efforts in 2022 and continue the good work for 2023!

The Profit and Loss Report for 2022 is on the website for your review. [Click Here](#). You will note that we are well under budget in our expenses. And well above budget for income.

We have one new District Treasurer this year. Gerrie Evans is replacing Barb Harris in the Wyoming +1 District. We are looking for District Treasurers in Utah/Western Colorado and Western Mountains. The Treasurer position requires attention to detail and some deadlines but is not as hard as some think. Can you pay your bills and balance a checkbook? You can do this job!

Our big project for 2023 is adding the "dba" to the bank accounts. And along the way we will find accounts that need the proper EIN number and title. The process needs to be done with every bank account for all groups. And banks don't have similar ways of doing this. Makes for a fun and sometimes frustrating treasure hunt. For more information, contact your District Treasure or myself.

As we move from always in person events to only virtual events to hybrid events, we are adapting our ways of reaching out to our members and potential members. This is a time of creativity and patience. And driving treasurers crazy when it comes to budgeting.

May 2023 bring new members to our great organization, powerful events to inspire everyone, and generous mission giving.

Blessings

Robin Ball



## So Many Opportunities to Gather Together!

Hello, I want to introduce myself to all of you in the Mountain Sky Conference. My name is Cheryl Runyon and I was elected to a two-year term as **Vice President of the Conference** at our Annual Meeting this past October in



Cheyenne, WY and by Zoom. I live in Boulder, CO, with my husband Gary Schmitz and we attend Mountain View UMC—just across the street from Frasier Manor Retirement Community. Our son, Ryan, lives in El Paso, Texas, and works for the Locomotives, a minor league soccer team.

I look forward to meeting many of you across the Conference as we gather together to read, study, discuss, share thoughts, sing, pray and lead at the many programs and events planned for 2023 and beyond.

I've seen some of you, via Zoom, at our current Mission u study, "Who Can We Be Together? A Biblical Exploration of Luke 13," taking place on Sunday afternoons in February from 2:00-4:30 p.m. We have a wonderful team who have brought amazing talents and skills to share this Mission u with all of us. And, based upon the discussion this past Sunday, this Mission u is definitely generating a great deal of thought and discussion.

The Conference also is busy planning a Virtual Retreat for May 19-20, via Zoom. We know that many of us have suffered from anxiety due to the pandemic and being separated from our loved ones, UWFaith sisters and our friends in our churches. We want to focus on turning that anxiety into joy. Our title is **Goodbye Worries, Hello Joy!** As part of the retreat, we will hear from Lisa Hancock, a professor at Southern Methodist University, about how we can get out of the anxiety mode-- both personal anxiety and anxiety that others share with us. We also will offer sessions and breakout rooms to discuss finding joy, and how to express contagious joy. We'll include mini-sessions related to types of prayer, chair yoga, affirmations and Heartmath. Don't worry, our bedtime story, read by Linda Cockett, will return on that Friday night. It's a great story from our 2023 Reading Program and you will love it. Although we won't be able to sing together, our team is planning on some wonderful music videos that will express our joy theme.

We also plan to host a United Women in Faith breakfast at the Annual Conference, which will be held in Colorado Springs, CO, this coming June. Please save June 24 for the breakfast. Our hostesses for the breakfast will be the Peaks Pikes Peak District and we will have more information in upcoming newsletters regarding time, location, speaker, and a Zoom link.

Later in the summer, either July or August, we will hold our second Mission u study, "Living the Kin-dom." The planning and leader training will occur in April, but at this point in time, we know we will continue with Zoom meetings. Dean Kathryn Witte, Vice-Dean Belinda Alkula, and Registrar Lora Fulton will be preparing us for this study of the Lord's Prayer. Copies of the book are available from Mission Resources:

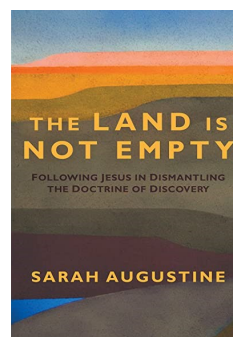
([https://www.umwmissionresources.org/shopping\\_product\\_detail.asp?pid=53539](https://www.umwmissionresources.org/shopping_product_detail.asp?pid=53539)) for \$14.99, plus shipping.

We plan to hold a hybrid (in-person and Zoom) Annual Conference in Billings, MT, Oct. 12-14. The Conference team will coordinate with our Montana sisters regarding meeting location, hotel accommodations, Internet access, and all those thousands of details that make our meetings a success. We want to host a program regarding Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) and draw upon the tribal, state and local resources within our conference that are addressing this issue. Two of the books from our Reading Program that you and your UWFaith sisters may want to read prior to the Annual Conference are *Girl Gone Missing*, by Marcie Rendon, and *The Land is Not Empty*, by Sarah Augustine. Please check with your local library to see if copies are available.

I am so looking forward to 2023!

Cheryl Runyon  
Vice President  
United Women in Faith  
Mountain Sky Conference

"Peace is joy at rest. Joy is peace on its feet."—Anne Lamott



## Director update

My local church, Smoky Hill UMC, is participating in an Abundant Health Lenten Walk to Jerusalem. From Denver, that is a mere 8,394 miles on the route we are taking. I'm thinking at 5 miles a day, (a lofty goal for me!) I should arrive in August of 2027. Luckily, I do not have to walk this path alone. I am on a Lenten journey with my brothers and sisters of faith in my church who are walking with me, and who are there to support me and pick up the slack when I don't feel up to speed. We'll arrive together by Easter.

Similarly, I find through United Women in Faith, that I have a multitude of sisters in faith who support and guide me on my journey. The journey of our organization has been long, but it remains the destination as it has been for over 153 years, supporting women, children and youth. We have taken a lot of different roads, encountered some detours, but remain on the journey still today, even if it is with a different name.

It is hard to believe that almost an entire year has gone by since we officially changed our name to United Women in Faith. It seems like a lot has happened, yet we are still waiting for other things to come into being. It is a long road of discovery, surprises, maybe a few fears. But always hope.

If you have not yet visited the new website, now is the time! Visit [United Women in Faith | Love in Action \(uwfaith.org\)](https://uwfaith.org) where you can see the many ways you can engage with our organization. A lot of the information on the landing page is designed for the new member to learn about who we are. If you go to the Menu page, or at the bottom of the landing page, you can click on more detailed info. Under Podcasts and Webinars you will find [Faith Talks](#) and [Voices from the Field](#) which will help you connect to our mission work. You can connect in advocacy with our Climate Justice and Racial Justice Work under Service and Advocacy. A lot of our forms can be found under Shop & Download-then DOWNLOADS AND RESOURCES. For example, did you know that you can print your own UPDATED Mission Vision Purpose poster? You'll find it there. You'll also find brand and logo information, and new member recruitment kits. Keep checking – new things emerge on the site.

Amid all the things that seemed to happen very quickly, there are the things we are still waiting for. This includes Member Full-access part of the website. It has been slow in coming, but it is still coming. Soul Care Retreats are being tested and a manual is written, but not yet ready.

Many of you know that our CEO and General Secretary Harriett Jane Olson is retiring. No announcement has been made if her successor has been found. Those will be hard shoes to fill. Pray we find the right person for the position to lead with the passion and foresight that we need as we enter the next phase of our future.

The pandemic was definitely a hitch in the road for many of us. But now is the time to dust off your walking shoes and get back on the path. It may look a little different and have a new name, but it is the same organization we love, on the same journey as before. Join hands with your sisters. Invite some new sisters. We'll support each other to make the journey together, because we believe that love in action can change the world.

Jana Jones,  
United Women in Faith Director  
Western Jurisdiction, Mountain Sky Conference



**Mission**  
United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence, and impact local and global communities.

**Vision**  
Turning faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world.

**Purpose**  
We are:  
A community of women whose purpose is to know God and experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

**United Women in Faith**  
 Mountain Sky Conference  
 Social Action Comments  
 January 2023

As United Women in Faith, we believe love in action can change the world. Sometimes when we think of making a difference in the whole, wide world, it is such an overwhelming idea that we can't imagine what that might mean. We become discouraged before we even begin.

So let's start right where we live. Let's think about how we can impact our individual worlds, our local congregations, our neighborhoods, our families and personal friends, and the annual acquaintances from whom we have heard via Christmas cards this year.

One of the United Women in Faith's justice campaigns is Just Energy for All. For me, I have to expand my mind to consider the changes and dangers in our environment as the climate changes. The storms lashing the California coast now are an example of how our climate is changing. Two of my children live in San Francisco and that makes me personally aware of the flooding in that area. It makes me "tune in" to conversations about climate changes. It drives me to send letters and emails to my congresspersons urging them to fund programs that support our environment. It nudges me to speak up in conversations when others denigrate those who have been recycling and, among other things, urging us to use reusable water bottles. "Bring our own cup to church meetings," they advise us, as we use a Styrofoam cup that will be in some landfill for centuries.

As stewards of God's creation, it is our duty, responsibility, and honor to care for God's world, to share its riches with others, to pass along to our children the beauty and the wonder of the Earth. We can start locally and then expand into an area, and before long, we'll find ourselves involved in worldwide efforts to protect, maintain, and care for God's Creation. Love in action, my friends!



Mary Ann Tabor  
 Social Action Coordinator



## ***UWF Spiritual Growth Corner***

Dear members of Mtn Sky UWF, as I write this, I am thinking of the amount of snow we have received in my home state of Montana recently and think about the amount of winter much of the USA has been experiencing – all that snow, ice, cold, and wind that old man winter has tossed at us. We have had in Montana more than our usual number of days below zero. But, on winter days when the sun does shine, I feel the hope that spring is just around the corner where daffodils and jonquils will be the first to bloom in Montana. Because of this hope and the knowledge, we have of the future to come, we can be reminded of the blessings winter brings: snow that turns to water, water that nourishes the plants, plants that provide food and beautiful flowers, green grass, and trees. Let us give grateful thanks to our God, the creator of the continuing cycle of our seasons. Seasons that reflect the foundation of our faith – that illustrate the endless cycle of life, death, and new life. In this spirit of faith, I choose to share with you today one of my very favorite hymns: Hymn of Promise. This song speaks of the promise of a future as do the seed catalogs that show up in my mailbox every January and February.

*Cathy Speich-Ferguson, Spiritual Growth Coordinator*

### ***HYMN OF PROMISE – In the Bulb there is a Flower.***

In the bulb there is a flower;  
in the seed, an apple tree.  
in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,  
seeking word and melody.  
there's a dawn in every darkness.  
bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future.  
what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning.  
in our time, infinity.  
in our doubt there is believing.  
in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection.  
at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.



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#### **Summer Mission u**

No dates are set, but most likely we will offer "Living the Kin-dom" in July/August. Last year we offered consecutive Wednesday evenings. Be watching for more information.



## Mission u Happenings

### Winter Mission u -- Online Registration Remains Open Through February 26

With more than 100 people participating in “Who Can We Be Together? A Biblical Exploration of Luke 13,” we continue to offer the course for registration. While the course is well on its way to completion by the time you read this, you can still register and participate with all the sessions through recordings made available on YouTube. You can also receive CEU credit by viewing all four sessions. You can indicate your interest in a certificate during the registration process.

“I feel like I’m with family.” “I am accepted and loved.” These are just a few of the comments made regarding the study. Pastor Char Elliot leads the study.

“Study leader quote,” said Pastor Elliott. -- What does this mean?

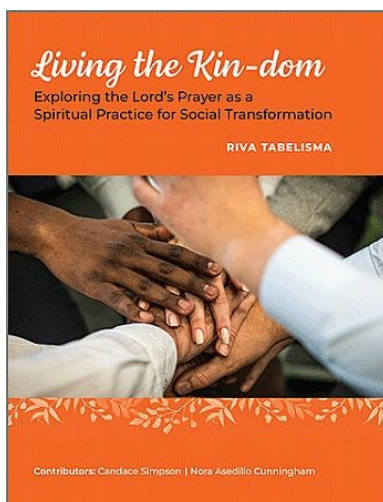
Online Registration Link: <https://mtnsky-reg.brtapp.com/MissionU2023>

More information is available at the link (<https://www.mtnskyumw.org/events/mission-u/>)



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### Study Leader/Dean Training

National Mission u will be offering study leader and dean/assistant dean training in April. Registration begins in mid-February. If you are interested in being a study leader, contact Kathryn Witte at [kathrynwitte75@yahoo.com](mailto:kathrynwitte75@yahoo.com). The training is all virtual using Zoom.

Denise Logan and Sandra Barton have volunteered to lead the next study. Here’s a recap of the upcoming study and its book.

### “Living the Kin-dom: Exploring the Lord’s Prayer as a Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation.”

<https://uwfaith.org/events/mission-u/>

THIS STUDY BY RIVA TABELISMA gives fresh eyes to the Lord's Prayer. Often learned by rote, the Lord's Prayer is a rich guide for how we can live out God's kin-dom in our lives. Tabelisma invites participants in this study to step away from our automatic recitation of the prayer and take a dive deep into the meaning of each line over the course of eight one-hour sessions. Each of the sessions examines a section of the Lord's Prayer from Matthew 6:9–13 as it is recorded in the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Living the Kin-dom can be adapted to a variety of settings outside of the Mission u format, including Sunday school and other church school settings. Adaptations for virtual gatherings are also provided.

For more information about Mission u, including how to get the study book, [click here](#).

## Idea From President Elaine Allison, Trinity District, United Women in Faith:

### Need to offer women a way to meet without travel?

Here's an idea for a Unit. If you know women who would like to fellowship with a local unit without the travel, have your unit offer a zoom link to your monthly meetings. This could grow your membership and retain members.

**response**, an award-winning publication, is the official magazine of United Methodist Women and is published by the national office. Each issue will touch your heart, stir your soul and challenge your mind. Topics and issues cover spiritual growth, mission outreach and reports on our local, national and international work. **response** tells the story of United Methodist Women and is an essential resource for all members.



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- How United Methodist Women members can work together for a more just world.
- Regular columns from the general secretary and national president and stories from local members in "Bright Lights."

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## Daily Prayer Guide 2023 Reflecting on God's Faithfulness

Welcome to the **first official** United Women in Faith Daily Prayer Guide—a resource for reflection and guidance for the year ahead!

As our world is everchanging, God remains faithful. In these pages, we hope you encounter joy in the steadfastness of God. The daily devotionals in the Daily Prayer Guide uplift the work and impact of the global outreach of United Women in Faith and Global Ministries and how those who serve experience the accompaniment of God in their work.

**The 2023 Prayer Guide is now available on the e-store!**



## Frasier Meadows Update

Hi, my other hat for the Mountain Sky Conference is serving as the United Women in Faith liaison to the Frasier Meadows Retirement Community Board. Our sisters, with great foresight, agreed to fund two studio apartments when Frasier was under construction in the late 1950s, with the understanding that deaconesses, missionaries, pastors (and spouses), and Methodist women—who hadn't accumulated equity in a private home—could retire to Frasier without paying the entrance fee and receive a reduced monthly rate for services.

Fast forward sixty-plus years to 2023 and many things have changed. Frasier still has 'deluxe' studio apartments and smaller one-bedroom apartments available for retired clergy, spouses, deaconesses, home missionaries, missionaries and United Women in Faith. But most applicants have some equity from home ownership that can be applied to the entrance fee for Frasier. Frasier staff and the Conference team are attempting to create an application process with a simple (one-page) form that would determine whether future residents would qualify for the special UWFaith entrance (and monthly) fees or whether their equity exceeds the original intent of the agreement. If an applicant does qualify, the Conference would provide a letter to Frasier staff endorsing the applicant's inclusion in this program.

Over the years, Frasier has expanded its services to provide a continuum of care from Independent Living to Assisted Living to Memory Care and Health Care. The original agreement didn't address these other living options because they weren't available. Frasier staff are trying to avoid 'sticker shock' for a resident who qualified for a UWFaith apartment by also carrying forward the resident rate for these additional levels of care.

Frasier staff plan to develop a brochure explaining the UWFaith program, the qualifications, descriptions of the apartments, and answers to other questions and then provide the information to retired pastors, missionaries, deaconesses and home missionaries, as well as UWFaith members. The Conference team will continue to update all our sisters about Frasier and apartment availability through newsletters and its website. However, if you have any questions about Frasier or applying for this program, please reach out to me and I will work with Frasier staff to find the answers. I can be reached at 303-494-0434 (home) or [cheryl.runyon@comcast.net](mailto:cheryl.runyon@comcast.net)

I am looking forward to seeing you at Frasier!

Cheryl Runyon





**Invite from Global Ministries**

We are excited to invite you to join us for #StillInMission Episode 52 on March 2, at 7:00 PM ET. You will find the details for the episode here.

**To register, click here. Registration is required.**

United Methodist Missionaries are #stillinmission and we hope that you will join us to learn more!

As always, if you have any questions at all or if you want promotional materials for your church or small group, please let us know!

We cannot wait to see you in a few weeks.

Sincerely,  
Erica Oliveira (she, her, hers) on behalf of the Itineration Team

PS. Want more? Join us for a very special #StillInMission, Global Mission Fellows Spring Showcase on March 23, 2023 at 9:00 AM ET. To learn more click here.

**#STILLINMISSION**

In this monthly virtual event, hear firsthand experience from missionaries about their call to mission and the communities they serve.

**Join us on March 2, 7 p.m. (ET)  
for conversations with missionaries:**

	<b>Joy Prim</b> Welfare Case Officer for Migrant Workers Mission for Migrant Workers Hong Kong, SAR, P.R., China Advance #3021344
	<b>Satomi McCurley</b> Church and Community Ministry Coordinator, Asian Rural Institute Japan Advance #3022313
	<b>Edwin Campomanes</b> Assistant to the President for Institutional Development, National Evangelical Primitive Methodist Church, Guatemala Advance #3022594
	<b>Grace Rogers</b> Fundraising & Outreach Coordinator Florida Justice for our Neighbors United States Advance #3022650





**B I B L E**  
**EMERGENCY NUMBERS**  
**QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE**

Upset	John 14
Weak	Psalm 18:1-29
Lonely	Psalm 23
Sinned	Psalm 51
Worried	Matthew 8:19-31
Anxious	Philippians 4:4-9
Unhappy	Colossians 3:12-17
In danger	Psalm 91
Depressed	Psalm 27
Lack of Faith	Exodus 14
Need Courage	Joshua 1
Need Direction	Psalm 73:21-26
Seeking peace	Matthew 11:25-30
Leaving on a trip	Psalm 121
Struggling with loss	Luke 15
Struggling Financially	Psalm 37
Discouraged with work	Psalm 126

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**UWF**

**Why did the sponge go to church?**

*Answer: It was hole-y.*

**Where is the best place to get an ice cream cone?**

*Answer: Sunday School.*

**Why couldn't they play cards on the Ark?**

*Answer: Noah was always standing on the deck.*

**What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?**

*Answer: Ruthless.*

**Why is Samson considered the best comedian in the Bible?**

*Answer: He brought the house down.*

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## Voices from the Field

*Voices from the Field* are virtual events that highlight United Methodist Women's international and national initiatives supported by Mission Giving — programs that significantly improve the lives of women, children and youth around the world. The events feature international and national leaders sharing their work, daily challenges, hopes and dreams in an interactive format.



This series is a way to connect with those whose work is supported by Mission Giving, including our International country teams, led by Regional Missionaries, our National Mission Institutions staff and our grants/scholarships recipients. The Deaconess and Home Missioner Program, with its historic relationship to United Methodist Women, highlights our other national activities.

### Love, Justice, Service: The Order of Deaconess & Home Missioner

Join the virtual Zoom event Tuesday, March 7, 7:30 pm ET. Register [here](#).

Deaconesses:

- MONICA BARTLEY, Community Outreach Coordinator for the Center for Independence of the Disabled in New York
- TRACEY OWENS, Director of Activities at Brooks-Howell Home in Asheville, N.C.
- JOY PRIM, United Methodist Missionary serving as a welfare case officer with migrant workers in Hong Kong and convener of International Coalition for Human Rights in the Philippines-Hong Kong

This program will introduce individuals who are a part of the Office and Order of Deaconess and Home Missioner. Bear witness to their callings to faithfully serve organizations that are transforming lives and communities, and learn why our support as United Women in Faith is vital.

An optional breakout session will follow the one-hour program.

*The quarterly Voices From the Field events feature leaders sharing their work and life stories, daily challenges, hopes, and dreams. This conversation series highlights United Women in Faith Initiatives supported by Mission Giving — initiatives that significantly improve the lives of women, children, and youth, down the block and around the world.*

### **"The Land is Not Empty" - The Racial Justice Movement and Ministries Task Force Hosts the MSC's 2023 Book Group**

The Racial Justice Movement and Ministries Task Force (RJMM) will continue to host a conference wide book group. The RJMM would like to encourage you to join this book group as we journey, read, listen to different voices, learn, work towards dismantling racism together, and with God, imagine and practice Beloved Community. We will be reading several books throughout the year. When you register, you will receive a suggested reading schedule, a link to join a discussion board, and a Zoom link to join a monthly one-hour check-in and discussion.

For April, May and June, we will be reading *The Land Is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery* by Sarah Augustine. (Note: this is one of the books on the United Women in Faith Reading Program list.) The monthly meetings are on the last Friday of each month at 2 pm (MST). [Please register for this book study here.](#)



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## Day of Giving, March 23, 2023

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Step forward with faith, hope, and love in action by giving to The Legacy Endowment Fund on Day of Giving, March 23.



### WAYS TO GIVE

- **Online at:**  
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**Western Jurisdiction Quadrennial Event**

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**May 8-11, 2024**

Hotel Captain Cook  
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**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

St. Paul’s United Women in Faith in Helena, Montana enjoyed a pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday for the women of the church. A couple husbands were recruited to do the cooking and cleanup. An offering is taken for Call to Prayer and Self Denial. Pastor Sami Pack-Toner, chaplain at Intermountain, shared about her program. Pastor Sue McNicol had us coloring cards to share Agape love with Emmaus participants. Debbie Stone, Unit VP, talked to us about Racial Justice. Although the temperature outside was near zero, inside was warm and caring.



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