



United
Women
in Faith

The SOCO Journal

Together, love in action can change
the world

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Unstoppable

Real Faith. Real Women. Real Community

Practical ways to open the door, build connections and grow our
unstoppable sisterhood.

It starts with your voice, your story, your invitation. Every time you
reach out to a woman to share what United Women in Faith has
meant to you, you open a door for her to find connection, purpose,
and a place where she belongs.

The women you welcome today will be the sisters that you are growing
our movement with tomorrow, helping us become even more unstoppable.

Many of you have asked, "How do we connect with more women
in meaningful ways?" The answer is both simple and bold:

1. Make a connection
2. Meet her where she is
3. Show her what we're about
4. Invite her in

*Let's be unstoppable Together
Who are you going to invite today?*

Love in action is
UNSTOPPABLE



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Presidents message

Hello Southern Colorado District United Women in Faith!

SAVE THE DATE

2026 SoCo District UWFaith Annual Gathering

Saturday, September 19, 2026

Check-in time: 9:00 am

Fowler UMC 302 S Main Fowler, CO

N. Elaine Allison

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Theme : Mapping out our future.

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD,
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future."

Guest Speaker: Linda Scholtz, director of Sarah's Home
Sarah's Home is a safe place for ladies who have
escaped drug &/ or sex trafficking

Mission Project: Supplies for Sarah's Home

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| • Gift Cards for Lowes | Gift cards for Tractor supply |
| • Paint brushes | Paint roller covers |
| • Welding rod | Tractor Hydraulic fluid |
| • Gear Oil | White Athletic tape for trick riding students |
| • Sunscreen 50 for students | Horse Liniment |
| • Tempura paint for Sarah's Home horse activities | Chalk for hopscotch on porch |
| • Saddle soap | Scrub brushes |
| • Manure or bedding rakes | Office supplies/typing paper |
| • Dish soap for after events | Toilet paper |
| • Kleenex | Liquid IV powder packs |



Linda Scholtz - Director of Sarah's Home

Linda Scholtz serves as a Rodeo Chaplain, with the Assemblies of God US Missions, Gospel Outreach.

Linda grew up on a ranch in Northwest Fla. She attended Central Bible College in Springfield, MO for her Biblical training, where she met and later married fellow student Paul Scholtz. They were appointed as the first Rodeo Missionaries in 1978.

In the beginning of their 39 yrs as chaplains to rodeo, Linda began a 20-yr career as a professional rodeo trickrider (athletic gymnastics on a running horse) in PRCA rodeo, as an avenue for ministry. She was trained by Karen Vold, from Avondale, Co, wife of the legendary rodeo contractor, Harry Vold.

Now, even after the pain of her husband's death to cancer, in 2017, she was appointed by the Chaplaincy Department on her own.

God is using those years of chaplaincy, to now minister to many widows and hold retreats for widows. He also opened a door for ministry through trickriding clinics, at her ranch in Boone, CO. Students come 3 times a year for coaching, and of course, the Gospel is presented daily in devotions, with a church service on Sunday.

She has one other ministry as well, using those same gentle trickriding horses, she provides equine therapy in partnership with Sarah's Home, a place of restoration for girls rescued from the sex trafficking industry.

Whether it is at rodeos, ranch events, trickriding schools, equine ministry, mentoring young women, or ministry to widows, she says, "these doors are simply limitless possibilities to share Christ and to GO into all my world and use this ranch for His glory."

Sarah's Home

80% of Survivors Are Re-Victimized Without a Safe Place To Go

Return to Vulnerability -

Exiting exploitation doesn't erase the vulnerabilities that made someone a target in the first place. Without intervention, those same conditions remain and so does the risk of being revictimized.

Sarah's Home- Sarah's Home helps interrupt the cycle by providing the stability, support, and relationships survivors need to build a different path forward

A Different Path Forward

This intervention to the cycle can help change the outcome. Through stability, connection, and opportunity, survivors can develop the skills and confidence needed to pursue a stronger future.



The Southern Colorado District United Women in Faith Leadership Team warmly invites you to the Southern Colorado District 2026 Annual Gathering on Saturday, September 19, 2026.

Event Details • Date: Saturday, September 19, 2026 • Check-in: 9:00 a.m. • Program: Begins at 9:30 a.m. • Format: Hybrid event. A Zoom link will be sent several times during the week of September 14, 2026.	Program Highlights • Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11 • Theme: Mapping Out Our Future • Guest Speaker: Linda Scholtz • Mission Project: Sarah's Home. • Please see the accompanying list of needed supplies.
Location: Fowler United Methodist Church 203 Main Street Fowler, Colorado 81039 • Directions from Hiway 50 turn South on Main Street. The church is on the corner of Main & 2nd Street.	Registration The registration fee is \$15 and includes lunch and breakfast snacks. Please make checks payable to Fowler UWF. Payment is due at check-in. The Zoom link will sent several times during the week of September 14, 2026.

REGISTER HERE

<https://form.jotform.com/262225184507051>

If you have any problems registering, please contact Elaine Allison at neallison72@gmail.com or 719-469-7394 (call/text)

Nominations

**The SoCo district is a new district and it needs new leaders
The team works together and supports one another
you will not be alone**

What we need most on the SoCo District Leadership Team:

**Nominations committee members (2-5 positions) It's good place to
learn and grow**

**We also need on the SoCo District Leadership Team
Chair for Committee on Nominations
Coordinator for Social Action**

**Mtn Sky Conference committee on nominations
(a representative from our district on the conference team)**

**And what is required for these SoCo District Leadership
Team members?**

**The desire to make a difference in the world and support and
help other women grow.
Together we can change the world.**



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Event Planning Committee

All members of the Leadership Team

Ima Lindstrom, Chair

Returning Leaders for 2027



N. Elaine Allison
SoCo Dist. President

Elaine is in her 7th year of leading the Southern District, both the previous Trinity District and the new SOCO District.

She is looking for someone to come join her as Co- President in 2027, learn all the exciting things that happen in this district and then take on the role to lead the UWFaith women of this district.

Pray about it and see if maybe you are being called to lead.

Barbara Canavan and her husband Tom live in northern Colorado Springs and attend First United Methodist Church in Colorado Springs. They have lived in Colorado since Tom retired from the US Air Force in 1992 after serving 28 years. They have 2 sons, 3 grandsons and one great grandson. Currently she is secretary and a Circle Chair in her local UWFaith Unit, and she is secretary for both the local and state units of Church Women United. She has been secretary for most organizations she has belonged to since she was a Girl Scout in grade school, which includes being secretary for two years of the Peaks Pikes Peak District UMW/UWF. She will be secretary for the SoCo District UWF beginning January 1st.



Barbara Canavan
SoCo Dist. Secretary



Helen Taylor
SoCo Dist. Treasurer

Helen was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay area and came to Colorado in 1998, moving to Alamosa in 2002. She has two grown children, Cally and Austin and three grandchildren, Chase, Nadia, and Trinity. She is a retired CPA and worked in nonprofit healthcare for over 25 years. She currently lives with two 4-footed roommates that purr, Ebi and Nugget. She loves cats, reading and sushi.

She became Trinity District Treasurer in 2021 and continues as Treasurer for the new SoCo District

Ima Lindstrom currently serves as Vice President of Calvary United Women in Faith and has recently accepted the Vice President position in the Southern Colorado United Women in Faith.

Ima is proud of her family, which includes her son Chris, Chris's wife Leanne, and two grandchildren, London (5) and Luke (3).

Ima grew up in the small town of Lena, Illinois, was raised in the Methodist church, and has a deep love for God and for helping others. She is also an enthusiastic fan of the Chicago Bears and the Cubs.



Ima Lindstrom
SoCo Dist Vice President



Ann Heard
SoCo Dist. Communications
Coordinator

Ann is a member of Calvary United Methodist Church Colorado Springs, CO. She has been involved with United Methodist Women (United Women in Faith) for about 40 years. Raised as a United Methodist, her mom was a member. "I remember hearing about the women's groups she was a part of Wemeetaneed circle. I now understand what that strange name meant." She became active when her sons were young, living with 3 males and needed fellowship with other women. Her experience at the district and conference level include:

- Education and Interpretation Coordinator – Mile High/Pikes Peak District 2007-2008
- District President – Mile High/Pikes Peak District 2009 – 2012
- Rocky Mtn Conference Vice President 2013 – 2016
- Rocky Mtn Conference Communications coordinator 2017 – 2019
- Mtn Sky Conference - 2020
- Serves as the president of the local Calvary UWFaith unit.

She has been a member of the Calvary United Methodist church for about 40 years, serves on the Mtn Sky Creation Justice Task Force and trained as an Earthkeeper through the UMC in 2022.

Shirley has been a member of Good Shepherd United Women in Faith for many years. She has held several offices in her local group, including President, Vice President, Secretary, and Membership and Education.

She is active in her local congregation: leads Children's Ministry, organizes the Easter Egg Hunt, VBS and the Trunk or Treat Celebration. She leads Children's Church every Sunday. She serves as a Lay Leader and serves on several committees of her church. When the administrative assistant quit, Shirley filled in until a new assistant was hired and covers the office when needed.

Shirley worked as a Registered Nurse for over 40 years with oncology patients. She retired in 2021. She is married and lives in Fountain with her husband. She has 2 grown children and 2 grandchildren. She enjoys visiting them, just wishes they lived closer. She loves reading and crafting.



Shirley Greener

SoCo Dist
Membership, Nurture
and Outreach
Coordinator

Pat currently lives in Rocky Ford, Colorado and is a member of the Rocky Ford UMC. She is a retired teacher of Physics, Chemistry, General Science for 7-10 grades and held workshops for teachers teaching science in elementary and high school at Methodist High School in Kanpur India from 1964-1967 as a short term missionary thru the Methodist Church

She is very active in UWF as she has been Mission u Dean, Trinity District Treasurer, Vice President of her local unit in Rocky Ford, and just finished serving on the Mountain Sky Conference UWF Nominations Committee for the Trinity & SoCo Districts. She will continue on the SoCo District as the Spiritual Growth Coordinator.



Pat Blasi

SoCo Dist Spiritual Growth

Joining the team for 2027

Loeda Westphal, a member of United Women in Faith for over 50 years, grew up in eastern Colorado in the Calhan, Yoder and Alta Vista areas.

She is looking forward to serving the new district and having a closer relationship with churches in eastern and southern Colorado. Loeda has served on a district level for 14 years with terms in Membership, Education and Interpretation, and the Nominating Committee. She serves as President at First United Methodist Church in Colorado Springs. She is a graduate of the Methodist College, Southwestern, in Winfield, Kansas with a divisional degree in Social Science.

Because of her mission calling and interest, she is a strong supporter of United Women in Faith as an avenue to provide necessary funds and support for the mission program, not only for our own missions, but for the total mission program of the United Methodist Church. She has two sons living in Colorado Springs and four grandchildren. Loeda has also been active in local, state and national levels of Grange, a farm fraternal organization.



Loeda Westphal

**SoCo Dist Education &
Interpretation
Coordinator**

2027 Proposed Budget

	Actual	YTD	Budget
	2025	2026	2027
Mission Giving	22,053.76	5,995.00	20,000.00
Designated Gifts			
Call to Prayer and Denial	1,147.00	220.00	1,000.00
Supplementary Gifts	425.00	250.00	500.00
Other Income			
Offerings	345.00		500.00
AM&D	1,000.00	1,000.00	3,500.00
Total Income	24,970.76	7,465.00	25,500.00
Remittances to Conference	22,589.76	5,995.00	22,000.00
Designated Giving			
Call to Prayer & Denial	1,147.00	220.00	1,000.00
Other	425.00	250.00	500.00
Total Remitted to Conference	24,161.76	6,465.00	23,500.00
Expenses			
Annual Meeting	319.00		500.00
Retreat		130.00	500.00
Officer Expenses	515.75		1,000.00
	24,996.51	6,595.00	25,500.00
	(25.75)	870.00	-

(Please send in as soon as possible)

2026 Memorial Report

To President or Coordinator of Spiritual Growth. Please send me the names of your members that have passed away since our September 2025 meeting. We plan to print this information in the Program Booklet. Their names will be read during the Memorial Service at the Annual Meeting on September 19, 2026, at Fowler UMC, in Fowler, CO, Please give me a phonetic spelling for names that are not common. For example: Schovajoa = sco vi sa.

USE THIS FORM ONLY FOR THIS REPORT

Please Print

Your name

Your Phone Number

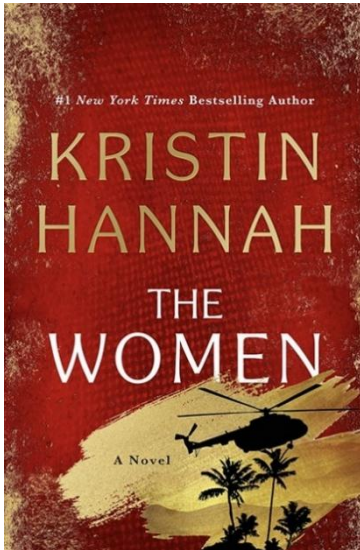
Your church's name:

Name of member(s) who passed away

Phonetic spelling:

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August 27th



From master storyteller Kristin Hannah, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Nightingale* and *The Four Winds*, comes the story of a turbulent, transformative era in America: the 1960s. *The Women* is that rarest of novels—at once an intimate portrait of a woman coming of age in a dangerous time and an epic tale of a nation divided by war and broken by politics, of a generation both fueled by dreams and lost on the battlefield.

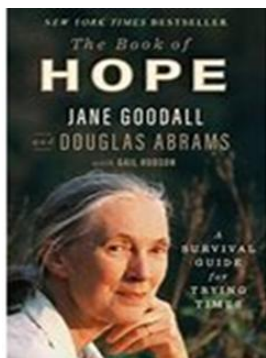
“Women can be heroes, too.”

When twenty-year-old nursing student Frances “Frankie” McGrath hears these unexpected words, it is a revelation. Raised on idyllic Coronado Island and sheltered by her conservative parents, she has always prided herself on doing the right thing, being a good girl.

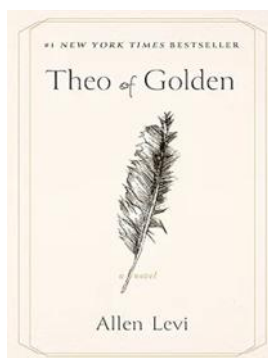
But in 1965 the world is changing, and she suddenly imagines a different choice for her life. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she impulsively joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path.

As green and inexperienced as the men sent to Vietnam to fight, Frankie is overwhelmed by the chaos and destruction of war, as well as the unexpected trauma of coming home to a changed and politically divided America.

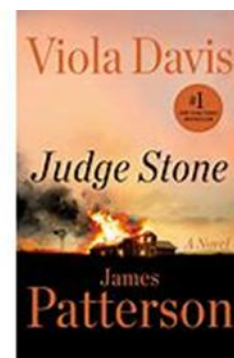
The Women is the story of one woman gone to war, but it shines a light on the story of all women who put themselves in harm’s way to help others. Women whose sacrifice and commitment to their country has all too often been forgotten. A novel of searing insight and lyric beauty, *The Women* is a profoundly emotional, richly drawn story with a memorable heroine whose extraordinary idealism and courage under fire define a generation.



September 24, 2026



October 22, 2026

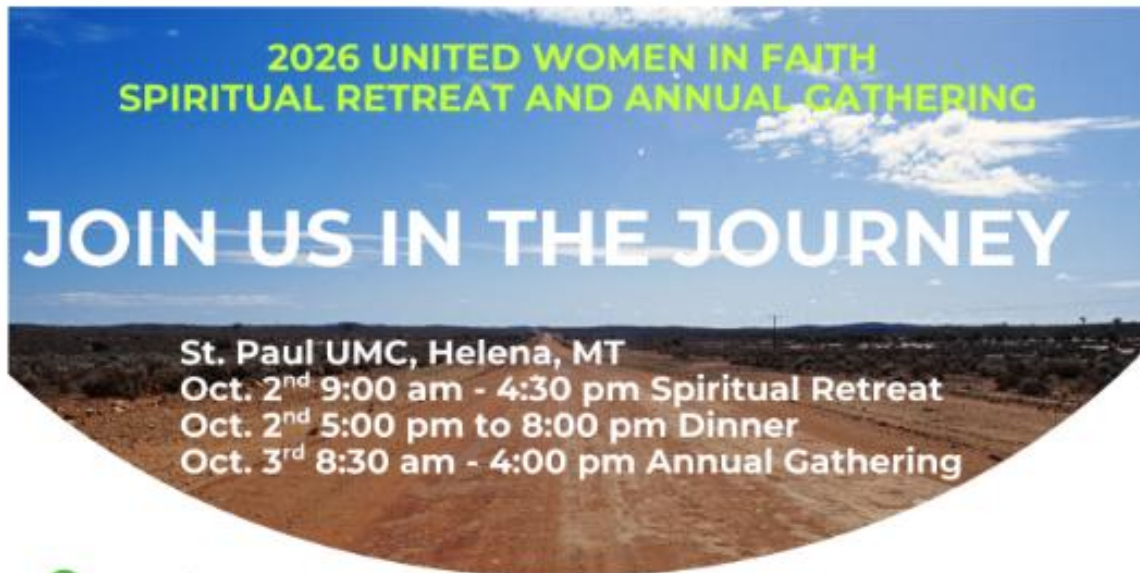


January 28, 2027

The SoCo District Book Club does not meet in November or December.

From the conference - Register NOW

**2026 Mountain Sky Conference United Women in Faith
Spiritual Life Retreat & Annual Gathering
October 2 & 3, 2026
Helena, MT**



✓ **Hotel**

Comfort Suites, 406-495-0505, 3180 Washington St.
\$159 plus tax two double beds.
Free shuttle to and from airport. 3 miles to St. Paul UMC,

✓ **Registration**

Friday & Saturday - \$80 (Includes 2 lunches & Friday dinner)
Friday night Only - \$25
Zoom - \$30

✓ **Camping, Room Share & Host Home**

- There are numerous campgrounds to choose from, we will let you choose.
- If you need someone to share a room with email beth.e.mccorkle@gmail.com
- If you would like a host home contact Judy Nielsen at nielsenhca@hotmail.com

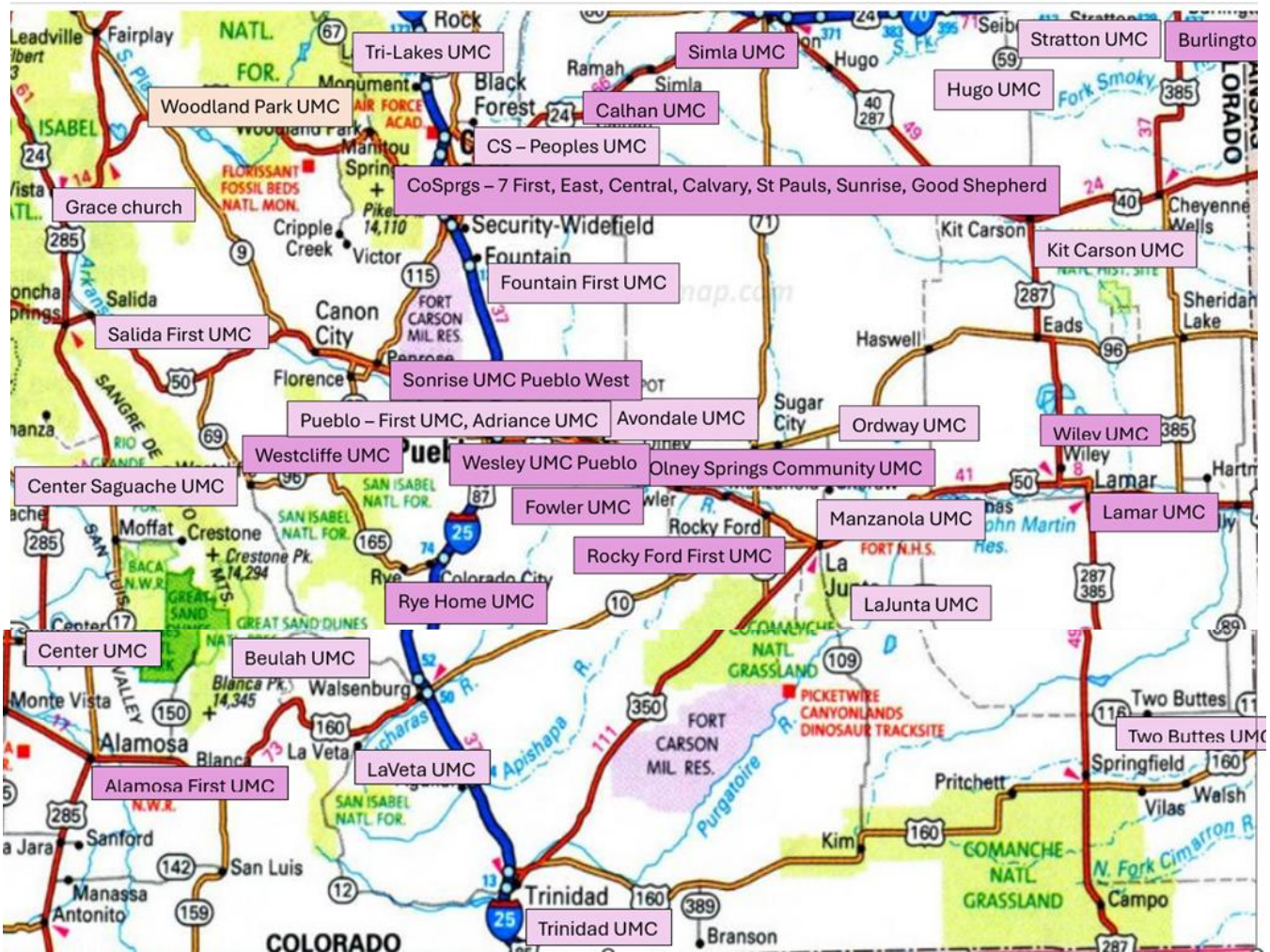
WORKSHOPS



Registration: <https://forms.gle/WKiUxrsGt8gmyB8R7>

Just a Reminder of where your sisters in UWFaith Are located

United Methodist churches are in SOCO



Active UWFaith units

UMC without active UWFaith units

Reach out to other women in a church near you. What interests do you have in common ?

Who is in your circle?

- 🙏 The women who pray you through
- 💬 The ones who remind you who you are

**Looking ahead
it is SOCO district's turn to sponsor the
Mountain Sky Conference United Women in Faith
Annual Gathering and Spiritual Retreat
October of 2027
in Colorado Springs**

**If anyone would like to assist in that project, regardless
of your previous tenure or position(s), your assistance
would be greatly appreciated.
All planning meetings will be on Zoom**

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