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2021 Church Conference Agenda

Call to Order

-- Rev. N. Susan Brims, DS

Affirmation of Recording Secretary (Vote)

Opening Prayer and Reflection

-- Rev. N. Susan Brims, DS

Accountable, Transparent, Intentional

- Reflection on the Last Year of Ministry -- Rev. Joel Bullock
- Finance and Stewardship -- Nan Lawson
- Membership Report -- Andrea Farley

Preparing for a New Year of Ministry

- Ministry Plan for the Year Ahead -- Rev. Jeff Procter-Murphy
- Nominations Report -- Rev. Jeff Procter-Murphy
- Clergy Compensation -- David Barnhouse, SPRC
- Certified Lay Minister -- Jim Fountain

A Charge and a Blessing

-- Rev. Susan Brims, DS

2022 NOMINATIONS REPORT

Covenant Council

Chair: David Barnhouse

Lay Leader: Regina Walker

Secretary: Nancy Creighton

Treasurer: Carol Muggeridge

Membership Secretary: Andrea Farley

Chairs of Each Ministry Team

Professional Staff and Clergy

Lay Members to Annual Conference:

David Barnhouse

Amy Notbohm

Nan Lawson

Regina Walker

Simon Thomas

Bethany Lambrecht

Trustees (chair to be elected at first meeting)

Staff Liaison: Jeff Procter-Murphy

2022 Tom Brown Mary Thielemeir Randy Hamilton

2023 David Muggeridge James Farley Blake Sacha Jim Chamness

2024 Patie Hawley Tom Harrison Kevin Anderson

 Kate Jelen Mark Kaiser Erin Holmberg

 Karen Hostetter

Staff Parish Relations Committee: Tom Swift, Chair

2022 Regina Walker Carol Muggeridge Kenneth Brooks

2023 Ed Johnson Tom Swift Dennis Dilworth

2024 Katrina Harrison Cameron Kizziah Anthony Contente-Cuomo
 Julie LaFave

Finance: Simon Thomas, Chair

Staff Liaison: Jeff Procter-Murphy

Treasurer: Carol Muggeridge

Stewardship Chair: Nan Lawson

Financial Secretary/Counters: Kay Block

Permanent Endowment & Planned Giving Representative: Nan Lawson
Trustee Representative: Jim Chamness
SPRC Chair: Tom Swift
Covenant Council Chair: David Barnhouse
Lay Leader: Regina Walker
Members at Large
2022 Kay Block
2023
2024 Rick Potts

Lay Leadership/Nominations: Jeff Procter-Murphy
Lay Leader: Regina Walker
2022 Nancy Jamison Tammy White Margie DiCesare
2023 Janice Williams Joel Bullock Kris Kroeger
2024 Courtney Ridgley Andrea Farley

Dayspring Arcadia
Staff Liaisons: Amy Notbohm and Rev. Joel Bullock

Communications Chair: Kris Kroeger
Staff Liaison: Andrea Farley

Children's Council
Staff Liaison: Emily Slater
Andrea Farley Rebecca Rapp
Michelle Donati-Grayman Wes Prochniewski Seth O'Brien

Youth Ministries
Staff Liaison: Erin Larkin

Adult Ministries
Staff Liaison: Shirley Wells

Hospitality
Staff Liaisons: Andrea Farley & Shirley Wells

Church & Society Chair: Bethany Lambrecht
Staff Liaison: Jeff Procter-Murphy

Missions Team Leaders

Staff Liaisons: Jeff Procter-Murphy and Amy Notbohm
Habitat for Humanity: Mark Boyle
Family Promise: Maria Hase and Howard McPhail
Asylum Seekers: Rev. Jim O'Neal
Afghan Refugee Focus: Paola Marco
UMOM Dinners: Matthew and Carolyn Reed
Community Garden: Chris Lueck, Bruce & Terri Noffke
Borderlands Produce Rescue: Amy Notbohm
Tochi Medical & Dental Clinic: Larry Butler
Valley Interfaith Project (VIP): Suzanne Koivun, Bethany Lambrecht
and Nancy Jamison

Stephen Ministries:

Staff Liaison: Joel Bullock

Norma Carrillo

Jim Fountain

Suzanne Harbster (representative to Covenant Council)

UMW President (elected by UMW): Bonny Sloane

Staff Liaison: Shirley Wells

UMM (elected by UMM) President: Robert Smith

Staff Liaison: Jeff Procter-Murphy

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Nan Lawson

Dayspring's Finance Committee is responsible for the management of the church's financial assets. Other major responsibilities include preparing and monitoring the annual budget, analyzing and evaluating the financial statements of the church on a monthly basis, and planning and implementing stewardship campaigns and fundraisers.

Dayspring UMC carries no debt and has \$434,818 in cash assets as of 9/30/2021. This includes \$322,853 in endowments managed through the Desert Southwest United Methodist Foundation. As of 9/30/2021, the church has received \$596,953 in income and has spent \$636,858 in expenses from the General Fund budget. Additionally, the church holds \$114,824 in non-endowment dedicated funds.

In March 2020, when Preschool and Kindergarten had to shutdown operations, suddenly there was no income to pay teacher salaries. The opportunity to apply for a Payroll Protection Plan loan from the Small Business Administration was the only immediate relief available to help maintain the workforce for the Preschool and Kindergarten. The \$167,000 loan was received in May, 2020 and helped to fund the payroll of the Preschool and Kindergarten, and to a lesser degree to the church. The church followed the guidelines required by the SBA and the bank in order to receive forgiveness of the loan. On May 17, 2021, Dayspring was notified that the loan was fully forgiven by the SBA and the bank.

Dayspring has stayed current in paying monthly apportionments to the Conference. In September, Dayspring elected to take the one month off from paying apportionments as was offered by the Conference treasurer to all churches. In October, Dayspring paid its monthly allocation and plans to pay the November and December apportionments as well, to continue its record of paying 100% of yearly apportionments.

Current projects for the Finance Committee include raising funds to cover capital improvements to the campus, such as re-roofing Fellowship Hall and the surrounding offices and meeting rooms, replacing air conditioners, repairing water lines, and replacing lighting and sound components in the sanctuary. We also are anticipating the integration of the Aldersgate UMC congregation and church facility into the Dayspring community. We look forward to 2022 and the opportunities for ministry and serving the wider community.

Respectfully submitted by the Finance Committee:

Simon Thomas – chairperson

Ed Johnson – chairperson of Covenant Council

Carol McKnight – accountant

David Barnhouse – SPRC representative

Jim Chamness – trustees representative

Nan Lawson – finance secretary

Jeff Procter-Murphy – lead pastor

Kay Block – supervisor of counters

Carol Muggeridge – treasurer

Regina Walker – lay leader

STEWARDSHIP

Nan Lawson

2021 Operating Fund Pledges:

Total pledges are \$567,794 of which \$440,072 has been received through 9/30/2021 (78%).

2021 Other Operating Fund Giving:

Dayspring UMC has received \$138,707 in non-pledge offerings through 9/30/2021.

Overall giving is down by -\$51,560 (-8%) compared to the first nine months of 2020.

Additional Opportunities for Generosity

The congregation's focus on giving to outside mission agencies continues. Dayspring's mission partner agencies are on the front line of helping people whose lives have been affected by hunger, loss of home, loss of income, illness and other circumstances. The Dayspring family has responded to these needs by opening their hearts and wallets to assist these folks with needed services through missional giving above and beyond the tithes and offerings that support the Dayspring general fund missions budget.

The extra missional giving from the congregation has totaled \$29,884 as of 9/30/2021.

The breakdown of all giving to missions in 2021 is as follows:

AZCEND in Chandler	\$224
Conference Mission Project (College Hunger)	\$230
Family Promise in Scottsdale	\$6,500
Frank Elementary	\$71
George Gervin Academy	\$71
Habitat for Humanity	\$3,500
HBCU Scholarship	\$14,000
Justa Center in Phoenix	\$3,435
Liberian Well Project HOPE	\$2,089
Peace with Justice offering	\$392
Save the Family in Mesa	\$1,500
Tempe Community Action Agency	\$1,665
Tochi Medical Mission	\$2,910
UMCOR	\$2,473
UMOM in Phoenix	\$7,174
Valley Interfaith Project	\$4,000
Wesley Foundation @ ASU	\$1,000

2022 Stewardship Campaign

As is the Dayspring custom, a stewardship campaign for 2022 will be held during the month of November. The stewardship focus will be "A Future with Hope"

Nan Lawson, Stewardship Chair

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**Andrea Farley**

This year, 2021, our membership is 911. Last year our membership was 938.

There were 2 baptisms.

We received 24 members. Of those 15 were new members and 9 were Confirmands who joined after completing the Confirmation Class in the spring.

There were 51 members removed. Of those, 3 transferred to other United Methodist Churches or other denominations, 1 withdrew by their own accord, 12 by death, and 35 were removed by 2020 Charge Conference action.

	First Year Reading List	
Brewer, Sara	LaFave, Andy	Muhs, Tyler
Caron, Martha	Luecker, Amanda	Myrick, Mary
Caron, Zack	Luecker, Mike	Myrick, Mike
Eisley, Jade	Mello, Melanie	Porritt, Ben
Eisley, Trevor	Mello, Patrick	Porritt, Diane
Flowers, Doreen	Monks, Karen	Preston, Jeanie
Johnson, Buddie	Monks, Rob	Preston, Paul
Juetten, Roy	Moyer, Jill	Stull, Jack
Juetten, Susan	Moyer, Tom	Valentine, Alyssa
Kerr, Ann	Muhs, Amanda	Valentine, Austin
Kerr, Geoff		

	Second Year Reading List	
Bowles, Alyssa	Kroelinger, Ryan	Potts, Gillian
Bowles, Faye	Lyons, Elizabeth	Potts, Sarah
Bowles, Jon	McKenzie, Dana	Reagle, Hillary
Bowles, Jonathan	McKenzie, Gary	Reyes, Victor
Cadman, Alan	McKenzie, Gayle	Riherd, Thomas
Conner, Colin	McKenzie, Turner	Roberts, Juanita
Creighton, Lexi	Nelson, Sandra	Rooney, Mark
Creighton, Noah	Nippres, Jacob	Saenz, Delia
Devereux, Dominique	Nippres, Jesse	Smith, Katherine
Devereux, Mikayla	Patterson, Joshua	Smith, Stephanie
Fitzpatrick, Joshua	Patterson, Nathan	Taylor, Dana
Garlington, Andrew	Pearson, Carolyn	Taylor, Tracey
Hagen, Erik	Pearson, Chet	Titus, Kaye
Ihns, Sarah	Pearson, Craig	Vanderlaan, Janis
Jelen, Chris	Plemons, Jeffrey	Vanderlaan, Richard
Kappas, Krista	Potts, David	Vetter, Adam
Kirk, Stephanie	Potts, Elle	Vice, Shirley

PASTORS' REPORT

Rev. Jeff Procter-Murphy, Rev. Joel Bullock & Rev. Shirley Wells

Dayspring UMC has adapted well during this continued season of pandemic. 15 months after “going virtual,” we resumed in-person services and Sunday School on June 6. Hands-on missions like Family Promise and Habitat for Humanity started back up in the summer, and our choirs returned in September (masked and vaxxed). We continue to offer online class and small groups, along with livestreamed services, even as we cautiously return to in-person activities. The hybrid approach to ministry is here to stay, so we will continue to avail ourselves of technology and educate users, ever mindful of the need for community, especially during times of isolation and lockdown.

Dayspring is a vibrant and powerful manifestation of the Body of Christ in the Valley of the Sun. Dayspring UMC’s strengths include:

1. Our identity as an inclusive, progressive church; relevant to the issues of the day.
2. Openness to new ideas and ministries (including a second campus); we’re a healthy church with a positive outlook.
3. We’re a community of prayer, encouraging contemplative practices and spiritual formation for all ages, and offering dynamic Sunday celebrations with strong preaching and inspiring music.

Some of our congregation’s greatest challenges:

1. Maintaining a large aging campus and raising the necessary resources.
2. Recognizing our privilege, both as a church and community/neighborhood, and creating space for cultural diversity and racial reconciliation.
3. Continuing to help people experience community during the pandemic, and rebuilding our congregation as a result of it.
4. The challenge of starting a second campus, especially during pandemic; recruiting, mobilizing and energizing members of the Tempe campus to make it happen.

Our staff, with special thanks to Emily Slater, has developed this vision statement for 2022:

As we look ahead to the coming year, Dayspring UMC faces the challenge of bringing our members, who have been physically separated for a year and a half, together again. As we welcome back our parishioners, we seek to create one community of many individuals empowered to find their personal calling to serve God through the Dayspring community, their neighborhoods, the greater community of the Valley of the Sun, and the world. We will strive to help each and every Dayspring member transition from being a consumer of the church and its services, to an active member who is called to be part of the work and works of the church. We will support each other to identify the appropriate paths of involvement that will help bring each member joy and realize their fullest potential in their service to kindness, justice, and love.

It has been a blessing to serve in ministry together and with the people of God at Dayspring UMC!

MUSIC PROGRAM

Dr. David Schildkret

If we learned anything at all during the long months of isolation in the COVID-19 pandemic, it is the importance of community. And while I had long understood that people joined choirs at least in part because of the sense of community they inspire, I quickly realized that I had also underestimated how central this is. Yes, people join choirs because they like to sing, because they enjoy music, and in the case of church choirs, because they enjoy having a substantive role in weekly celebrations. But those goals, it turns out, are the icing on the cake (I thought they *were* the cake): they like to sing *together*; they enjoy making music *together*; and they enjoy bringing music to services *together*. Togetherness—indeed, *community*—is the heart of choral singing.

As the weeks and months wore on, we sought ways to maintain community in the music program:

-Weekly music hours

While the ostensible purpose of these Wednesday night gatherings via Zoom was to play music relevant to the church season, we often devoted more than half the hour to checking in. We stopped meeting in late May, and now we miss the chance to get together!

-Virtual Choir

The youth and children's choirs made several virtual choir videos during the pandemic. These were always delightful expressions of sincerity and joy.

-Christmas Carol Sing-Along

Some of our musicians gathered in a large room at ASU to sing familiar carols, an event we shared with the congregation via Zoom. Families participated by singing in their own homes.

-Virtual Recital

Our musicians presented a recital, live-streamed from the Dayspring sanctuary. All of the music was by Black composers as we seek to broaden the range of voices we hear. Special guest Nathan De'Shon Myers sang on the program.

-Return to in-person services

When Dayspring returned to in-person services on June 6, we included live singing with a soloist each week. There were strict protocols in place (distancing; masked when not singing) to protect the health of all concerned.

-Return of the choirs

The much-anticipated return of live choral singing occurred on September 12 (with rehearsals of all groups starting in late August or early September) with a festive pair of anthems that included brass quintet. Again, strict precautions are in place: all choir members are vaccinated, and all wear masks at all times. (We are being especially careful here, because choral singing was a particularly powerful and deadly means of spreading the virus early in the pandemic.)

During the month of September, all of our choirs—bells, cherubs, children, youth, and adults—presented music during weekly worship, and we are now back on a regular schedule of weekly rehearsals and services.

We are slowly and joyfully developing a new routine and a new sense of community. We are looking forward to a vibrant future of Dayspring music, including:

-Return of traditional music offerings

We will mark Thanksgiving with “The First Song of Isaiah,” as Dayspring has done for many years.

The choirs will present a Lessons and Carols Service on December 12 at 2 p.m.

The children and youth will present a Christmas pageant during services on December 19.

There will be extensive and varied music at worship on Christmas Eve and the days leading up to it.

We plan to perform Fauré’s Requiem with a small instrumental ensemble on Good Friday. This was originally scheduled for 2020 but was canceled because of the pandemic.

-Planned travel

The choirs are inviting the whole congregation to join them in Portsmouth, England, in late May and early June 2023. Our choir will be singing Evensong each day for an entire week—we become their church choir! This means that our trip becomes an ecumenical exchange for the entire Dayspring family, not just those who sing in the choirs.

The music program remains a valued and vital part of Dayspring’s mission and ministry.

DEACON**Rev. Jane Baker**

Since I have retired from my paid job as a therapist, I don't have a lot to report this year! I am still facilitating the Adult Sunday School Class, "The Explorer's," and find a great deal of pleasure in doing that. We had somewhat of a setback with the onset of the pandemic, mask wearing, etc., but seem to be getting back in gear now.

Class members have led sessions on a variety of theological and social issues. Most recently, we have been discussing the John Dominic Crossan DVD, "Victory and Peace or Justice and Peace?" series on the life of Jesus, his teachings, his death and resurrection and what this means for the church today. There is always a good discussion following the showing of the DVD segment.

The class is trying to "hang in there" during the COVID pandemic. We had classes online for a while and are now meeting at the church again. We hope to get our full contingent back when this epidemic is over.

I am also continuing to sing in the Dayspring Chorale under the excellent leadership of David Schildkret.

That's about it for now. We love Dayspring and Dayspring will always be our church!

RETIRED PASTOR**Chuck Winkler**

What a different and difficult year for all of us. COVID has changed our lives and how we have gone about doing ministry at Dayspring. I am grateful for Dayspring's excellent staff members for enabling so much mission and ministry to continue. Still ahead of us is the challenge to extend Dayspring's vision and mission through Aldersgate UMC.

Listed below are my activities since last year.

- Preached once at Aldersgate and once at Dayspring
- Helped with Aldersgate's Borderland's Rescue Food ministry
- Assisted with communion at Dayspring
- Delivered blankets and pillow cases made by our Stitchers to UMOM
- Participated in the United Methodist Men's group at Dayspring
- Stayed in touch by phone with about a dozen households during the quarantine
- Began making personal calls on about eight households in June

Respectively submitted,
Charles E. Winkler

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Jim Chamness

The Board of Trustees has oversight and care of all church properties. This work is done in consultation with the Lead Pastor. Our goal is to ensure that we have a safe and attractive campus for worship, education, and fellowship of our congregation while exercising fiscal responsibilities. During the last 12 months, the Board has accomplished the following projects:

1. Replaced three older A/C units that failed.
2. Rebuilt the fire riser next to the Preschool office.
3. Repaired three major water leaks.
4. Sanded and refinished wood floors in the choir area.
5. Replaced lights behind the stained-glass windows in the Fellowship Hall.
6. Continued daily maintenance.

Future Projects:

1. The current status of the A/C units. There are 36 A/C units on campus. 17 are the older R-22 systems and 19 are the new, upgraded 410A systems. As the older units fail, we will replace them with the newer versions.
2. Replacement of roof shingles above the office area, Fellowship Hall, kitchen, and Palo Verde Room areas.
3. Upgrade lighting and sound systems in Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.
4. Establish a reserve account for future water leaks at the church.
5. Replace metal exit doors to Sanctuary (10 total).

In summary, the Board of Trustees will continue to maintain the church campus in a clean and safe condition. The Board members thank all the members of Dayspring for their support.

MISSIONS

Tammy White

Dayspring UMC is a mission-oriented church. There are opportunities for participation in the church's mission activities for every age group. Many of the missions cover both the Tempe Community and the Dayspring Arcadia (aka Aldersgate) Community. 2021 looks a little different from many years past. Our children collected \$3,400.00, 2,863 pounds of food plus 1,110 pounds of turkeys for United Food Bank. The Liberian Well Project HOPE is a passion for the Children's Council and sent \$2,089 toward another well. Unfortunately, our junior and senior high school kids were unable to participate in Sierra Service Project due to cancellation. These young people look forward to the 2022 summer session and to continue this life changing mission. People of all ages have numerous opportunities to volunteer for mission projects. Next year, we will hear more about opportunities from Dayspring Arcadia (Aldersgate) and the many mission opportunities from both campuses. Between January 2021 and September 2021 Dayspring Tempe has contributed \$86,645 to various missions including \$35,411 to Conference apportionments. Here are some of the things that we have contributed to in 2021.

Family Promise 2021 – (Maria Hase) - \$6,500 donated between January and September 2021

We, Dayspring, have "hosted" Family Promise 3 times in 2021. We provided food to 3 families (3 adults and 4 children, ages 1 year to 4 years) housed at the Earll Center in February. In May we provided meals to 3 families (6 adults and 9 children, ages 7 months to 14 years) housed at the Earll Center. In August, we hosted 3 families on-site at Dayspring for the first time in over a year. We hosted 3 families (3 adults and 6 children, ages 4 years to 15 years). One woman and her son were gifted artists. Her portfolio is incredible. Another woman had 3 interviews. She found a job and housing shortly after leaving Dayspring. Because the Pollack Theater is currently closed, the 3 single mothers were offered an opportunity for guided meditation. One mother participated. The families said they felt safe and loved.

Thank you for your flexibility during COVID and as we transitioned back to hosting in person under the rules of COVID world. The families were appreciative of staying at our campus and of the delicious meals provided. Thank you for your time, effort, and resources that made our host weeks possible. The next time we host in 2021 will be the week of December 5.

Last December we provided breakfast, lunch, and dinner to twice as many families as we typically do. We also provided monetary support to the Help Us Move In (HUMI) program, a partnership with Family Promise that provides homelessness prevention services. More information about this partnership can be found at <https://familypromise.org/help-us-move-in-humi/>.

In addition, we have exciting news to report. Howard McPhail will be serving as Co-Coordinator of Family Promise! Please look for him in December when we host. Welcome to Howard! Plus, Dayspring has purchased and installed a washer and dryer for Family Promise! This will be especially helpful if children have accidents during the night or we get new families during the week. It will make washing and drying their bedding a cinch. In addition, if the families have laundry to do, they will have that opportunity. The washer and dryer will also be helpful to other groups at Dayspring. Think of the myriad of possibilities....

2021 Dayspring Habitat for Humanity – (Mark Boyle) -\$3,500 donated between January and September 2021

Habitat for Humanity was adversely affected like many other giving endeavors during the pandemic. With greatly reduced volunteer opportunities, the Mighty United Methodist Coalition was still able to complete our 2021 home. Financial donations exceeded our goals, so people stepped up in other ways to complete the project. Dayspring staffed three build days, though one was rained out. The dedication of the home for the Ahmed & Selman family was on September 19th, 2021. Like many Habitat families, they first learned about Habitat's mission by helping friends build their Habitat home, realizing the affirmative societal value of this organization's goal.



Tochimilzoco Annual Mission – (Larry Butler) - \$2,910.00 donated between January and September 2021

For the past two years we have not been able to visit our Brothers and Sisters in Tochi due to COVID.

With reporting from our contact in Mexico the Tochi Medical clinic is now operating as of July of 2021 Monday thru Friday. In the past the clinic has been open only 3 days a week.

Dr. Sergio Negrete, responsible for medical visits, under directive from the Patronato (Board of Directors of the clinic) has been working Monday thru Friday since July. The Patronato recently increased the Doctors compensation as the clinic is seeing many patients.

The Patronato has also taken the lead in visiting nearby villages close to Tochimizolco where they have taken printed information educating the population of the expanded service days. This is expected to increase more patient care and paid visits to the clinic.

The community fared reasonably well with the Covid outbreak. We do not have detailed information on the overall health of the community and vaccinations status.

Dayspring sends \$970 each quarter to assist with funding for the doctor and medications. Our Kansas team also sends similar amounts of funding on a quarterly basis.

We believe that the Tochi community is doing a wonderful job in providing medical in their community and surrounding communities

We look forward to returning to Tochi in 2022.

Indian Bible Translators – (Julia Gunaraj)

Translation Work:

It gives great pleasure for IBT to announce that they will be releasing the book of Psalms and Proverbs in the Paniya dialect in November 2021. Paniya is a dialect spoken in the western part of the south Indian state Tamil Nadu.

IBT Translators are reviewing the final version of the Old and New Testaments of Sourashtra, a dialect used 400 years ago and Baduga language. Similarly, the book of Psalms and Proverbs in Irula dialect is undergoing final print correction. Correction work is in the final stages for the gospel book of St. Luke in Koya dialect. IBT is currently working on translating the bible in 16 other dialects.

Pappenpalli Children's Home:

For a long time, Dayspring UMC has supported the Pappenpalli Children's home. Funds from Dayspring were used in renovating the kitchen, dining hall, and compound hall. Every year about 130 – 150 students stayed there and studied in the school. Unfortunately, last academic year, the Children's home was shut down due of the pandemic. But gradually the lockdown is being lifted, and classes have started for boys studying 9th and 10th grade. It is expected to get back to full capacity in a few months. Two full-time workers and two cooks stay in the Children's home to support the students.

Sewing classes are also conducted by IBT at the tailoring training center in Madurai. This has given opportunities to so many women from underprivileged sections.

UMOM – (Carolyn & Matt Reid) - \$7,174 donated between January and September 2021.

What is UMOM?

Serving over 10,000 individuals annually, United Methodist Outreach Ministry, UMOM is a private, non-profit, non-sectarian agency founded in 1964. UMOM meets the needs of homeless and hungry persons in our community, building a bridge to self-sufficiency through unique programs.

UMOM New Day Center

Located in Phoenix on Van Buren just east of 32nd Street, the UMOM New Day Center houses approximately 500 men, women, and children each night with over 2/3 of these persons being children ages 0-15.

In the family Emergency Shelter Program, free emergency housing and meals are provided for homeless families for a period up to four months. During this time of crisis intervention and stabilization, the families can access all services that are available at the UMOM New Day Center. In the family Transitional Housing Program, UMOM provides longer-term housing, for up to 24 months, for families; including young adult and teen moms, along with their children.

The goal of the UMOM New Day Center is to provide the homeless with the assistance needed to break their cycle of homelessness. UMOM's success rate is excellent. UMOM places more than 90% of the families in the transitional program in permanent, affordable housing.

How can I help at Dayspring UMC?

One way to get involved is through the *UMOM Sunday Night Meals program* at Dayspring. Dayspring sponsors the evening meal for the UMOM residents for a minimum of 28 Sunday's each year (every Sunday except the 1st and last Sunday of every month). Dayspring volunteers prepare and serve the meal for 200+ UMOM residents in the fully equipped UMOM kitchen and dining room. The menu is prearranged and there is a kitchen manager to provide complete directions to volunteers. Dayspring contributes \$200 to pay for each evening meal sponsored by Dayspring. *Due to the COVID 19 crisis this volunteer program was suspended and the UMOM kitchen staff moved to a carry out meal service program for clients. However, Dayspring continues to provide financial support as originally planned.* Once UMOM resumes this program, Volunteers can sign up to help from a link on the Dayspring Missions page, or by contacting Matt or Carolyn Reid at 602-882-5292 or email csreid1@cox.net.

In addition, every year at Christmas, Dayspring sells *UMOM Christmas Tribute Cards*. The cards are available in several denominations and represent the costs to provide services for individuals at the New Day Center. Many individuals, congregations and corporations purchase the cards each year as a way to honor their gift recipient and help UMOM's mission at the same time.

Memorial Team Angels (Tammy White)

This is a little known mission but one of passion open to all church members. This team provides support for grieving families after a loved one passes away. The team will provide help with distributing bulletins, ushering visitors into the sanctuary, as well as a reception as small or large as the family requests. Cookies, punch, and water is supplied and served during the reception as well as other items supplied by the family based on requests. The team's job is to make sure the family is available to visit with guests during their time of grief without having to worry about being the host. There have been times we have been asked to "host" a community service due to the size of our sanctuary and the need from the community/families. Let your Angels take care of you for a short time! This is a Mission of Love and Respect.

The Justa Center –\$3,435 donated between January and September 2021

Elderly and Homeless in Phoenix - The City of Phoenix completed a homeless questionnaire in 2020, desiring feedback as part of their newest plan to try to end homelessness. The vast majority of homeless people come and remain in central Phoenix where resources and food are located. Most obvious is that there is no state support, especially among the elderly. While the state answer has been to give homeless seniors vouchers, there is no housing to go with those vouchers. People tend to stay where they feel safe and what they know. They don't want to be moved downtown. Until you are 64 there is no housing voucher.

Only new items are being accepted for “Home Kits” now. Justa does not have the staff or storage to sort the heavy mix of donations, and all feel new Home Kits from beds to dishes and a coffee pot are most helpful. Visit Justa’s website for more information www.justacenter.org

Borderlands Produce Rescue P.O.W.W.O.W. (Amy Notbohm)

Dayspring has partnered with Aldersgate UMC to continue their produce ministry through Borderlands Produce on Wheels Without Waste. Borderlands works with growers in Southwestern Arizona and Mexico to extend the life of produce that does not get sold to stores. Participants can purchase approximately 70 lbs. of seasonal produce for \$12. Once a month, November - June, Dayspring and community volunteers gather in the Aldersgate parking lot to box produce for a drive through pick-up line. Through the course of the year, about 30 Dayspring volunteers assisted with sorting, boxing, and loading produce. This ministry reduces landfill waste, provides affordable, fresh food to families, and helps strengthen the church’s presence as a neighbor who cares about the health and wellness of our community. Thanks to everyone who has participated, and we are looking forward to another successful 2021-22 produce season.

Other Mission Oriented Programs

Missions still look different this year. In addition to the above, Dayspring is supporting financially to: AZCEND in Chandler \$224; Conference Mission Project (College Hunger) \$230; Frank Elementary \$71; George Gervin Academy \$71; HBCU Scholarship \$14,000; Peace with Justice offering \$392; Save the Family in Mesa \$1,500; Tempe Community Action Agency \$1,665; UMCOR \$2,473; Valley Interfaith Project \$4,000; Wesley Foundation @ ASU \$1,000

CHURCH & SOCIETY

Bethany Lambrecht

Our calling is Faith in Action. It was the year of Zoom, but we also managed to take plenty of action in person as well.

1. Valley Interfaith Project and our partnership afforded our team much guidance and collaboration as we navigated this pandemic. Needs were serious and ever-changing, like the news, and we were given access to Zoom lectures and meetings with top economists, health professionals and other experts in the fields across the nation and the state of Arizona.
Valley Interfaith Project is a sister group of the statewide coalition of Arizona Interfaith Network. Zoom allowed us to meet and share regularly with our sister organizations in Flagstaff, Tucson and Prescott.
2. Jim O'Neal oversees our outreach for the Welcome Center for Asylum seekers. Many Dayspring members volunteer and/or provide donations of clothing and other needed supplies. Our budget also provides support.
3. We were asked to help be the voices to stop the SRP expansion of fossil fuel power plants. While SRP did not abandon the plan, the impact from the community response forced them to scale back the size of the project.
4. We continue to partner with two elementary schools in the area, Frank Elementary in Guadalupe and George Gervin Academy in South Phoenix.
Exploring added ways to connect our communities.
5. Despite our best efforts to stop the cuts, the Legislature passed, by one voter, a number of bills that would greatly reduce our state budget and most especially to deplete funding of public education. What a sad few weeks that was, but organizing and mobilizing began and a larger coalition emerged. Three petitions counter those to refer the decisions back to the people were printed, distributed and the work began. The Dayspring team was amazing as you certainly saw.
Banners, signs and balloons announced our "Sign Petitions Here" parking lot conversion. And they came, both volunteers and signers for weeks in the heat. It is quite a story and some good successes. Greater yet were the relationships of community that were built within and around Dayspring.

To be continued...

6. The Dayspring Refugee Team has been resurrected and we have a most dynamic leader, Paola Marco. Afghan families are arriving in Arizona and we will be sponsoring at least one family while supporting the overall efforts. Paola has jumped in fully, attending workshops and networking wherever she can. She now needs volunteers and donations. Please consider finding a way to become involved and to expand our reach to others who might want to become involved.
7. **Imagine.** Dream big, plan.....

End Poverty and Save the Planet

The pandemic has exposed glaring problems and responsibilities in our society.

We live in a system that sustains poverty.
Our resources are not unlimited.

Together we can do amazing things.

Church & Society Dreamers:

1. Work towards **sustainable** changes to lift families out of poverty:

- a. affordable housing
- b. living wages /training
- c. financial literacy/counseling
- d. affordable childcare
- e. health care
- f. mentoring

2. Climate Justice – so much to do.
It impacts us all, but the poor and vulnerable even more.

We need to continue to be the voice and the action.

“All creation is the Lord’s and **we** are responsible for the ways in which
we use and abuse it.” (UMC Social Principles p.160)

3. Together (ensemble)

Bringing groups back together over soup, on zoom or on the patio.
Expand our reach within Dayspring and beyond from our new
neighborhood supporters. Seed money of \$5000-\$10,000.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Emily Slater

This past year in Children's Ministries was a gradual return to more normal programming. The Children's Ministry Coordinator along with the six members of the Children's Council, met four times throughout the year to plan events and shape our programming.

Sunday school met weekly online from 10:00 – 11:00 via Zoom from January through May. Beginning in June, we resumed our in-person Sunday school multi-aged class during the 9:00 service. After step-up Sunday in August, we resumed our grade level classes and then when two services resumed in September, we offered all three classes at both services. Children in Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten used the Hands On Bible Curriculum where they spend a month immersing themselves in different elements of the same story. In first through third grade, we continued with Godly Play. While fourth through sixth grade students were using the Be Bold Curriculum. This program takes on the tough questions that children and adults wrestle with as they grow in faith. At this point we are serving about 30 to 40 students per week and we are looking forward to seeing our classrooms grow as vaccines become available to elementary aged children.

In addition to Sunday school, we have been bringing back some of our family fellowship events, including an Easter Sunday Family Easter Egg Hunt and a Fall Family Movie Night on the Patio. We recognized nine children with a new Bible on Bible Sunday.

Children's Ministries tried to take on several service projects this year including a food drive where we collected food to donate to the United Food Bank in late 2020. In early spring we delivered a series of lessons on Parable of Talents and then several individual students and each Sunday school shared their talents virtually to raise over \$400. These funds were donated to our Project Hope Fund (clean water well in Liberia).

BeTween, our 4th-6th grade service and fellowship group, returned to its Wednesday evening meetings. We continue to support service projects and other ministries in the church including Habitat for Humanity, Family Promise, and other local service organizations.

Our modified return to Vacation Bible School was successful with 40 participants in a three-evening program and ten adult and teenage volunteers. At our program, Rocky Railway, children learned that Jesus' Power can pull us through life's difficult situations.

Children's Ministries relies on a fantastic group of volunteers and parents to lead our programming. Again, this year we were unable to host our volunteer appreciation event but look forward to doing so at the end of this school year. Our ongoing mission is to provide quality programming so that the children of Dayspring will enjoy learning and growing together in faith.

Blessings,
Emily Slater

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Erin Larkin

The youth are guided by the theme of 'Transitioning Together' in 2021-2022. As the youth begin transitioning back to in-person schooling, being around friends again and having interaction is an adjustment.

Formation Classes: Every Sunday we meet focusing on a variety of topics relevant to the teens' life. We have explored messages thus far about the radicalness of Jesus when he walked the earth and how we as his followers can be radical too. The teens then dove into the idea of being a royal and how we act around others can make a huge impact. Going forward into the next months we will be exploring topics such as "Doubts & Questions," "Friendship," and "Justice." While some teens are still not choosing to attend in person formation, we are currently blending the Junior High and Senior High on Sundays.

Dayspring Youth Council: The Dayspring Youth Council is a fluid group of youth that meet regularly to plan events and discuss concerns within the group. In the coming weeks, we will be meeting for the first time this school year.

Volleyball: This is one of the favorite things our teens love to do. Over the summer and into the fall our teens play volleyball regularly and compete with other area churches.

The teens of Dayspring are resilient, kind, funny, energetic and welcoming. As they transition back into the world, they are eager to be together again. The concept of community has never been more important for this group and we will continue to provide opportunities to help them grow spiritually, mentally, emotionally and physically.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**Bonny Sloane**

Due to the pandemic, we did not meet for a number of months. We then meet by zoom. We started to meet in person in July. We colored squares of cloth, which Bev Secrist made into a quilt, to give to someone who could use it. We also put together kits of feminine hygiene products for those who cannot afford them. We had a program on climate justice. We had two special collections for Prayer to Call and Self Denial and World Thanks Offering. We attended Central East and Desert Southwest Conference meetings. We have two circles, the Mary Martha Circle and the Connie Reading Circle.

We were sad to learn of the death of Betty Mathis who was a United Methodist Women member and executive director for 25 years.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Robert Smith

This has been a challenging year for our Dayspring community, as well as our world community, as the Covid19 virus disrupted our normal routines and scheduled programs. Our last breakfast gathering for United Methodist Men was March 7, 2020, as Dayspring members Annie and Prince Mayson presented their courageous story, "The Journey from a Refugee Camp in Africa to Dayspring." They explained their continuing efforts to help their homeland by building wells for clean water. It was the following weekend of March 14, 2020, that our country and Dayspring communities began implementing shelter in place, social distancing, and masking policies to help mitigate the spread of Covid19. Our United Methodist Men canceled the scheduled 2020 monthly breakfasts and activities through December of 2020. Prior to March 7, our 2019-2020 scheduled UMM breakfasts included a variety of interesting programs and topics.

October 5, 2019-Dayspring's Bill Norwood began our "Inspirations" series sharing his book "Cleared for Takeoff" and his challenges and blessings in becoming the first African American airline captain at United Airlines (attendance 40).

November 1-3, 2019-Annual UMM Retreat at Mingus Mountain-Chuck Winkler and Pastor Jeff coordinated the program which included great food, stimulating discussions and fellowship(attendance 15).

December 7, 2019-Children's Choir and Tamale Breakfast- Christmas Carols and a special performance by the Children's Choir were a great way to begin the Christmas season. The kids loved the visit by Santa Claus and the Tamale breakfast was terrific (attendance 80).

January 4, 2020-Michael Lazaich-“Blessings in Disguise”-Michael described his life changing journey and courageous battle for self-respect and independence (attendance 40).

February 1, 2020-Ken Brooks, Kevin Anderson, and the UMM Pickers presented the history of Gospel and Spiritual Music in telling stories (attendance 40).

March 7, 2020 through December 2020 the regular UMM schedule suspended for Covid19.

Beginning January 2021 to April, UMM conducted a four part monthly Zoom series on the Structure and History of the United Methodist Church coordinated by UMM Program Director Ev Taylor.

January 2-First session- the founding of the Methodist Church evolving with the American Nation (attendance 15).

February 6-Second Session-UMC General Conference with discussion about current struggles within the denomination regarding ordination of LGBTQA clergy and sanctification of LGBTQA marriages (attendance 20).

March 6-Third Session-the Desert Southwest Annual Conference (attendance 20).

April 3-Fourth Session-History of the Dayspring UMC congregation.

Faculty for this excellent series included Pastors Jeff Proctor-Murphy and Joel Bullock; Julie O'Neal, executive assistant to the CSWAC Bishop; and Mary Thielemeir, long-time DUMC member (attendance 20).

Our May UMM breakfast was canceled but looking forward to beginning the 2021-2022 year and a more normal schedule of events.

Many thanks to our UMM Leadership:

Rick Oliver-Communications Director, Ken Brooks-Music Director, Ev Taylor-Program Director, Fred Searing-Treasurer, Mike Luzaich-Spiritual Director, Chuck Winkler-Retreat Coordinator, Mark Kaiser-Golf Tournament Coordinator, and Pastor Jeff for his continued support and guidance.

Submitted by Robert Smith, UMM President

DAYSPRING PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN

Sally Logsdon and Kim Shown



Dayspring Preschool and Kindergarten has a much better outlook this year. Like every private, non-profit school in the world, we took an enormous financial hit during the pandemic starting in March of 2020. Luckily, we were able to have in-person class for our kindergarten students for the 2020-2021 school year. We had 17 students loving each day of in-person schooling. In January of 2021, we were able to bring back five of our preschool classes and we had a total of 56 preschool students from January – May 2021. It was a small, but wonderful, group of students and families. We were able to safely keep our doors open with the use of masks for all students and staff, and social distancing and other mitigating strategies.

Because of the Payroll Protection Program loan and the Back the School Campaign generously supported and advertised by DUMC, we were able to continue paying all of our staff during the pandemic. We are all so incredibly grateful for the church's support during this extremely trying time.

This school year, we have 8 classes back on campus with 116 students total and approximately 24 staff members (this includes our contract labor staff such as Lunch Bunch teachers, and Spanish and music teachers).

We are planning the 2021 Annual Holiday Boutique which is scheduled for November 19th and 20th. This event will be much smaller than in recent years in order to make it safer for shoppers and vendors.

We are newly DES-certified, as well. This means that if low-income students qualify, they can receive tuition assistance through the State to come to our school. We are so excited to be able to open our doors this way, and we will welcome our first student through this program on October 13th.

Other good news! We received an early childhood education grant in June. In order to qualify for this grant, we had to be open during the summer-time. So, we had seven FULL and fun weeks of summer camp. Also, we received a Childcare Stabilization Grant through DES which will be monthly until June of 2023.

This is our 49th year in the community! We are grateful for all that Dayspring represents and we are so thankful for the amazing support of the church and community. We are blessed in so many ways and we are so proud to lead this gem of a school.

Sally Logsdon
Director

Kim Shown
Assistant Director