



Statement in Support of Ministry with Detained & Separated Families

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The Western Jurisdiction Immigration Task Force's mission is to help equip our Annual Conferences to be in ministry with their immigrant and migrant neighbors. At the southern border of our jurisdiction, families are being detained and broken apart in pursuit of an immigration policy that United Methodist denominational leaders have named to be cruel and unjust.

The General Secretary of our General Board of Church and Society, Rev. Dr. Susan

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clear: we support policies that compassionately welcome immigrants & respect their human rights. Policies that jail families, whether separately or together, fail to reflect our shared values of compassion, dignity, justice & love.”

Bishop Minerva Carcaño of our California-Nevada Annual Conference and episcopal representative to the Western Jurisdiction Immigration Task Force, laments that “our broken immigration policies and even more, our immoral response to immigrant children in perilous danger, are disgraceful reflections of a nation that has lost a part of its soul.”

The Western Jurisdiction Immigration Task Force uncompromisingly rejects the forced separation of children from their families. United Methodists are called to mourn, and to act, when we encounter a child being taken away from their family. We reject any effort to label a human being “illegal.” Every person is of infinite and sacred worth, and bears the image of a God who would have us treat with kindness and love. We oppose our government’s “zero tolerance policy” towards immigrants and migrants. It has resulted in the internment of families who in many cases have come to our border seeking safety from violence and deprivation. The criminalization of the asylum process is unconscionable, and we affirm the rights of people who fear domestic violence and gang violence to seek asylum in the United States.

Accompanying this release, you will find A Call to Prayer on the 4th of July, an invitation for all United Methodists of the jurisdiction to join our hearts, minds, and voices in prayer for our immigrant and migrant neighbors. You will also find **A Prayer of Confession** for use by United Methodists of the Western Jurisdiction in our various worship services over the coming week. Finally, you will find **links to resources in each of our Annual Conferences that can guide you to make a difference in your community.** The challenge of working for peace with justice can seem insurmountable, but know that you do not work alone. Together, United Methodists have made and will continue to make a difference in the lives of our immigrant and migrant neighbors.

Yours in Christ,

The Members of the Western Jurisdiction Immigration Task Force

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4th of July Holiday

The office will be closed Wednesday, July 4th - Thursday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day. We pray that all have a fun & safe holiday!

Hiring Part-Time Temp for Adult Learning Center

The Grace Adult Learning Center is looking to hire a part time "seasonal" person to call and answer phones from prospective students, to input records of student data, to help with recruitment and registration, and to be on site during class times. This position will work directly with the church's financial manager.

- 10 -12 hour per week
- August 13th - November 20th (repeated January - April 2019)
- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm - 9:00pm and various daytime hours

Qualifications:

- Good organizational and office skills
- Good clerical skills for data entry
- Good communication skills for speaking with students
- Must be fluent in Spanish
- Must be available in the evenings

Please call Linda Mead (480)924-4706

UMW Gathering

The UMW is going to meet Thursday, July 19th at 9:30am for a movie, snacks and fellowship - more information to follow. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Brodzinski.

Summer Volleyball Schedule

The Adult Recreational Volleyball League's next scheduled match will occur this Monday, July 9th at First UMC Mesa - against the CITD YAH's, starting at 7:00pm. Please see Kay Faris or Scott Swinsick if you have any questions.

July Communion Offering



Thank you to all those that contributed to the Back to School Supply Drive for July's

purchase additional supplies to help fill the gaps in donated items.

Summer Back to School Supply

Drive

July 1st - July 29th

For families struggling to make ends meet, getting all the items for their children to return to school August 8th can be a real strain on their budgets. For many years, the people of Grace UMC have given a helping hand to the families of the children from Sidewalk Ministry and our neighborhood to make sure they are prepared to succeed from the very first day of school.

School Supplies go on sale in July and we are hoping we can count on you to take advantage of great sale prices and help us collect traditional items to fill backpacks. Here are the items needed to assemble grade appropriate backpacks and distribute them to 100 of our Sidewalk Ministry children by Aug. 4th.

- 3 ring wide or narrow rule notebook paper
- #2 Pencils
- Spiral wide or narrow rule notebooks 70 page ct
- Black, blue and red stick ballpoint pens
- 3 ring 1" to 2" binders
- Erasers - brick type and pencil-top
- Pocket folders in various colors
- Colored pencils 12 or 24 count
- Three prong pocket folders in various colors Crayons 24 count
- Rulers
- Pencil boxes
- Basic & Scientific calculators
- Zippered Pencil pouches

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- Dry erase markers
- Permanent Sharpies
- Glue Sticks
- 100 ct boxes of Kleenex
- Protractors/Geometry kits
- Compasses
- Hand sanitizer- personal size
- Lined Index 3 x 5 cards, 100 ct.
- Manuscript/Primary Writing paper pads

If shopping is not possible for you, please consider making a monetary donation to Grace UMC during the drive, marked "School Supplies". We will have our expert shoppers make your dollars stretch to help fill the gaps in donated items to complete the supplies we need for this School Year.

The drive will run from Sunday, July 1 to Sunday, July 29th and there will be collection bins in the Narthex each week. If you know of a family with school-age children who could use help with backpacks for their children this year, or if you have questions, please contact Ginny Hildebrand at 602.909.0240 or ginnyhildebrand9@gmail.com. Thank you.

Grace UMC Food Pantry

Grace's Food Pantry serves numerous individuals needing help in our surrounding community by providing canned goods, cereal and boxed items. The pantry, however, is low on the following items: cereal and canned fruit. If you would like to donate to the pantry, please bring donations to the office or leave in the narthex on Sundays.

Grace's Cooking School

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on Friday, July 6th starting at 6:30pm in Grace's kitchen. If you would like to join, please contact Ginny Hildebrand or show up for class!

Mesa Hydration Donation Campaign

The 12th Annual Mesa Hydration Donation Campaign runs from June 4th through September 14, 2018 and provides supplies of water to people in need. The City of Mesa works with nonprofit agencies and businesses to collect the bottles of water which are distributed through United Food Bank to numerous agencies in the valley, including A New Leaf-East Valley Men's Center, Paz de Cristo and Mesa United Way.



If you would like to donate to this campaign, please click [here](#) to see a list of drop off locations for your water donations.

Birthday Blessings To:

Skyla Swinsick • Monday, July 9th

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Merina Finau • Thursday, July 12th

Ellen White • Friday, July 13th

Isabella Attuso • Saturday, July 14th

Events at Grace UMC:

Sunday, July 8th - Sunday, July 15th

Sunday, July 8th

- 9:00am – Sunday Service
- 9:00am – Children’s Sunday School
- 10:15am – Coffee Fellowship
- 10:15am – Prayer Group
- 10:30am – 50 Years and Now What?

Monday, July 9th

- 9:00am – 12:00pm – Office Hours
- 6:00pm - Emmaus
- 7:00pm – Grace UMC Volleyball

Tuesday, July 10th

- 9:00am – 12:00pm – Office Hours
- 7:00pm – EWA

Wednesday, July 11th

- 9:00am – 12:00pm – Office Hours

Thursday, July 12th

- 9:00am – 12:00pm – Office Hours
- 6:00pm – Disabled Veterans

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Friday, July 13th

No Events

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8:30am – CPR

Sunday, July 15th

9:00am – Sunday Service

9:00am – Children's Sunday School

10:15am – Coffee Fellowship

10:15am – Prayer Group

10:30am – Swanson "50th Anniversary Cupcake Tower Social"

[Click Here to View Grace UMC's Monthly Calendar](#)

Prayer Requests:

Would you like to be part of Grace's Prayer Chain? Please fill out a prayer card with your prayer request(s).

- Toni Corrigan
- Susan Seiferth
- Lilah Rogers
- Brandon Brandaller
- Melissa Sarager
- Mary Ann Noreus
- Dirinda Vallee - Roger's Sister
- Skip Erickson
- John Kelly – Friend
- Lisa & Sam Troutt
- Danielle – A Pastor
- Margaret
- Jack Odirone
- Celeste Innes

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- [Marcia Frazee](#)
- [Francis Kwarteng](#)
- Please continue to pray for those who are seeking employment.

Cancer patients: Toni Corrigan, Celeste Innes, Nancy Troutman, Jaime Johnson, Jack Brown MD, Glen Kirch, Sharon, Melissa Watkins, Ted Sarager, Peggy Howk, Becky, John Ciani, Keith, Lori Howard

Remember in your prayers our Homebound Members: Darleen Schettler, Shalto Baney, Ramona Baney, Mae Buckles, Dorothy Gosney, JoAnn Hinz, Thelma Jones, Marian McLane, Ray Warnock, Clara France, Ed Schewe, Gary Nicks, Joyce Fritz

Please pray for the following churches during the month of July: White Mountain UMC – Show Low, Wesley UMC – Phoenix, Wesley Foundation at ASU – Tempe, Velda Rose UMC – Mesa

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