

May 2026 UWF articles

May UWF Meeting

The United Women in Faith (UWF) will meet on Thursday, May 14 in the Carson Valley United Methodist Church, education room. The monthly potluck luncheon begins at 11:30 am and the program with the City of Refuge Baby Shower begins at 12:15 pm. Everyone is welcome. The list of City of Refuge needs are posted on the UWF bulletin board. If you cannot attend, please bring your **wrapped** gift and put in the baby basket in the Narthex.

April UWF Meeting Recap

The program for the April UWF meeting was presented by Juan Guzman and Judy Larquier of the Carson Valley Trail Association. <https://carsonvalleytrails.org/> They shared information on the development of local trails and how land can be conserved for open spaces. Their website has information on more than 60 miles of trails in our local area. UWF also voted on their selection for a Heifer International \$500 donation which included a gift of clean water, a goat, Earth Gift basket and a flock of chickens.

UWF Officers

One of the continuing United Women in Faith officers is Secretary, Linda Malconian.

She grew up in Southern California, the eldest of six siblings. Linda's childhood summers were at beach, Disneyland and Knotts Berry Farm and skiing in Big Bear in winter. Living there allowed her to see the Beatles at Dodger stadium in 1964, ride in Goodyear blimp 1999 and attended many concerts at the Hollywood bowl, including Tom Jones, Rod Stewart, Cyndi Lauper and John Williams concerts.

Linda had 2 children- son, Michael and daughter Randi and 2 grandchildren- Leilani -20, Zayden - 12. She worked in banking then got into corporate work which she loved for Mitsubishi Electric for almost 30 years

One of her passions was philanthropy at Mitsubishi, chairing their philanthropy committee and always involved planning and organizing fundraisers and service projects for children with disabilities. Her work allowed her to travel all over the country. She's used that talent to help plan several UWF special events.

Linda retired from Mitsubishi 2020 and moved to Gardnerville to help her mom

She enjoys people, outdoor concerts, board/card games, movies, golf, photography (amateur- clouds and sunsets) and scrapbooking, It took her four years to make her mom a scrapbook of her life which she gave to her on her 80th birthday.

Mission U is Coming!

Each year, United Women in Faith develops three justice-focused Biblical curricula for adults, youth, and children, all on a common theme. In 2026, our theme is **Experiencing Emmanuel**. There will be two more Mission U sessions this summer: June 20 - Mission U - Willow Glen, San Jose and July 24-26 - Mission U - ECCO, Oakland. Mission U program and registration information is on our UWF bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall or visit the UWF website at https://mcusercontent.com/fe2d796c442f648c939d899ae/files/2590afa4-5865-460d-db94-ec5b4816ba96/Mission_u_2026_flyer_with_registration_and_QR_code.pdf

United Women in Faith Craft Workshops!

Hope to see you on the first and third Mondays from 9:30 - noon for the 2026 Craft Workshops. The next workshop will be Monday, May 4 and May 18 in the Education Room. Everyone is welcome! All levels of skill and talent! Craft supplies are provided so just bring yourself and any ideas you might have for new crafts. The Heavenly Holiday Market on Saturday November 7 will be here before we know it!

Timeless Treasures

Please bring your boutique-quality treasures to the church education room on the 3rd Monday of each month between 10 AM and 12 noon. The next collection day will be Monday, May 18 If you think someone would like to receive an item as a gift, it probably will be perfect for us. No clothing, please. Thank you all for your help! Your donations are the reason Timeless Treasures will be successful. Contact Alison Grey, Marsha Gallegos, or Brenda Hulphers with any questions.

Where Do Craft Faire Proceeds Go? - Part 3

People sometimes ask, "Why do **United Women in Faith** members work so hard to raise money with their craft faire?" Good question! All of the profits from the UWF Heavenly Holiday Market the first Saturday of November are given away to more than twenty local, national and international charities and missions that focus on women and children. This month we will highlight **Empty Bowls and Earth Angels** that receive funds from our local UWF.

For 25 years, **Earth Angels** has provided support to families experiencing disease, death or emergencies. Helen Clark started this group of volunteers to help families grieving the loss of a child. Over the years they expanded their effort for children in the hospital or foster care, veterans going through cancer treatment, and others in need of comfort. Earth Angels is there with handmade blankets, hats gowns. They work with hospitals and community health centers in Northern California and Nevada.

During 2025, Earth Angels volunteers provided 541 children's quilted or crocheted blankets, 730 comfort blankets for women, men and teens, 123 adult and teen hats, 128 baby & child hats, 174 full tern baby hats & booties, 125 blessing gowns for preemies or babies that have passed away.

Empty Bowls brings together community groups and individual potters to make bowls. The group holds a dinner fundraising event in October where local restaurants donate soups, salads and pastas and attendees can purchase handmade bowls. Douglas County Empty Bowls donates its proceeds to the Carson Valley Community Food Closet. Community. Diners are encouraged to purchase bowls that serve as a reminder of those struggling with hunger in the community. In past years UWF have made bowls for the event.

2026 UWF Reading Program

All women of UWF are encouraged to read! Women or men can start reading now to complete the requirements for a 2026 reading certificate. All UWF books are located on the UWF bookshelf in the conference room at church. Books from 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 suggested reading list are available and will count for credit in 2026. The 2026 books are available on the top shelf of the church library for checkout. To earn a reading certificate for 2026, one book from each of the following categories must be read: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, and Spiritual Growth. Contact Pam Forest with any questions.

Ghostwriters: Enslaved Christians and the Making of the Bible

Have you ever wondered who physically wrote the Bible's New Testament? Candida Moss explains how the New Testament was written in her book God's Ghostwriters: Enslaved Christians and the Making of the Bible. Enslaved Christians were instrumental in the spread of Christianity. The disciples dictated Jesus's teachings to enslaved workers who used shorthand to capture their stories on wax tablets. The enslaved people later transferred the information from the wax tablets into parchment paper or papyrus. This was a very arduous process. Other enslaved people were trained readers who would deliver the gospel at parties and gatherings hosted by their enslavers. Candida Moss's book provides a glimpse of what life was like in the Roman occupied areas. She also explains how the enslaved workers were so important in the spread of Christianity. This book can be checked out of the church library. It is located in the UWF bookshelf along with many other interesting books. Please visit our church library and broaden your horizons!

UWF Calendar Items

May 4 - UWF Craft Workshop

May 5 - UWF Board Meeting - 10 am

May 14 - UWF Luncheon Meeting & City of Refuge Baby Shower - 11:30-1 pm

May 15-17 - UWF Assembly in Indianapolis

May 18 - UWF Craft Workshop

May 18 - UWF Timeless Treasures

May 29-30 - Mission U - St. Paul's UMC Reno

June 20 - Mission U - Willow Glen, San Jose

July 24-26 - Mission U - ECCO, Oakland

July 24-26 - UWF District Spiritual Retreat

August 22 - UWF Summer Event

Oct. 10 - UWF Annual District Celebration

Nov. 7 - Heavenly Holiday Market

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