

# THE PREVIEW

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*Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors*

**MAY 2024**



*Liberty Voices*

## Performance at PUMC Wow's Crowd

The world-renown "Liberty Voices" wow'd the crowd of 300-plus attendees for a concert in Agape Hall on Sunday, April 14. The *a cappella* Americana vocal group, known for its acoustic performances at Disney's EPCOT Center, performed during the 10:30AM worship hour serenading the assembly with old-time ballads, tight choral songs and exquisite eight-voice harmonies.

"This was a special opportunity to see one of the finest musical groups I know," said Rev. Dan Hurlbert, "and we are most fortunate to have these great voices here from all corners of the country." The group members converged from Florida, Texas, New Jersey, California and Illinois to perform at Prescott United Methodist Church.

Led by Dirk Donahue, the group included: Whitney Meyer and Elizabeth Garozzo (sopranos), Christy Dillon and Carter Maysilles (altos), Josh Szolomayer and Nathan Meyer (tenors), Aaron Stratton (baritone), and Jay Roth (bass). The performance was a PUMC community outreach event.

When EPCOT opened in 1982, the "Voices of Liberty" (Disney's name for the group) were an opening day attraction and have sung in the acoustically perfect rotunda in The American Adventure ever since.



PUMC Spelling Bee champion Avery was asked for another spelling of "Farm" at the Liberty Voices concert, to the delight of all. [Hint: "E-I-E-I-O!"]

## Wednesday Event Set for May 8, Highlights of General Conference

Pastor Dan returns from the "2020" UMC General Conference to provide keynote comments and to summarize decisions made. His highlights, observations and comments will be at PUMC's "Wednesday evening event" rescheduled for May 8 and beginning at 5pm.

The once-every-four-years General Conference for 2020 was postponed due to the COVID pandemic and rescheduled for April 23-May 3, 2024 (*editor's note: the future "2024 General Conference" will convene in 2026*). Pastor Dan is a voting delegate at this event.

More than 1,200 legislative actions and constitutional amendments were scheduled

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## Dan's Deliberations

Ah... Spring!  
...my favorite time of year!

April 22 to May 4 of 2024 I will be away attending the postponed session of the 2020 General Conference of the United Methodist Church. I am one of 862 voting delegates and the only pastor from Arizona to be a voter. I was elected to this office by my peers in 2018. It is an honor to be selected by one's colleagues for this role.

General Conference is the legislative body of the United Methodist Church and the only group able to make policy changes. It is scheduled to meet every four years, but was unable to do so in 2020 due to the pandemic. Approximately 55% of delegates come from the USA with the remainder coming from Africa, Europe, and Asia (most notably the Philippines).

The bulk of our work is legislative. For preparation I have studied around 1600 pages of legislation containing about 1200 individual petitions. All of these petitions will be dealt with, in one way or another, during the 10-day conference. The majority will not make it out of committee.

Of the legislation before us what I am most hopeful about is the "worldwide regionalization" plan which consists of eight petitions, one of which is a constitutional amendment.

Currently our church functions like one giant body and, particularly in the USA, and is not allowed to adjust our plans for ministry to fit our context. Please note that beliefs and core values don't change because of context, but practice does. Worldwide regionalization will give the USA the same power that already exists within the rest of the world ...most notably, the power to change some of the rules to fit our context of ministry.

There are many other vital pieces of legislation, as well. More later.

Here is what I am asking of you today. Please pray for the Conference and me. We all need the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit. We also need stamina.

In addition, please come to the Wednesday, May 8 program (that begins at 5PM) where I will tell you all that I can in a hour about what happened in Charlotte, NC, at the postponed GC 2020.

See you in our worldwide church,

— *Pastor Dan*



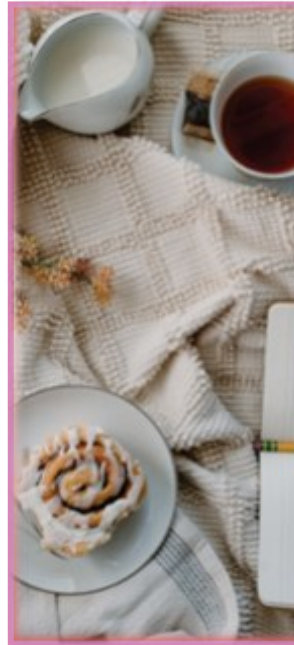
# UMC General Conference Highlights at May 8 "Wednesday" Dinner Event

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for consideration, debate and decision-making at the Conference. These included an end to the denomination's bans related to LGBTQ community members, as well as issues and proposed changes associated with disaffiliation, regionalization, revised social principles, clergy retirement, and the future of the church.

At the opening session, Council of Bishops President Thomas Bickerton encouraged delegates to embrace a "spirit of hope" and commit to the revitalization of the Church. "It is time to move forward as a denomination with new purpose and energy," he said.

As the only voting delegate from Arizona to the quadrennial Conference, Dan will provide insight and additional commentary on how some of the Conference decisions will impact the local church moving forward, and summarize recent Judicial Council rulings. The Conference concludes May 3, will not reconvene until 2026.



You are cordially invited to  
**United Women in Faith**

**ANNUAL Women's Tea**

**May 4 @ 10AM**  
Agape Hall

To make reservations, call:  
**Vicki Scott or Terri Gollhofer**  
(928) 776-2477 — (928) 227-0374

Signup sheet in narthex.  
We look forward to serving you.

## MISSIONS COMMITTEE FOCUS FOR MAY



**Shoes From the Shepherd**  
Helps low-income children begin the academic year with a great start.

**SHOES FROM THE SHEPHERD**

Prescott United Methodist Church

## BLOOD DRIVE

**Monday, May 6, 2024 - 10AM to 2PM**  
in Esther Hall

To schedule you're your lifesaving appoint, call  
1-877-25-VITAL (258-4825)



United Methodist Men's

## Breakfast

\$7 per person  
9AM - Mary's Parlor

**Saturday, May. 11**

RSVP to C.E. Mahan  
cemahan75@gmail.com



*Please be Praying for...*



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|------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Bob Alexander    | Jim Green          |                |
| Betty Bartlee    | Jean Hazlett       |                |
| Marvin Betts     | Susan Leonard      |                |
| LaDonna Breese   | Les Mammen         | Joe Samford    |
| Joanne Burnett   | Delores Martell    | Amy Seigler    |
| Malcom Calhoun   | Marilyn Millsbaugh | Bob Severy     |
| Maggie Cox       | Andy Nordstrom     | Karen Severy   |
| Lucille Crawford | LaRue Opp          | Jim Soileau    |
| Marcia Dunham    | Zane Rice          | Vera Stewart   |
| Gene Fritts      | Clydene Rice       | Vivian Swanson |

## SPECIAL PRAYERS

Continued Prayers for our country and the world...for God's guidance and mercy as we move forward in this time of uncertainty...for those who have lost loved ones...for those affected by tragedies both here and abroad, as well as those impacted by the ongoing violence and warfare in our world.



**Congratulations to those celebrating "significant" anniversaries (50+ years)\***

**25th - Donna & Marv Heidenreich .....56 years**

*\*Names and dates supplied through PUMC's database. If you are anticipating an anniversary of 50+ years and would like to be listed, contact church office; provide anniversary day and year.*



The ruins of Wupatki will be a featured destination of Carpool Caravans for May 31. The day-trip will also lunch at the historic Cameron Trading Post, as well as visit the Sunset Crater.

# Wupatki Ruins, Sunset Crater on Caravan Agenda

The May Carpool Caravan will take participants on a tour of Arizona's geology and history. Our destination will be the Sunset Crater – a volcano that erupted about a thousand years ago – and Wupatki ruins, the center of a thriving culture less than 800 years ago.

We will leave from the church on Friday, May 31, at 7:30AM [note the earlier time] and plan to return at about 5:30PM. Lunch will be at the historic Cameron Trading Post, still a commercial center for the region.

Wupatki is a well-preserved example of life in the area before the arrival of Europeans. Although the walk through the ruins is lengthy, it is possible to enjoy the visitor center and overlooks with little exertion. Much the same is true of Sunset Crater.

A Carpool Caravan is a day-trip to a popular destination in which each driver makes space available for passengers who don't want to drive. Each person is responsible for his/her own expenses during the day and agrees to help with the cost of the gas.

A signup sheet will be available after worship services beginning May 4. You may also sign up by contacting Paul/Susan Wolfe, (928) 443-7514, or email [wolfeden@ix.netcom.com](mailto:wolfeden@ix.netcom.com). – Paul Wolfe



In April, several of the Carpool Caravans visited the Fort Verde Museum (in Verde Valley) adorned in period clothing.

## Prayer & Bible Study Group

Thursdays 10AM ☐ Upper Room

*“Context – Putting Scripture in its Place”*

Leader: Beth Peters

## “Sunday's Bible Story TODAY”

Wednesday

Bible Study

Open to everyone  
...not just residents

at Las Fuentes, 9AM  
Craft room, First floor

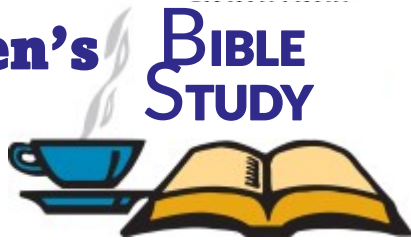
Las Fuentes Resort Living Facility, 1035 Scott Dr., Prescott

## UMC Men's BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays

9:00AM

Upper Room



## WOMEN SHARING FAITH BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays, 3pm - Douglas

Study runs through May 16

*No experience necessary.*

*Explore how Christianity got its start and*



## Servant Images: **Bob & Julie Huck**

If Julie and Bob Huck were inanimate electrical objects I would label them both as “live wires.” It would be very fitting. So it’s proper to count several of the many ways that they qualify for the reference when it comes to ecumenical and other worthy pursuits. First, let’s observe some of Julie’s manifold undertakings.

Her PUMC involvement includes participation in the Chancel Choir, current chairperson of the Church Council and past chair of the Finance Committee. She has taught several “Uke Can Do It” classes to elementary school kids, and performs in a band called “Kindred Sisters” in which she strums an ukulele and a bass guitar. The other “Sisters” are Gena Soileau (guitar and banjo) and Dianne Tennant-Rucker (harmonica, acoustic guitar, autoharp and many percussion pieces).

Julie’s community involvement includes past Big Brothers/Big Sisters board member and as a two-time past board member (and chair) of the Prescott YMCA where she and Bob work out, along with swimming at Yavapai College. Both she and Bob were members of the hugely popular Kiwanis Jug Band that was an entertainment mainstay in Prescott years ago.

As for Bob’s church activities, he “was raised in the Episcopal denomination but decided that he liked the less formal Methodist church,” explains Julie, “so I convinced him to switch, and we have been members of PUMC for close to 40 years. And he was an assistant for the “Uke Can Do It” class this year.”

In the community involvement realm, he “continues as an active member of the Prescott Kiwanis Club, primary songwriter for the Jug Band that no longer performs regularly but wowed the local entertainment venue in years past,” she adds. “He loves Lake Powell and occasionally competes as a Master Swimmer.”

Julie was born in San Fernando, California, where her dad, the late-Bob Fiske, served as pastor at a Methodist church. The family moved to Hawaii “where Dad served as a Methodist minister in Honolulu and Hilo,” Julie adds. “My two brothers were both born in Hawaii where I obtained my B.S. in Hotel and Restaurant Management from the University of Hawaii.”

Incidentally, her parents moved to Prescott in 1994 after Bob’s 30 years of service in the UMC ministry, and they purchased the home in the pines where husband Bob and Julie started their family. Both were active in various PUMC capacities prior to their passing.

Husband Bob was born in Phoenix, AZ, and obtained a B.A. in Economics from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. After college, he went to Adelaide (South Australia) on a Rotary scholarship. His next move took him to Honolulu where he was a housemate with his brother Bill, who was serving in the U.S. Navy. It was there he met Julie.



“Bob moved to Prescott first to enter into restaurant ownership with an old high school friend,” notes Julie. “He decided that I was worth hanging onto, so I moved to Prescott upon completing my college degree. We went back to Hawaii to get married, but have lived in Prescott for more than 44 years.”

Bob says, “Meeting and marrying Julie is the best thing that ever happened to me.”

The Hucks have four grown children. Julie says, “Our oldest, Daniel, lives in Durango, Colorado, with his wife, Kaille, and two children, with a third on the way. Second son Nathan lives in Phoenix with wife Ali and their two children, also with a third on the way. Third son Kyle lives in Portland, Oregon, with wife Danielle. Our daughter, Maili, lives in Phoenix with husband Chad and their three-month-old daughter. So far, we have five grandchildren aged four and under, with two more on the way in May!”

So it goes. – *Jerry Jackson*

As a postscript, here’s just a little poke concerning the aforementioned Kiwanis Jug Band, the ensemble that wow’d audiences at Acker Music Night during the 1990s and 2000s. Spoofing area politicians and celebrities with hilarious re-wording of familiar tunes was their specialty.

Mimicking Julie and Bob, here is a poke with same by butchering of musical lines from the classic 1940s musical *Oklahoma*. Cowboy Curly would open the sound track by warbling “*There’s a bright golden haze on the meadow....*” Well, herewith are localized lines:

There’s a bright golden haze there on Thumb Butte,  
there’s a bright golden haze there on Thumb Butte.  
The corn is as high as a Saint Bernard’s eye,  
and with temperatures warming might soar  
to “thigh-high”....

With apologies to both Rodgers & Hammerstein. – JJ

# Great Summer

## DRIVE FOR KIDS JUNE 1-JULY 15

For youth served by Shoes from the Shepherd, Lincoln School, Prescott Area Shelter Services, Yavapai College Food Pantry, Stepping Stones, 5th Sunday Mission Project—PUMC kids

**Baby Supplies** - Diapers Size 5

**Cleaning Supplies** - Clorox Wipes - Paper Towels - Kleenex - Kitchen Trash Bags - Gallon Zips - Small Zips - Hand Sanitizer

**Craft Supplies** - Elmers/School Glue - Glue Sticks - Construction Paper - Paint & Paper - Crayons - Small Scissors

**Clothing** - New Socks in original packaging (especially large boys & mens) - Inexpensive sweat pants for Kindergarteners

**Non-Perishable Food** - Peanut Butter- Canned Tuna - Soup - Canned Fruit - Protein Bars - Juice - Ramen - Cereal - Canned Meals (i.e., chili) - Mac & Cheese - Individually Wrapped Kids Snacks - Dried Beans (lots)

**School Supplies** - #2 Pencils, Washable Markers - Pens - Copy Paper - Notebooks - Folders - Loose-Leaf Lined Paper - Graph Paper - Back Packs

**Toys** - Squirt Guns - Super Soakers - Pails & Buckets - Hula Hoops - Outdoor activities

*This is your opportunity to help sort and distribute. Collection runs June 1 thru July 15. Bins will be available. In advance, thank you for your support for the Kids!*

— Mary Bauer, Missions Committee

## Upcoming Events



- ◆ **Koinonia Class Every Sunday Morn**  
*Study theme classes at 10:30AM in Douglas or via Zoom.* “Hebrews, James and Those Other Letters” series cover New Testament letters not commonly attributed to Apostle Paul. Contact Paul Wolfe for details.
- ◆ **UW-Faith Women’s Tea, May 4**  
*Tea begins at 10AM in Agape Hall:* Signup sheets in Narthex; contact Vicki Scott or Terri Gollhofer.
- ◆ **PUMC Vitalant Blood Drive, May 6**  
*10am to 2pm in Esther Hall:* Schedule your appointment by calling 1-877-258-4825. Save a life!
- ◆ **First Wednesday Event on May 8**  
**DATE CHANGE:** Pastor Dan returns from UMC General Conference. “First Wednesday” program begins at 5PM to provide overview/recap of international meeting.
- ◆ **Hooked on Books Moves to May 9**  
**DATE CHANGE this month!** Karon Keeler hosts monthly book club in the Library, Thursday at 10AM. No meetings in June or July; reconvene Thursday, Aug. 1.
- ◆ **UMMen’s Breakfast set for May 11**  
*Full breakfast meeting in Mary’s Parlor begins at 9AM!* RSVP to C.E. Mahan at cemahan75@gmail.com.
- ◆ **Children’s Musical-Theater Camp**  
*Registration Open for Youth Music-Theater Camp. May 28-May 31, 9AM-4PM; performance June 1, 5PM.* \$50/child for week; includes lunch & snacks. Scholarships available. Call office (928-778-1950) for sign up.
- ◆ **Mission Outreach for May**  
*Shoes from the Shepherd* — in support of annual event that helps low-income children begin the academic year with a great start.

- ◆ **Cruisers’ Saturday Night Social**  
**SAVE THE DATE: June 8 – 6PM ice cream and pizza social** immediately following the evening worship service.
- ◆ **Godly Play at 10:30AM Sundays**  
*Youth (K-8) activity following Children’s Moment*

## Hooked on Books

a “United Women in Faith” sponsored book club

Contact Karon Keeler, 928-515-3342, oskeelers@gmail.com

**Special Date: Thursday, May 9**

Regular first-Monday meeting was changed due to prep time for the May 4 Women’s Tea. Study will be “*They Called Us Enemy*” by George Takei, lessons learned from being interned as a WWII Japanese-American.

No meetings in June and July, but we are still reading! We’ll meet again on Thursday, August 1, to discuss the June book, “*Our Strangely Warmed Hearts, Coming Out into God’s Call*” by Karen P. Oliveto.

The July book (to be discussed also) is “*30 Days with E. Stanley Jones: Global Preacher, Social Justice Prophet*” by John Harnish. All books available at church office for you to check out.

**Book discussion & fellowship offers time to relax together sharing!**



SLOWALK for Better Brains

Thursdays,  
10am in Douglas

Contact Mary Lea Adkins, 928-830-2355

# Support, Service & Fellowship Groups

## ALZHEIMER'S ASSN. SUPPORT

Meets 1st and 3rd Monday (**May 6, May 20**), 10AM in Deborah. CONTACT: Allan Richstein, (928) 379-2924.

## BLIND/LOW VISION SUPPORT

Meets 2nd Wednesday (**May 8**) of month in Douglas. CONTACT: Pat Clingman, (928) 713-5520.

## BRIDGE

Meets 1st Monday (**May 13**), 12:30PM in Esther Hall. CONTACT: Nancy Clark, (928) 642-8665.

## CARDS OF CARING

Meets 1st Thursday (**May 2**), 2PM in Douglas. CONTACT: Nola Burkhard, (978) 846-2046, nolaburkhard@icloud.com

## CARPOOL CARAVAN

Monthly day-trip to a regional destination. **May 31** to Sunset Crater, Cameron Trading Post, Wupatki Ruins. CONTACT: Paul & Susan Wolfe, (928) 443-7514.

## COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

Meets 2nd Tuesday (**May 14**), 1:30PM, Purple Room. CONTACT: Marilyn DeVan, marilynlddev@gmail.com

## GRANITE CREEK HUNGER MINISTRY

Meets Saturdays, 11AM at Granite Creek Park. CONTACT: Jim/Carol Lark, carol.lark4594@gmail.com

## HOOKED ON BOOKS

Meets Thursday (**May 9**), 10AM in Library. CONTACT: Karon Keeler, (928) 515-3342, doskeelers@gmail.com

## METHODIST CRUISERS

Meets 2nd Tuesday (**May 8**), 12NOON in Douglas or a local destination. CONTACT: Jim Myers, (928) 237-0677.

## PRAYER QUILTERS

Meet as needed. *All who sew welcome!* Call (928) 778-1950.

## SLOW WALKERS FOR BETTER BRAINS

New group every Thursday,, 10AM in Douglas. CONTACT: Mary Lea Adkins, (928) 830-2355.

## UNITED METHODIST MEN

Meet 2nd Saturday, (**May 11**) 9AM for coffee (off campus) or breakfast in Mary's Parlor. CONTACT: C.E. Mahan

## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Meets 2nd Saturday (**May 11**), 10:30AM in Douglas. CONTACTS: Terri Gollhofer or Vicki Scott

## YARN TWISTERS - KNITTING & CROCHET

Meets 4th Monday (**May 27**), 2PM in Upper Room. CONTACT: Phyllis Rhyner, phrhyner@gmail.com

## ADULT STUDY GROUPS

### ◆ KOINONIA CLASS - HYBRID MEETING

Sundays, 10:30AM - Live in Douglas and on **ZOOM**. Paul Wolfe, wolfeden@ix.netcom.com

### ◆ UMC MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, 9AM - Upper Room  
CONTACT: Bob Baker (928) 771-2157.

### ◆ PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays, 10AM - Upper Room;  
"Gospel of Mark" - LEADER: Beth Peters.

### ◆ Sunday's Bible Story Today

Wednesdays, 9AM - Las Fuentes Resort Living, 1035 Scott Dr., Craft Room, 1st floor. Open to ALL, not just residents. Pastor Dan's Bible study.

### ◆ WOMEN SHARING FAITH BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays, 3PM, Douglas; new study: "The Gospel on the Ground," Christy Coutts, (760) 220-6966.

### ◆ WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, 10AM via **ZOOM**.  
LEADER: Peggy Rambikur, peg.mos@hotmail.com

### ◆ WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays (**Apr. 2, Apr. 16**), 6PM via **ZOOM**. LEADER: Rev. Patti Blackwood

## Methodist Cruisers

The weather is so inviting that shining up the rides is first priority. Our Willow Winds Assisted Living Center show was a hit. On May 8, we will celebrate at the Las Fuentes Care Center.

Our annual family social is June 8 at 6PM. Pizza, ice cream and dancing are the the agenda of the evening. This time of year our meeting places are on the move, so call Jim Myers – (928) 237-0677 – if you're not sure where we're meeting.



The Cruisers honored Al Cheney at his memorial service by serving root beer floats.

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday, 9AM - 4PM  
**CLOSED ON FRIDAYS**

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Wherever you are in your faith journey, you have found a home at Prescott United Methodist Church, "for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all people." (Isaiah 56:7) We seek to be an active and diverse body united through Christ. We include all persons without regard to age, race, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender identity, marital status, socio-economic level, religious affiliation, or personal ability.

**"We welcome all and exclude no one."**

— Supported by Church Council, 2/17/2015

## Worship In-Person

Saturdays - 5PM

Sundays - 9AM and 10:30AM In Agape Hall

### Children's Sunday School

At the 10:30AM Worship Service, children are dismissed following the "Children's Moment" and escorted to the Sunday School Rooms to enjoy a creative, imaginative approach to Christian formation and spiritual guidance.

**During worship, masks are optional.**

## Worship Online

Every Saturday at 5PM and  
Sunday at 9AM and 10:30AM

on PUMC's Facebook.com/PrescottUMC page or on YouTube video. You can still watch the services even if you do not make it in time to watch it "live."

**"Prayer Time" - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday  
at 2PM on Facebook.**





# Hooked on Books meets 5/9, No meeting June, July, but...

Dear 'Hooked on Books Sisters' plus any ladies who would like to join as we read interesting books suggested on the United Women in Faith Reading Program list. These books open our eyes and minds to people and situations we haven't thought about before.



Note: Our 'Hooked on Books' meeting date was changed from May 2 to **May 9** due to prep time for the **Women's Tea set for May 4**. Please make your reservations for the tea through the church office or by calling Vicki Scott at (928) 776-2477, so we know how many tables to set up and how many ladies to plan for!

For **May 9**, we will be experiencing a book in a new way with the "comic style graphic book" written by George Takei, titled "**They Called Us Enemy**".

This book is a fast read and Takei reveals important lessons of the WWII Japanese-American incarceration that still need to be learned today. He revisits his haunting childhood in American concentration camps, as one of the 120,000 Japanese-Americans imprisoned by the U.S. government during World War II.

## Hooked on Books

"Hooked on Books" will not meet in June and July, but *we are still reading!* We'll meet again in August to discuss the June book, "**Our Strangely Warmed Hearts, Coming Out into God's Call**" by Karen P. Oliveto. Ms. Oliveto discloses how spiritual renewal and a personal call to ministry now emerges in the strangely warmed hearts of lesbian and gay Christians. This book includes first-person narratives from LGBTQ persons faithfully serving in a denomination that denies their calls and – in some cases their presence.

For July, our book will be "**30 Days with E. Stanley Jones: Global Preacher, Social Justice Prophet**" by John Harnish. This book dives into 30 short, inspiring true stories about the life of E. Stanley Jones (1984-1973), described as the "greatest missionary since Saint Paul."

His work brought him into close contact with Mahatma Gandhi and other Indian leaders. His writings are said to have influenced Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s nonviolent approach to injustice.

Both of these books should bring us into some good discussions on **Thursday, August 1**, when we meet again. The books will be in the church office for you to check out.

Please let Karon Keeler know if you check out a book and when you return it so others can select one to read also. Contact Karon at home phone: (928) 515-3342 or by email: [doskeelers@gmail.com](mailto:doskeelers@gmail.com) = **Karon Keeler**