

The Vision

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“For the VISION is for the days yet to come.” *Daniel 10:14*

October 2024

Do Unto Others

By Rev. Ann Lyter

The Golden Rule: “In everything do to others as you would have them do to you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.” (Matthew 7:12)

Do you know what else is the Law and the Prophets? “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” (Matthew 22:37b-40)

Almost every religion has a version of the Golden Rule. Thirty years ago the "Declaration Toward a Global Ethic" from the Parliament of the World's Religions proclaimed the Golden Rule ("We must treat others as we wish others to treat us") as the common principle for many religions.

So if this idea is so universal, why is it so rarely seen, especially during election season? Repeatedly I see Facebook posts about people unfriending people, nastiness abounds, and rumors spread without any truth (like the recent unfounded rumor of immigrants eating pets that resulted in threats of violence disrupting an entire community). With divisiveness—and anxiety about that divisiveness—at an all-time high, how does our faith equip us to survive, and perhaps even thrive spiritually, in this moment? From everyone’s viewpoint (diverse to be sure), there is a lot at stake for the wellbeing of our lives, our families, our communities, and our world.

And what do we do when, as I said recently in a sermon, as United Methodists we are called to transform the world and, “anything that could

‘transform the world,’ smacks of politics.” How can we be faithful to our calling to transform the world if we haven’t figured out how to talk with each other about politics and to do so in accordance with the Golden Rule?

I certainly don’t have all the answers. But what we DO have are the teachings of Jesus—also someone who lived in turbulent times—to help us know what matters most. He invited us to focus on what a world would be like if we treated others in incredibly generous ways... not because we agree with them (remember the “love your enemies” of Mathew 5:44?) but because we know what it feels like to receive that kind of love.

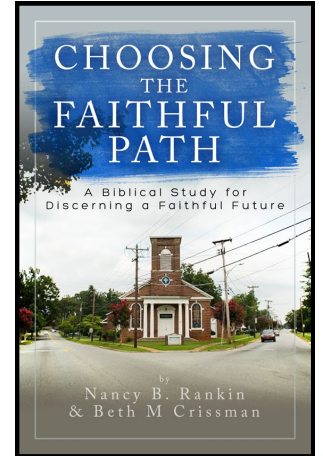
I believe that we can (and must) say these things out loud in our worship—risking vulnerability in a way that honors the fragility of the moment. I believe we are called to gather around the Light of Christ and remember how Jesus called together friends and foes and offered the grace and love of God indiscriminately. I know this can be a scary proposition, but what if the church could model coming together to care for one another in the midst of what feels like so much hate and distrust? The word “revolution” originated from a word defined as “finding a course around a central point.” What if we could have a “revolution of kindness” with Christ at the center? If we can’t do it here and now, where and when “for God’s sake” will we? And that is why I am excited to share with all of you, the worship series:

Do Unto Others.
With themes of
Kindness, Compassion,
Humility, Respect, and
Love.



Book Study Beginning on October 30

The Annual Conference is presenting “Choosing the Faithful Path”, a Wednesday Bible Study that will be taught by our District Superintendent Rev. Melissa Rynders and Conference Director of New and Vital Faith, Rev. Rachel Gilmore. As the book jacket describes it, “Churches today are at a critical ‘fork in the road’ where we need to assess what we are able, willing, and committed to do in fulfilling Christ’s Call and Commission of the Church.” Velda Rose UMC will undertake this study on Wednesday afternoons, from 1 to 2 pm, in the Library, beginning on October 30, and meeting each Wednesday through November 20, 2024. Everyone is encouraged to come and be part of the conversation. Books will be provided at no charge, but we will need to order them in advance so if you will attend, please sign up or let the office know.



October as Prayer Month: Prayer Chain—Prayer Circle

Prayer is vitally important to our faithful discipleship as Christians, and to our faithful mission as a congregation. Pastor Ann would like focus on prayer in the month of October in two distinct ways:

- ◇ Prayer Chain: With the resignation of the previous coordinator for the Prayer Chain due to health reasons, we need to re-energize our prayer ministry with a new prayer chain. A prayer chain functions by having a group of people who commit to calling each other and sharing prayer requests “down the chain.” Being part of the Velda Rose Prayer Chain involves getting a call, noting the prayer request, calling the next person in the chain to share that prayer request. And, of course, every member of the chain must then be sure to pray for that prayer request. If you are willing to be part of the chain, send an email to pastorann@veldarose.org and put “Prayer Chain” in the subject. If you are willing to be the coordinator, let Pastor Ann know that too.
- ◇ Prayer Circle/Service: With the Book Study that starts on October 30 being early on Wednesday afternoons, Pastor Ann has decided NOT to try to have a book study at 4 pm. Instead, she will be in the chapel for prayer on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm, beginning October 16 (coincidentally, **the day choir practice resumes!**). Anyone can join her for this time of prayer.

Being part of a prayer chain or a prayer circle is a powerful way to connect with other Christians, to connect with the world, and to connect with God.



October Sunday Services at 9:30 AM

OCTOBER 6

*Blue and Red
Make Purple:
Kindness*

Luke 6:31-36

Pastor Ann

OCTOBER 13

*The Polarization
Within:
Compassion*

Isaiah 11:6-9

Pastor Ann

OCTOBER 20

*Listen More,
Speak Less:
Humility*

Ephesians 4:1-6

Pastor Chan

OCTOBER 27

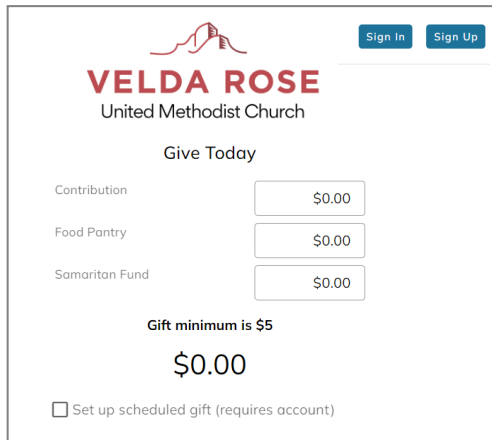
*Living Together
on Uncommon
Ground: Respect*

1 Cor. 12:1-26

Pastor Ann

New Online Giving Platform Changeover Cutoff Oct. 15

Servant Keeper Online Giving has officially launched! Whether you'd like to give once, or set up one or more recurring gifts, here's how to get started:



Sample of the online giving form via veldarose.org

1. **Visit Our Website:** Go to www.veldarose.org.
2. **Access the Giving Form:** Click on the orange "Give" buttons, or navigate to the Giving Page by clicking on the "Connect" tab at the top of the page and selecting "Give".

3. **Create Your Account:** Once you see the online giving form (see example on left), click the blue "sign up" button at the top right of the screen and follow the on-screen instructions to create your account (make sure to use the same email address that receives communications from VRUMC).
4. **For recurring gifts,** once you've set up your account and are back on the Giving Form and have entered your gifts, check the "Set up scheduled Gift" box at the bottom (see example on left) to choose a start date and recurring gift details.

All accounts on our previous online giving platform will be discontinued on October 15. Once you've set up a recurring schedule on the new platform, contact Jessica at 480-832-2111 or officeadmin@veldarose.org to avoid giving from both platforms. Need assistance? Feel free to reach out to Jessica via phone or email.

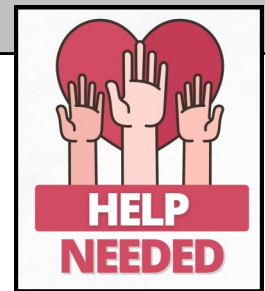
Velda Rose UMC's Food Pantry

NEWS FROM THE FOOD PANTRY



October brings with it the winds of change as Mary Burns steps into big shoes and takes on the leadership of our Food Pantry. Continuing in a long line of people who make the needs of others a mission priority, Mary has a heart for service and is looking forward to helping to care for our community and keep our pantry open to serve our neighbors in need.

In this time of transition, Mary is looking for additional volunteers so the work of caring for others, and the joy of being in service, is shared among many. "Many hands make light work." She is also working to ensure that our pantry is sustainable. After a summer of increased demands and increased food costs, Mary is looking forward to making our neighbors in need a mission priority and finding ways to make our mission dollars go further.



As always, our pantry is in need of non-perishable foods, including canned vegetables, pasta, soup, crackers, rice, cereal, canned fruit, etc. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Additionally, monetary donations allow our pantry to take advantage of sales, deals, and bulk purchasing power. We are thankful for your continued support of this important ministry.

United Women in Faith

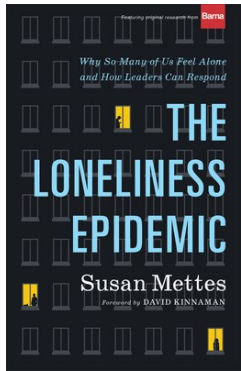
VELDA ROSE READING PROGRAM:

United Women in Faith

The Loneliness Epidemic: Why So Many of Us Feel Alone – and How Leaders Can Respond.

Written by Susan Mettes (Nurturing for Community category).

Why are so many people experiencing deep loneliness? And how can the church respond?



That is the crux of this new book from behavioral scientist and researcher Susan Mettes, who delves into the profound toll of loneliness in the United States.

This book will be available after the renovated library reopens this fall along the west wall of the library in the

bookshelves labeled United Women in Faith.

VELDA ROSE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH RECEIVES THANK YOU FROM NEW HOPE CLOTHES CLOSET

New Hope was allowed to glean after the Spring Rummage Sale three carloads of clothes, shoes, belts, sleeping bags and even a tent to help stock their clothes closet located in Mesa.

Each spring the Mission Warehouse of the Velda Rose United Women in Faith makes room for new donations by allowing other local charities to collect as much as they can carry. The Lord does indeed provide! Written by Mitzi Pearce.

“OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH” IS OPEN TO ALL WOMEN

When: Friday Oct. 11, 2024

Time: 11:30-1:00 p.m.

Where: Little Mesa Café

3929 E. Main Street

Mesa, AZ 85205

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: Contact

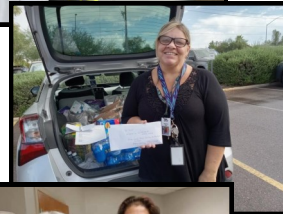
Hostess Laura Bingham.

Sponsored by Billie Larime, Membership Chair for United Women in Faith

REPORT OF OUR POPULAR SCHOOL NURSE EMERGENCY FUNDS ALLOCATION FROM OUR MISSION WAREHOUSE



Billie Larime, Mission Coordinator from Velda Rose United Women in Faith, delivered gift cards and items such as band-aids, baby wipes, individual water bottles, and



change of clothes to five local Elementary Schools (Stevenson, Jefferson, Salk, Taft and Sousa). Enjoy the pictures taken by Billie Larime of the different school supplies that were ordered and delivered to the above five schools in the last two weeks of August.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH AND UNITED METHODIST MEN IN MISSION WILL CONTINUE SUPPORT OF “SAVE THE FAMILY” DURING CHRISTMAS

During the past 3 years, the United Women in Faith, with help from United Methodist Men in Mission, have sponsored a drive to help the Mesa families that are needing job training and housing. Specifically, we will be asking for baby supplies again that will be donated directly to “Save the Family”. Last year we collected a record number of nearly 4000 diapers.

FIRST FALL MEETING FOR VELDA ROSE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

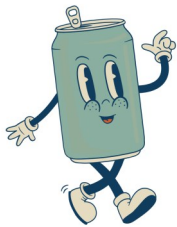
All interested men and women of our church are invited to attend our (continued on page 8)

United Methodist Men

UWF RUMMAGE SALE, 24-26

OCT: The men's group conducts the food and beverage concession in conjunction with the semi-annual rummage sale. This is a unique opportunity to share your time and talent in support of a fun community project. If you're interested in joining us, contact Tim Most at the Mission Building for more details.

RUMMAGE SALE



ALUMINUM CAN

RECYCLING: Our turn-in of over 1100 lbs of crushed cans in August netted \$922. That will finance seven months of produce giveaways this coming season. We really do turn empty cans into food! Thanks for your continued support for this most worthwhile community project.

PRODUCE GIVEAWAY: The produce redistribution project has been suspended for the summer season. We expect to resume our monthly giveaways in November. Exact dates will be publicized in the Sunday bulletins, the Food Pantry, and church bulletin board.

MEMORIAL PATIO: If you would like to commemorate a loved one or create a loving tribute with a memorial brick, contact the church office for an order form.



MONTHLY MEETING: The next UMMM business meeting will be 7 Oct, 1130-1300, in the Library.

World Communion Sunday is October 6



World Communion Sunday supports training, mentoring, and education efforts. When you give to the World Communion Sunday offering, you are funding a well-rounded education and training for students who may not have the means to access those resources on their own.

Scholarship recipients are transforming lives because you gave to the World Communion Sunday offering. Let us give generously to support scholarships for United Methodist students.

“He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word.”

— Hebrews 1:3 NRSVUE

How can I give to World Communion Sunday offering?

Write a check to VRUMC with “World Communion Sunday” in the subject line, or you can give online to the World Communication Sunday offering at any time at ResourceUMC.org/SSGive.

To give by mail, send checks to:
GCFA | P.O. Box 340029 | Nashville, TN 37203

United Women in Faith Rummage Sale

Please, Please, Please—The Rummage Sale is coming on October 24-26!

The rummage sale is only a few weeks away. It takes many people to pull off this sale. If you have worked in a department in the past, please contact the department chair and let them know that you can help. We are going to need people to work in the holding area, people to work at the doors, and people to work at the wrapping station, and people to cashier. Volunteers can be men or women and either Velda Rose members or just friends who might want to help.

Here is how the calendar looks for October 2024

October 1-October 30 (all month)—Workers need to be sure to wear your badge when coming into the building. Find yours, dig it out, or pick it up from the building (if you turned it in). Also pick up your sticker for the dates of the next sale.

October 4 (Friday)—The last day for worker friend-and-family shopping. Family and friends (no more than 2 at a time) must be accompanied by the worker. Workers can bring in family and friends from now through October 4. You don't have to wait until October 4.

October 14 (Monday)—Last day to drop off items until the sale is over.

October 16 (Wednesday)—Pre-Sale Meeting for all workers, 10 a.m. in the Library.

October 7-18—Worker Days Only (with badges)

October 21 (Monday)—Help is needed to get the tents up. If we have lots of help and the tents get set up quickly, then we will begin emptying the pods.

October 22 and 23 (Tuesday and Wednesday)—Help is needed to continue emptying the pods. Merchandise for sale needs to be cleaned, arranged, and priced for sale.

October 21, 22, and 23 (Monday through Wednesday)—Worker days only (no family, friends, visitors, please). No sales even to workers on these three days. This gives the

departments time to put finishing touches to their shelves and/or racks prior to the sale opening.

RUMMAGE SALE

October 26 (Saturday) after the Sale—Help is needed in getting everything taken down and put back into the building. We usually start about 1:30 or 2 p.m. to move things back into the building so the tarps can start to be taken down.

October 30 (Wednesday) After-Action Meeting at 10 a.m. in the Library. All workers are welcome. If anyone has a suggestion for improvement and you cannot come to the meeting, please email the suggestion/s to Joan or Tim Most at themoscompany@cox.net.

Furniture Reduction Sale

The rummage sale has a lot of nice furniture. If you are looking for furniture, please check out what we have at the rummage warehouse from 7 -10 a.m. (M-F). The final day to shop for furniture before the sale is Friday, October 4. If you are coming to shop for furniture, be sure to enter through the sorting room at the east end of the warehouse. Please do not enter through the large garage doors. You will need to pick up a "Visitor" badge in the sorting room and turn it back in when you leave the building.

Rummage Pre-Sale Meeting

Mark your calendar. The pre-sale meeting for rummage sale workers is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16, 10 a.m. in the Library. This meeting should last about an hour or less. Workers, **please** try to attend.

Departments Needing Help

Ladies Hats, Belts, and Scarves needs a chairperson. The chairperson should be a person/s who live in the valley year round. This is a department that could easily be done by one or two people.

Blouses has a chairperson, but she needs some people to help her out.

Sewing & Needle Arts (continued on page 7)

United Women in Faith Rummage Sale, continued

has a chairperson, but she needs people to work with her. People knowledgeable about quilting, sewing, crocheting, knitting, embroidery, etc. would be appreciated. This department deals with all things related to sewing and the needle arts.

Fabric Department has a chairperson but needs people to work with her in getting fabric ready for sale.

Hardware Department has a chairperson, but needs a few people who are knowledgeable about small items and can help with packaging and sorting small items like screws, nails, nuts, and bolts, etc. This is work that can be done sitting down.

Floral Department has a seasonal chairperson, but we need people year round to help her out.

Sorting Room needs people who would like to commit at least one weekday per week for the hours the building is open (3 hours). You need to be able to walk without assistance, and you need to be able to lift a box now and then or move a box.

Furniture has a chairperson but needs people who are willing to help clean, dust, and arrange some of the items.

A-team is a group of people who like to tear things apart for recycling purposes. They work all year (weekdays only and only 3 hours per day). Work indoors or outdoors or on the truck picking up and delivering items. If you are bored and need something to do, we have a job for you. Come down and see Tim.

Please prayerfully consider trying to help cover some of these areas. Perhaps you know a person/s who would be a good worker; the person does not need to be a member of Velda Rose. We can use additional workers during the sale in many departments. Contact Tim/Joan Most if you can help or have someone to recommend.

Tent Set-Up Help Needed and Help to Unload the Pods

Monday, October 21, 8:00 a.m. help is needed to get the tents set up for the sale. Many hands make light work. Once the tents are up, then the pods need to be unloaded of merchandise that will sell outside. We can also use people to help with cleaning, pricing, and arranging the items for sale.

Saturday After the Sale Help

Saturday, October 26, as we near the end of the sale, we start about 1:30 p.m. trying to move some things back into the building. We also try to take down tents that are no longer being used.

After-Action Meeting

We always need to discuss how the sale went, where improvements can be made, suggestions for changes, etc. That meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 30**, at 10 a.m. in the Library.

Choir Practice is Coming!



**Choir Practice Begins
10/16 at 6:30 pm
Come one, come all!**

United Women in Faith Stocking Project



Although it is only October, we are collecting items for our Christmas Stocking Project all year long.

Christmas will be here sooner than you think. We

are gathering more items to fill 500 hand painted stockings for children at 4 local schools. As you travel, please save those unused lotions, shampoos, conditioners and soaps. When you go to the dentist, please ask for extra toothpaste and toothbrushes. McDonald's happy meal toys are great for stocking stuffers. We appreciate your support to make less fortunate little children have a merrier Christmas.

Our lists includes items we still need. (We have enough crayons right now).

- ◆ Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- ◆ Small toys for stockings
- ◆ Cereal bars (We try to supply 5 bars per stocking)
- ◆ Travel size lotions, shampoos, conditioners and soaps
- ◆ Small stuffed animals (beanie baby size)
- ◆ Coloring Books
- ◆ Individually wrapped candies (no chocolate)
- ◆ Cash donation to cover the cost of items still needed to fill all the 500 stockings

It may sound like a lot, but we also have some support from the Woman of Faith budget, but all you can do does help us.

If you have questions, please contact Arlene Oisten. Items can be left at the United Women in Faith rummage building during the week, marked for the Christmas Stocking Project.

United Women in Faith, continued



United
Women
in Faith

October 3rd
"Brown Bag
Lunch" and
business meeting
to hear a guest

speaker from "Save the Family". Another item of great importance to be highlighted will be our upcoming Rummage Sale scheduled for October 24th, 25th, & 26th.

The lunch will start at 11:30 a.m. followed by our Guest Speaker and a short business meeting. Those attending should bring their own sandwich and drink. Desserts will be furnished. We will be meeting in our newly refurbished Library.

We ask those women attending the Oct. 3rd "Brown Bag Lunch" to support our First Mesa

United Methodist Church Mission project by bringing a donation of spices. Billie Larime and Tish Roberts will be attending the Oct. 5th East District Celebration on Saturday and will deliver the Spice Donations in person.

CLOSING PRAYER FROM MISSION U 2024 IN RECOGNITION OF NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS AND CULTURE

May the sun bring you new energy by day.
May the moon softly restore you by night.
May the rain wash away your worries.
May the breeze blow new strength into your being.

May you walk gently through the world and know its beauty all the days of your life. AMEN

From the Archives: The Rummage Sale—It's a Small World

In celebration of Velda Rose UMC's 60th anniversary, we are sharing history from the archives in *The Vision* newsletters.

Since the Rummage sale is this month, here's some throwback pictures and a story from when the sale took place in Moore Hall and the church parking lot!

IT'S A SMALL WORLD by Tish Roberts

Approximately 25 years ago while preparing for our fall rummage sale, I was looking over things in Moore Hall when someone called me from across the room. I looked and saw a man I did not know. He asked me if I knew a Bill Roberts who worked at the Chevrolet Plant in Flint. I told him no, but I knew an Edgar Roberts who



did. For a few seconds, I didn't think about the fact that at work, they called him Bill. His Aunt had introduced him to me by his middle name, as his Dad was Bill also. Soon, I knew what was



wrong. I told him yes, William Edgar Roberts was my husband. They had worked together for 10 years in the shop. Dwayne was now retired and had been looking for Bill for quite some time. Through him, we got together with Ruth Blakley, who also was a member at Velda Rose. Later, we got to know Ruth's sister Mabel, and her husband Coland, who had also worked with Edgar and Duane at Chevy and now lived here. We got to be good friends.

Prayer

Prayer

NEED PRAYER? Submit a prayer request using the Contact Us form on our website, or contact the church office.

**Our LOVE prayer focus:
North Scottsdale United Methodist**



- Song of Life UMC, Queen Creek, AZ
- Spirit of Joy UMC, Coolidge, AZ
- St. Matthew UMC, Mesa, AZ

The Green Team

The Green Team is back in business. We had our first meeting on September 12th, after the summer break. Wish you all could have been there. Well... there's always October. The October meeting will be on the 10th. (The second Thursday of the month at 1:00 PM in the old library, AKA meeting room.)

We have a lot of fresh new ideas and we hope to be able to present them throughout the coming season. If you have any ideas for a subject and want to learn all about our Environmental Concerns and want to help save God's beautiful Earth, just let us know your requests.

Moving forward... we want to keep you up to date on the progress of our Willow tree that SRP so generously donated to us. It is growing and remains healthy. We hope to have a picture of it in



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the November issue.

For some of the future Vision issues, we are working on obtaining

interviews with some of the local grocery stores and some of the larger corporations. We want to know what they are doing to help protect our Environment. Such as food waste, energy, water usage, climate control, replenishing our forests and so on down the line.

Let's not forget about our annual Earth Day Celebration, tentatively scheduled for April the 6th, 2025. This year will be its 55th anniversary. Remember too Arbor Day, April 25th.

Mark Your Calendars!



OCTOBER

6 - VRUMC's Annual Conference & Potluck Brunch; World Communion Sunday

14 - Board Meeting

15 - Servant Keeper Online Giving Switchover Cutoff

16 - Choir Practice Begins

24-26 - Rummage Sale

28 - All Saints Day Name Submission Deadline



NOVEMBER

3 - All Saints Sunday

11 - Veterans Day

24 - Thanksgiving Potluck & UM Student Day

26 - Hanging of the Greens

28 - Happy Thanksgiving!
(Office Closed)



DECEMBER

8 - East Valley Chorale | **10** - Orpheus Male Chorus | **14** - Resonance Vocal Ensemble



October



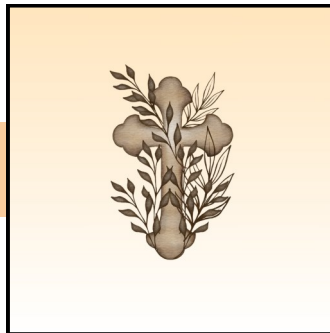
Birthdays

Mary McVeigh	October 03
Mo Roslanic	October 05
Lucy Kirera	October 06
Cynthia Borneman	October 08
Phyllis Moum	October 08
Jonni Thomson	October 10
Crystal Williams	October 10
Jo Ann Malo	October 12
Janet Laut	October 15
Irma Heasley	October 22
Sione Kaipulea	October 25
Fay Ganzerla	October 26
Grace Van Brunt	October 26
Pastor Ann Lyter	October 30

Anniversaries

Donn & Deonna Larson	October 08
John & Nadine Burley	October 12
Richard & Deirdre Poyer	October 12
Dan and JoLynn White	October 23

and Baptism!



Congratulations to Mallory Walsh on her September 22 baptism.



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Ministers, Every Member of the Congregation

**VRUMC ANNUAL CONFERENCE
& POTLUCK SUNDAY, 10/6 @ 11:15 AM**
CALLED TO
LEADING IN
GROWING IN



Following worship, we will have a brunch potluck in the Library, after which we will hold our annual Church Conference. All are welcome. All members have vote.

Agenda: all items required by the Book of Discipline.

RUMMAGE SALE
CASH OR CHECKS ONLY

OCTOBER 24 - 26
7 AM - 3 PM
1/2 PRICE SATURDAY!!!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Morning Service at 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary or livestreamed on:

Facebook at facebook.com/veldaroseumc

and

YouTube at youtube.com/veldaroseunitedmethodistchurch/streams

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