



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

April 25, 2017

VAIL CAMPUS UPDATE

We are ready to start gathering on a regular basis!

31 adults, youth and children gathered this past Sunday to plan for next steps for our Vail Campus. We decided that 4:00 pm on Sunday afternoons would be our time to gather for worship, fellowship, learning, and service (LEAD, LOVE, LEARN and LIVE—sound familiar??)!

While each Sunday's activities will fluctuate, our meeting time and place (usually) will remain the same. So, next Sunday, April 30th, we will meet for a time of worship and learning at the Vail Innovation Center, 10775 E. Mary Ann Cleveland Way, Vail (just east of Empire High School). Then, on May 7th, we will be joining the Houghton Campus for the Youth Mystery Dinner. We will give updates as they come, but this is an exciting time in the life of our congregation as we continue to reach new people for this joyful community that desires to draw people to Christ! All are welcome to join us.

Musical Theatre and Arts Camp 2017

Each day will feature music, movement, games, crafts, food, and fellowship.

Musical Theatre and Arts Camp 2017 presents-"ANNIE", the musical-May 30th - June 4th from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm for children entering grades 1st -10th. The cost for the full day session for students aged 8 to 15 years old will be \$100.00.

This year there will be a special morning only session (8:30am to 12:00pm.) for children from ages 5 to 7 years old! Cost of the morning session for 5 to 7 year olds will be \$50.00. (The morning session is **only** available to 5 to 7 year old children)

Just a reminder that in addition to campers, we also need scholarship donors and volunteers.

If you are interested in helping with Music Camp, please sign-up on the Blue Connection Card found in the Sunday Bulletin. Thank you.



VBS-Maker Fun Factory:

A world where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God.

Join us for the Best Week of the Summer! Monday, June 5th - Friday, June 9th, 9am-Noon (8am drop-off will be available). Children will be a part of fun Bible learning experiences they can see, hear, touch, and even taste! New friends, Amazing experiments, Creative games, Lip-smacking snacks, Surprising adventures, and Incredible music are just a few of the activities that help faith flow into real life. Vacation Bible School is for children who are Pre-K through finishing 5th grade and is offered at NO COST!

Volunteers are needed, so if you are interested in helping, please sign-up on the Blue Connection Card found in the Sunday Bulletin. Thank you.

AND for Jr. High, go "M.A.D." this summer. If your son or daughter is in 6th - 8th grade, we have a special time of creative experiments and gadgets along with actively serving others in M.A.D. (Making A Disciple). Of course, there will be lots of interactive games to make new friends as they discover they are called to a purpose that makes a difference. Don't sit at home in front of a computer or TV screen, Go "M.A.D."

Youth Mystery Dinner

“Reading Aunt Louise’s Will” will be presented on **Sunday, May 7th from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm**. The show will be held at The Desert Skies Sunset Grill (a.k.a. **Fellowship Hall**).

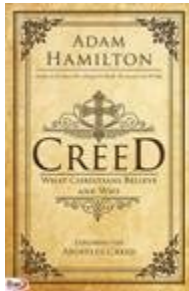
Compete with other members of the audience to see if you can solve the mystery first and win the evenings prize. Inspector Klaus Von Kluess will sort through all the clues and eventually unravel the evening’s mystery. Louise Reindorf has left her considerable fortune to her wacky family—there are some surprises in the will that lead to murder.

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!! Tickets are \$10.00 per person, and includes a Brisket dinner/show and may be reserved by calling the office at # 749-0521 or you can purchase your tickets on Sunday between services.

All of the money raised at the fabulous show goes directly to our B.A.N. G. Youth Group. Join in the fun and contribute to a good cause to support our Youth Summer Service Project!



Creed, What Christians Believe and Why



A new series is starting up on **Sunday, May 7th**. Adam Hamilton's DVD/Book, *Creed*, will be explored on **Sundays at 8:30 am in room # 5**.

We're used to answers popping up on a screen right in front of us. But when the questions examine the truths that give meaning and purpose to life, finding the answers takes more than simply typing a few words and pushing a button.

Adam Hamilton believes that powerful answers to many of our complicated questions are contained in the Apostles' Creed, an early statement of foundational Christian beliefs. In *Creed*, he explores not only what Christians believe, but also why they believe, and why it matters, which in turn leads readers to confront and examine their own core beliefs and go beyond reciting the Creed's familiar words. If you would like the book to follow along it can be ordered at Cokesbury, CBD or Amazon. You can also contact Rev. Matt if you need help ordering.

Chapters include:

1. God
2. Jesus Christ
3. The Holy Spirit
4. The Church and the Communion of Saints
5. The Forgiveness of Sins
6. The Resurrection of the Body

Congratulations, Desert Skies

Thank you to ALL who participated in our Rise Against Hunger 20,000 meal packaging event on Sunday, April 23rd. We added 5,000 meals this year and they were packaged by 105 volunteers in 1 hour 40 min. Way to go, Team DSUMC!

Thanks are also due to all who helped with the Lenten coin collection as well as to those whose gifts were not so noisy. Your generous giving made it possible for this event to take place. There are still coins to count but to date 13,995 coins amounted to \$1,016.34. The amount of the total offering to date is \$3,775.51. We owe Ken Winkleman a huge "THANK YOU" for taking care of our coin count and our Desert Skies tellers who tallied the remainder of your gifts.

Our packaged meals will be on the way to their destination within a few weeks. The Rise Against Hunger organization will let us know where they are going as soon as they are shipped. Kathi Shaner from RAH told us that our 20,000 meals will feed 93 children for an entire school year. We know that they will help to alleviate hunger in a part of the world where there are no community food banks or snack packs.

A special "thank you" to the Meal Ministry team for providing a "yummy" lunch. We appreciate your willingness to support our congregation whenever help is needed.



Rise Against Hunger



Sermon Series:

“Words, Words, Words-” The Guidebook for our Journey



Our new worship sermon series runs through May 28th. We claim the Bible, both the Old and the New Testaments, as the basis for our faith, as a guidebook for our journey, but do we really know much about it? Why was it written? Who wrote it? What purpose did it have as it was written and what are its components? Where did it come from? When was it written? How was it compiled? How do we go about our interpretation?

This Easter Season we will take a look at the words of the redemptive story that have captured our hearts, frustrated our rational thought process, and inspired our lives.

April 30-“From Many Books to One Book”

May 7-“How We Read the Bible” (Interpretation)

May 14-“The Book and the Once and Coming Messiah”

May 21-“From Manuscripts to Contemporary Translations”

May 28-“Authority for the 21st Century”

Free Wheelchair Mission: Transforming Lives Through The Gift of Mobility

Dear Desert Skies UMC,

you are such a blessing to this mission. Thank you for giving the gift of mobility to over 6 families last week in tribute to Rev. Susan Root. With friends like you we continue to increase the number of families we can lift both physically and spiritually. Thank you for joining us in this mission to transform lives for the better.

With Gratitude, The FWM Team

Birthday Service Project

From: Janessa Thank you for the
Markers, Colored Pencils, and
Crayons, Barbie, zoo vet, Gum, ball, and
Neck ties.



Did you know that members of the Desert Skies congregation have been providing birthday gifts for foster children at nearby Old Pueblo Children's Services for almost two years? Thank you to everyone who has provided a gift.

We have received thank you notes from many of the children. Your efforts are received with enthusiasm and appreciation. If you would like to participate in our Birthday Service Project, please contact Mary Jo Floyd or Mary Broughton. Thank you!

Desert Skies United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday April 25, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Vision: A Joyful Community Drawing People to Christ;
Mission: Lead our neighbors to Christ; Love one another in caring community;
Learn to follow Jesus; Live a Christ-like life that serves the world.

Meeting Chair: Mike Starace

Recording Secretary: Jeann Fishback

Remember to sign in on the attendance form before each meeting, print any necessary attachments you receive during the month and bring canned goods for our ELF ministry.

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer –
2. **Listening:** Share with people around you where you experienced God this year during Holy Week, including Palm Sunday and Easter! Then, is there anything we did that we want to be SURE to do again next year? (5 min total)
3. Approval of the previous Church Council Minutes
4. **Learning:** Mining for Data to Make More Effective Decisions.

A Process introduced by Long Range Planning (10 minutes)

Bring your copy of Long Range Planning Recommendation; Begin Process with Patio Design Review.

5. **Leading:** Coordinating our Efforts for Ministry:

Collaborating Together (45 min max)

Calendar of Events for rest of 2017

Vitality Team - Invitation for Council Members - How to Reach New People Tune Up; Saturday, May 6, 9:30-2:30 at St. Pauls.

VBS

Music and Arts Camp

Progress/Conversation on ideas gleaned from Last month's meeting (attached summary)

Ministry/Committee Updates and Presentations -

Finance - Connie Kraska

6. Next meeting: May 30th, 2017
7. Prayer and Adjournment

Announcements

Flea Market-We are in need of packing boxes, in good condition, sizes medium, large and extra large. If you can help us out with this, please place the boxes at the Flea Market drop off shed.

Graduation 2107-We will be honoring our graduates on **Sunday, May 21st**. Please submit each student's name, school, degree granted and family relationship to DSUMC to the office by **8:00 am on Thur. May 11th** -Att. Tammy. Pictures may be submitted also.

Emmaus Gathering-Join us at St. Mark's UMC on LaCanada and McGee Rd., Saturday, May 20th at 5:30 pm for a Potluck and a Worship Service at 6:15 pm.

Desert Skies Logo Shirts-It is not too late to place an order for a shirt. Ordering forms are available in the church office on the front counter or at the Welcome Center Podium in the sanctuary. Please feel free to contact sandy Kleen with any questions.

UMW-There will be **NO meeting on Saturday, April 22nd**. Join us **Thursday, May 11th, at 11:30 a.m. as the UMW will be sponsoring their annual Spring/Mother's Day Event which will be lunch out at The Horeshoe Grill, 7713 E. Broadway (near Home Depot and Petsmart)**. Please call the church office (749-0521) to make your reservation or Di-ana Barber for more information or reservation at (970) 417-6339. All ladies of the church are welcome and are encouraged to bring a guest to attend this event.

Painting God's Beauty Oil Painting Class-has enjoyed sharing fellowship with each other while painting our reflections of God's beauty around us. We invite you on Sunday, April 30th between services on the new patio to view the creativity that has been expressed.

Arizona Symphonic Winds Concerts-(Lazlo Veres conducting) will again be held at Udall Park on Saturday evenings from May 13th through June 3rd. The concert itself starts at 7:00 pm but to get a good seat folks often bring a dinner picnic around 6:00 pm. What if Desert Skies folks who enjoy the music wore their Desert Skies shirts, brought a chair or blanket and dinner, meeting at the Amphitheater at 6:00 pm? I would imagine a lot of enjoyment!! Parking could be easier if folks carpooled as well with friends.

This Week At Desert Skies: Holy Week

Tuesday, April 25

9:30 am Covenant Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
3:30 pm Tutoring	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm Painting God's Beauty	Room # 7
Worship Committee	Sanctuary
7:00 pm Church Council	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 26

4:00 pm Loss Support Group	Room # 2
4:30 pm Worship Design	Sanctuary
5:30 pm The Wired Word	Fellowship Hall
6:45 pm Adult Bells	Sanctuary
7:30 pm Adult Choir	Sanctuary

Thursday, April 27

9:00 am Prayer Group	Room # 5
2:00 pm Painting God's Beauty	Room # 7

Saturday, April 29

3:30 pm Ryder Studio Recital	Sanctuary
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Sunday, April 30

11:15 am Parent's Appreciation Dinner/ Dress Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
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This Week's Bible Reading

April 25-I Sam. 30, 31; I Chr. 10;
Mt. 12

April 26-II Sam. 1; Ps. 140; Mt. 13

April 27-II Sam. 2; I Chr. 11;
Ps. 142; Mt. 14

April 28-II Sam. 3; I Chr. 12;
Mt. 15

April 29-II Sam. 4, 5; Ps. 139;
Mt. 16

April 30-II Sam. 6; I Chr. 13;
Ps. 68; Mt. 17

May 01-I Chr. 14, 15; Ps. 132;
Mt. 18

Interested in joining
Desert Skies UMC?

Sundaes on Sunday

We will meet on
Sunday, May 21st
at 1:00 pm
in the Fellowship Hall.

Contact Rev. Dr.
Candace J. Lansberry
at 749-0521
if you are interested!

We are on the web:
www.desertskiesumc.org



MAY

01 Gordy Briggs, Roger Wilcox

02 Kim Gavin, Nate Sidles

04 Shirley Bookman, Lisa McIntire

05 Marcus Conway, Linda Feldman

06 Kermit Payton

07 Clayton Kiewel, Jennifer Stivers, Jacob Wallis

10 Darlene Nathan, Shirley Northcott

11 Jon Richards, Betty Piles

12 Suzanne Wicks

13 Susan Haynes

15 Ray Abaldo, Cinda Danner

17 David Landsburg, Mark Bishop

18 Bob Burdick, Diane Ellison, Grace Stivers

20 June O'Brien

24 Charles McNary, Lauren Utley

25 Mary Lou Metzger

26 Renata Sheets

28 Sherry Adams

31 Phil Roberts, Lynne Van Sice



01 Jim & Rita Boaz

03 Vern & Lil Cottrell

04 Roger & Michal Aulds

08 Roger & Janet Wilcox

12 Brian & Barbara Drummond

16 Charlie & Sylvia LaPorte

21 Ken & Michelle Bever

22 Richard & Cinda Danner, Eric & Karen Gustafson, Bryant & Florence Personcus

28 Tobin & Shawne Sidles

29 Del & I Schluchter

31 Jake & Stephanie Beverage

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 8:00 am Flea Market Fun 3:30 Tutoring 4:00 Communications Meeting 5:30 pm Emmaus	2 9:30 Covenant Bible Study 3:30 Tutoring	3 4:00 Loss Support Group 4:30 Worship Design 5:30 Wired Word 6:45 Adult Bells 7:30 Adult Choir	4 9:00 Thursday Prayer Group	5 6:30 Bridge	6 9:30 Vitality Meeting at St. Paul's 2:30 Youth Dress Rehearsal
7 Communion 8:30/10:00 Worship Service 8:30 Adult S. S. Cup of Joe Class 11:15 Youth Group Ring & Sing The Wired Word 4:00 Mystery Dinner	8 8:00 Flea Market Fun 3:30 Tutoring 5:30 Emmaus	9 9:00 Helping Hands 3:30 Tutoring 6:00 Missions/Church & Society Meeting	10 4:00 Loss Support Group 4:30 Worship Design 5:30 Wired Word 6:45 Adult Bells 7:30 Adult Choir	11 8:20 Casa Maria 9:00 Thursday Prayer Group	12	13 1:00 Piano Recital
14 8:30/10:00 Worship Service 8:30 Adult S. S. Cup of Joe Class 11:15 Youth Group Ring & Sing The Wired Word 4:00 pm Vail Campus Gathering (VIC)	15 8:00 Flea Market Fun 3:30 Tutoring 5:30 Emmaus 7:00 Trustees	16 3:30 Tutoring 6:30 Finance Committees 7:30 SPRC	17 9:15 Zippy 49er's 4:00 Loss Support Group 4:30 Worship Design 5:30 Wired Word 6:45 Adult Bells 7:30 Adult Choir	18 9:00 Thursday Prayer Group 5:30 Emmaus Party	19	20 8:00 am UMM Breakfast
21 Graduation Sunday 8:30/10:00 Worship Service 8:30 Adult S. S. Cup of Joe Class 11:15 Youth Group Ring & Sing The Wired Word New Community 1:00 Sundaes on Sunday 4:00 pm Vail Campus Gathering (VIC)	22 8:00 Flea Market Fun 3:30 Tutoring 5:30 Emmaus	23 3:30 Tutoring 6:00 Worship	24 4:00 Loss Support Group 4:30 Worship Design 5:30 Wired Word 6:45 Adult Bells 7:30 Adult Choir	25 9:00 Thursday Prayer Group	26	27
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