



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

June 13, 2017

WE ARE OFF TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Rev. Matt, Rev. Candace, Jennifer & Paige McDowell, Fred Killion and Shawne Sidles are representing Desert Skies at Annual Conference in Glendale Arizona from Thursday-Sunday.

Annual Conference Mission Project

Thank you, Desert Skies! Once again you have responded with your amazing love and generosity. Our delegates to Annual Conference will take with them a pick-up truck fully loaded with personal hygiene products, cleaning products and paper products (too much to count) to be distributed throughout the Desert Southwest Conference to those on food stamps who cannot use the stamps to purchase these productsnecessary items that we all take for granted. **WAY TO GO, DSUMC!**



UMW LADIES DAY OUT!!!

Please plan to join us on Thursday, July 13th from 10:00 am-Noon at the Jewish History Museum on 564 S. Stone. After our tour we will head over to El Minuto Café (354 S. Main) for lunch. We should try to meet at the museum a few minutes before 10:00 am and for those who wish to may carpool from the church. Please feel free to bring a guest. If you would like to join us and would like to carpool, please sign up on the Blue Connection card found in your bulletin on Sunday morning. For more information, contact Diana Barber. Thank you.

Hygiene Kit Project

We need volunteers to help shop for and/or pack the hygiene kits for the month of July by the second Tuesday of each month. We usually pack the kits after the second service on the patio by the Fellowship Hall. If you can help with Sunday, July 9th, please sign up on the Blue Connection Card found in your bulletin, bring your donated items and yourself to the patio by the Fellowship Hall.

We packed this past Sunday and are so thankful for YOUR Helping Hands!!



B.A.N.G Youth Group Mission Trip Training Meeting

We met this past Sunday to get a better idea of what actual work will need to be done, what tools to bring and what to pack for our Texas summer service project.



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**OUR FIRST SUMMER MOVIE NITE UNDER THE STARS
ON OUR NEW SANTUARY PATIO!!**



THANKS FROM OUR AFRICA UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS



Mauro Malambane

Mauro says, "Desert Skies has planted a seed of kindness in me. I want to thank the Lord almighty for everything he has done for me, thank my family for the love and support, and thank the Desert Skies congregation for the education you have given me. I SEND YOU MY THANKS, GREETINGS AND LOVE. GOD BLESS YOU ALL."



Hector Tiago

Hector and his mother and father send their THANKS TO DESERT SKIES for the help that is making it possible for him to attend Africa University. He says, "IN THE NAME OF THE LORD GOD, BLESS YOU."

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE! AN UPDATE ON TWO OF OUR AFRICA UNIVERSITY GRADUATES



In 2012 Ilda Garrine Franca and Jose Jamisse Gume graduated from Methodist-related Africa University in Zimbabwe, thanks to scholarships they received from Desert Skies.

Today they are working in their home community at the Chicique Rural Hospital which was established more than 100 years ago by Methodist missionaries. This hospital is now operated by the government of Mozambique and the United Methodist Church. Ilda and Jose are the principal providers of mental health services at the hospital. They each see about twenty outpatients a day as well as seeing inpatients. Counseling AIDS patients is a top priority.

Ilda and Jose are both very active in the Chicique United Methodist Church. Ilda sings in the choir and participates in United Methodist Women. Jose is active in the church at Chicique and is the lay leader for the Southern Mozambique Conference. He attended General Conference last year.

To read more about Ilda and Jose, go to www.chicique.org and click on "Mental Health".

Letter from Bishop Bob

Dear Members and Friends of the Desert Southwest Conference,

Peace to you in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ!

On Tuesday, June 6, an early morning fire gutted and destroyed the sanctuary of Zion UMC in Las Vegas. DS Dan Morley and I visited the church and met with pastor Larry Johnson and members of the Zion church family.

As we drove up to the scene in the photos below, I was not sure what the spirit of the gathered group would be. What I did find was that even in the aftermath of the destruction of their beloved church, the congregation was already focused on getting back on their feet and planning for the future. A deep sense of hope and trust in God's graciousness was evident.

I am reminded of the power of our connection. We give thanks to the DSC Disaster Response Team with Pastor Fred Heggstad at the helm. The Conference team was present in force to begin the clean up on the day of the fire and will walk with the congregation as they move forward.

As I asked how it was with their soul, they referred to blessings received from the community. They felt that the fire has brought them together as a church family. And they knew God was present with them.

I am reminded of a strong word from the Scriptures. In I Corinthians 12 we read, "If one part hurts, every other part is involved in the hurt, and in the healing. If one part flourishes, every other part enters into the exuberance." (The Message)

The congregation of Zion is convinced that good will come of this. I would like to invite you to support their efforts in these ways. Pray mightily for the Zion congregation. Enter into their reliance on God in these days by adding your prayer support to their work of rebuilding. And secondly, contribute to their future.

There are two options for giving. Send a check payable to the Desert Southwest Conference, (1550 E. Meadowbrook Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85014) earmarked for "Zion Resurrection Fund" or give online at www.dscumc.org/zionumc.

Through these gifts we will be reminded of the precious connection that exists because of our UM connection. So, with generous hearts let us by our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service join together as a witness as we walk with our Zion sisters and brothers in Christ to rise from the ashes with faith, hope and love.

Blessings,
Bob



Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose

A great time was had by all who attended! Thanks to all our volunteers who worked so hard and helped with making this year another success!!



This Week At Desert Skies

Tuesday, June 13

7:00 am Prayer Walking DSUMC Parking Lot
9:00 am Helping Hands Kitchen
6:00 pm Missions/Social Concerns Room # 7

Wednesday, June 14

4:00 pm Loss Support Group Room # 2
Worship Design Sanctuary

Thursday, June 15

Annual Conference Glendale, Arizona

Friday, June 16

Annual Conference Glendale, Arizona

Saturday, June 3

Annual Conference Glendale, Arizona

This Week's Bible Reading

June 13-I Ki. 13,14;II Chr. 12;
Phil. 3

June-14 I Ki. 15;II Chr. 13,14;
Phil. 4

June 15- I Ki. 16;II Chr. 15,16;
Col. 1

June 16-I Ki. 17-19; Col. 2

June 17-I Ki. 20,21;II Chr. 17;
Col. 3

June 18-I Ki. 22;II Chr. 18,19;
Col. 4

June 19-II Ki. 1-3;Ps. 82; I Tim. 1

Interested in joining
Desert Skies UMC?

Join us on
Sunday, August 20th
at 1:00 pm in room # 2
for Membership 101:
Sundaes on Sunday

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

We are on the web:
www.desertskeysunc.org



The Worship Series: "Created By God, Built for a Purpose"...runs through Sunday, June 25th.

What I want to talk about now is the various ways God's Spirit gets worked into our lives. This is complex and often misunderstood, but I want you to be informed and knowledgeable. Remember how you were when you didn't know God, led from one phony god to another, never knowing what you were doing, just doing it because everybody else did it? It's different in this life. God wants us to use our intelligence, to seek to understand as well as we can. *I Corinthians 12:1-2*

Using the themes from Vacation Bible School, we take the Pentecost experience to heart, trusting in the Holy Spirit to reveal our giftedness as promised.

June 18-Sermon Title: "God is Always With You"

June 25-Sermon Title: "God Made You for a Reason"

Announcements

Prayer Walking-Every Tuesday at 7:00 am, (CHANGE OF TIME) join us for prayer walking...great exercise, fun people, and an opportunity to pray for the neighborhoods around our church. Meet in front of the church office.

Zippy 49er's Pool Party-We will meet on **Wednesday, June 21st from 10:00 am-1:00 pm at Lorna Niven's.** Lunch and bottled water will be provided. Members are reminded to bring a hat, sunscreen, swimsuit and a towel. Please contact Lorna for directions and more information. Plan to carpool, if you can, and please let Lorna know if you intend to come.