

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

June 20, 2017



Our New Worship Series "Bless to Me" starts Sunday, July 2nd and runs through Sunday, August 13th.

The tradition of blessing prayers has endured through centuries among the people called "Celts." These blessings reveal a sense of the holy in every moment, in every thing, in every person. This is a way of living -of observing and celebrating, blessing and being blessed by the ordinary acts and encounters of life.

Inspired by this tradition of Celtic spirituality and featuring the blessing poems of Beth A. Richardson, we will spend time this summer steeping in the blessings that surround us and live within us. Our practice of writing and praying "Bless to me..." prayers will enrich our experience of each passing day and of each encounter over the next seven weeks.

July 2nd-"Through the Day: Celebrating God's Presence in Each Moment"

July 9th-"Holy Moments: Celebrating the Gifts of Life"

July 16th-"Seasons: Journeying through the Year"

July 23rd-"Heart Prayers: Blessing the World"

July 30th-"The Struggling Times: Facing Illness, Loss, and Grief"

August 6th-"Passages: Special Moments"

August 13th-"God Is In: Celebrating Presence"

THANK YOU

Thanks to Rev. Sandra McNary for filling in to preach this past Sunday, while Rev. Matt and Rev. Candace were at Annual Conference.



ZION UMC FIRE RECOVERY

The DSC Disaster Response network, under the leadership of Pastor Fred Heggestad, has engaged and was on site securing the Zion sanctuary the very day of the fire. The Zion restoration project will be ongoing for many, many months. At this stage, there are specific needs:

Financial contributions which will assist in supplementing insurance coverage, which has its limits (link to https://dscumc.org/zionumc/).

Volunteers for Zion restoration over the coming weeks.

Prayers for the Zion congregation through their time of restoration and as they gather for worship in their temporary worship location at Nevada Partners — 710 W Lake Mead Blvd, North Las Vegas, NV 89030.

This is an official call for ERT (Early Response Team) members, also open to additional volunteers 18 years and older.

We are beginning to coordinate debris removal teams. The first volunteer dates are listed below. Approximate hours will be 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. Though worker schedules will be set in shorter shifts appropriate to the individual.

Monday, June 19 – Wednesday, June 21

Thursday, June 22 – Saturday, June 24

Monday June 26 - Wednesday, June 28

Thursday, June 29 - Saturday, July 1

Monday, July 3 – Wednesday, July 5

Thursday, July 6 – Saturday, July 8

And, if needed:

Monday, July 10 – Wednesday, July 12

Thursday, July 13 – Saturday, July 15

If interested and available, it is necessary to register. All workers must register. Please use the email<u>ZionResurrection@dscumc.org</u> to register with your name, contact information, and available dates.

There will be a short training to meet city safety requirements, which will be offered in the morning at the beginning of each work shift. We are looking for approximately 20 people per day on the property and everyone should be working in 30 minute cycles so we can keep people hydrated. University UMC in Las Vegas has offered multiple rooms and six showers for anyone coming from other areas. Lunches are being coordinated with local churches. Cooks may be requested as the efforts continue. If you have hard hats, eye protection, boots (no sneakers) and gloves, please bring them. More information will be provided to all who are interested.

Fred Heggestad, Disaster Relief Coordinator
Desert Southwest Conference United Methodist Church
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"Those who are generous are blessed."

– Proverbs 22:9a (NRSV)



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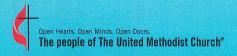
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SANCTUARY PATIO

A big thank you to the Patio building crew for their tremendous efforts in building Phase I of the Patio.

We are taking the next few months to determine what we should do in Phase II.

Please take 10 minutes and fill out the Patio Suggestion Form.

Just tap on the link below and it will take you to the form in Breeze asking you for detailed Patio suggestions.

https://desertskiesumc.breezechms.com/form/8b9c39245

The Patio Committee is trying very hard to make sure that we analyze and include as many suggestions as possible, so it is very important that we hear from everyone.

Thank you, Patio Committee



HELPING HANDS: Packing Lunches for Primavera



Thanks to all who come and help pack lunches the second Tuesday of every month in the Fellowship Hall Kitchen at 9:00 am. And also, a BIG thank you to all who purchase the needed food items for the meals being packed. We appreciate your HELPING HANDS!!





The Worship Series: "Created By God, Built for a Purpose"...finishes up this Sunday, June 25th. Sermon Title: "God Made You for a Reason"

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.

UPDATE ON JOSEPH GREAT NEWS ON SURGERY!!

Hello Desert Skies UMC,

Trusting everyone is doing well and getting selves together as summer gradually creeps in. Thank God we are fine here, just struggling to finish packing before leaving for the Annual Conference on Friday.

Well, thank God, I have good news from Joseph to share with all. He called me last Friday informing me that the Doctor had called him to come in the next day (Saturday) hopefully for the surgery on Sunday, June 11.

Due to the many postponements in Ghana, I wanted to get the final word before sharing. He followed up with a call on Saturday when he got to the hospital, so I had a short chat with him, gave him your words of encouragement and best wishes, and had a prayer with him on our behalf, committing him to the power and mighty works of God.

Joyfully, he called yesterday from his hospital bed with the information that everything went well on Sunday. The surgery took about 3 and a half hours, and the Doctor was very pleased with the outcome. He told me he was not in much pain, he was helped to sit up in bed yesterday, and was supposed to take a few steps today. He is not sure yet how long he might stay at the hospital, but with the limited space at the hospitals in Ghana, I do not anticipate a long stay there.

I have asked him to give me regular updates on how things go with the healing process, and I will equally share with you as and when I hear from him.

I decided to share this good news with you, and to thank you all for the various parts played, and contributions made to make this never-dreamed-nor-thought-of surgery for Joseph, a reality.

It will be appreciated if you could share the news with all th wonderful people and groups that have been part of this great endeavor.

Thank you, and God's blessing to everyone

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This Week At Desert Skies

Tuesday, June 20

7:00 am Prayer Walking DSUMC Parking Lot 6:30 Finance Meeting Room # 2 7:30 pm SPRC Meeting Room # 2

Wednesday, June 21

4:00 pm Loss Support Group Room #2
Worship Design Sanctuary
6:30 pm Vail Leadership Meeting Starbucks @
Old Spanish Trail/Harrison

This Week's Bible Reading

June 20-II Ki. 4,5; Ps. 83; I Tim. 2

June 21-II Ki. 6, 7; II Chr. 20; I Tim. 3

June 22- II Ki. 8, 9; II Chr. 21; I Tim. 4

June 23-II Ki. 10; II Chr. 22, 23; I Tim. 5

June 24-II Ki. 11,12;II Chr. 24; I Tim. 6

June 25-Joel 1-3; II Tim. 1

June 26-Jon. 1-4; Ii Tim. 2

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.desertskiesumc.org

Announcements

Zippy 49er's Pool Party—Has been CANCELLED due to the excessive heat advisory and will be rescheduled.

Worship Committee-There will NOT be a worship Committee Meeting on June 27th.

<u>UMW LADIES DAY OUT!!!</u>-Please 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 at 9:15 am. 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-Volunteers are needed to help shop for and/or pack the hygiene kits for the month of July by the 2nd Tuesday of each month. We pack the kits after the 2nd service on the patio by Fellowship Hall. If you can help on Sunday, July 9th, please sign up on the Blue Connection Card found in your bulletin.