



# THE SKYLINE

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 Heggstad, 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 [ZionResurrection@dscumc.org](mailto:ZionResurrection@dscumc.org) 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 Heggstad, Disaster Relief Coordinator  
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“Those who are generous are blessed.”  
– *Proverbs 22:9a (NRSV)*

*Together, We Do More*

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*Bishop Robert T. Hoshibata  
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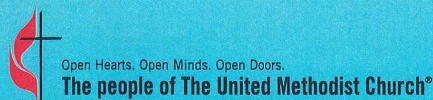
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## SANCTUARY PATIO

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.

