An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

May 16, 2017

## **ATTENTION CHURCH COUNCIL!**

Due to end of school activities and conflicts of many council members, we will move Church Council back to it's regular day, May 30th at 7:00 pm.



## **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", 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). **Please register online at www.desertskiesumc.org. Just a reminder that in addition to campers, we also need scholarship donors and volunteers.** 

If you are interested in volunteering for 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!

Please register online at www.desertskiesumc.org.

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."

# Vail Update

Next Sunday, May 21st at 4 pm, we will be delivering cookies and invitations to our Memorial Day Service (May 28th at 4:00 pm) to service providers in our area.

If you have a couple of hours available next Sunday, won't you join us (whether or not you attend the Vail Campus gatherings) and help us spread the word about what Desert Skies is doing in Vail?

#### **NEW COMMUNITY AT DESERT SKIES**

Beginning May 21st and gathering monthly right after our 2nd worship service, New Community is an opportunity for those who are new to Desert Skies (or just those who want to know more about how the church works!) to connect with others and find out more about the church they are attending.

We will meet for a light lunch in the kitchen in the Fellowship Hall, moving over to Room 2 to eat and gather! Then there will be a time of fellowship and learning. This session will be United Methodism 101...learning more about where we come from as a denomination! Plan to join us on May 21st...and begin building new community together! Please email us at the office to let us know you are coming!!!

Future dates: June 25, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19, and December 17.

## Sundaes on Sunday: Membership 101

For those who have been attending Desert Skies for a short time or a very long time and have not yet become a member, we have a fun afternoon planned for you! Come for a delicious ice cream sundae, followed by a time of conversation and questions as you learn about Desert Skies...where we started, what we believe, and how we see ourselves fitting into God's plan for this community.

Sunday, May 21 from 1-3 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please email us at the office to let us know you are coming!!!



## Movie Night...Under the Stars...well under the New Patio!

**Join us on June 9th for "Moana" at 6:45 pm.** Bring your camping chairs. Popcorn and drinks will be provided!!

## **Desert Southwest Conference Annual Mission Project**

The Desert Southwest Annual Conference is asking all churches to donate items that can't be purchased with food stamps. Food stamps can't be used for anything that isn't labeled for human consumption. The following items are desperately needed by people who have limited resources: toilet paper, paper towels, soap, hand soap, hand or body cream, deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, diapers, adult diapers, flushable wipes, dish soap, cleaning products. <u>Full size only, no travel sizes can be accepted</u>.

There will be a bin on the patio on Sunday mornings marked <u>CONFERENCE MISSION PROJECT</u> now through -June 11 for collection of donated items. Our lay members to Annual Conference and our pastor will take our donations to the Annual Conference in June. Last year, our support of food credit cards for young people aging out of foster care was excellent. There are thousands of people who need the basics, such as listed above, products that we take for granted. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by many.



## Sermon Series: "Words, Words, Words-" The Guidebook for our Journey

Our new worship sermon series comes to an end on 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?

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.

May 21-"From Manuscripts to Contemporary Translations"

May 28-"Authority for the 21st Century"

Look out for more information to follow about our New Worship Series: "Created By God, Built for a Purpose"...

June 4th-June 25th.

## **Job Opening at Desert Skies**

We are hiring a custodian to work 20-25 hours per week. If you are interested in working in a wonderful environment with an incredible staff, or know someone who may be, please stop by the church office to pick up a job description and application, or check them out online on our website, <a href="www.desertskiesumc.org">www.desertskiesumc.org</a>.

## Announcements

<u>UMM</u>-A BIG thank you to Emmitt Warner for bringing his son, Mark to speak to our group last month. The Super Telescope is a very impressive project. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, May 20th at the Franklin Car Museum. We will meet at the IHop on Grant at 8:00 am and carpool to the museum. This is open to everyone in the church. If you plan to go call Dave Chittenden at #777-5824 by Thursday, May 18th so we can get a count. Hope to see you then.

<u>Zippy 49er's</u>-final meeting will be on Wednesday, May 17th at 11:00 am. We will meet at Risky Business, 8848 E. Tanque Verde, south side of the street west of CVS at Bear Canyon Rd. Theo Vandenberg will do a short special presentation, we will have lunch and talk about what we want to do for next year. Risky Business needs to know how many to set up for, so please call Glenda Burdick, 760-5520, no later than Monday, morning, May 15th. All women of the church are welcome to attend.

Worship Committee-will NOT meet on Tuesday, May 30th.

<u>Prayer Walking-Every Tuesday at 5:30 am, 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.</u>

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6:30 pm Finance Meeting Room # 2 7:30 pm SPRC Room # 2

#### Wednesday, May 17

11:00 am Zippy 49er's
4:00 pm Loss Support Group
4:30 pm Worship Design
5:30 pm The Wired Word
6:45 pm Adult Bells
7:30 pm Adult Choir
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#### Thursday, May 18

9:00 am Prayer Group Room # 5

#### Saturday, May 20

8:00 am UMM Breakfast Franklin Car Museum

### This Week's Bible Reading

**May 16-** I Ki. 1; I Chr. 28; Ps. 91;

May 17- I Ki. 2; I Chr. 29; Ps. 95; II Th. 1

May 18- I Ki. 3; II Chr. 1; Ps. 78; II Th. 2

**May 19-** I Ki. 4, 5; II Chr. 2; Ps. 101; II Th. 3

**May 20-** I Ki. 6; II Chr. 3; Ps. 97; Rom. 1

**May 21-** I Ki. 7; II Chr. 4; Ps. 98; Rom. 2

**May 22-** I Ki. 8; II Chr. 5 Ps. 99; Rom. 3

**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

## THANK YOU

A big thank you to Edie Addis and Esther Ralston for covering the new bench pads and pillows in the back of the Sanctuary. They even covered the old cushion and we are now using it on the stone bench outside the Sanctuary.



## **THANK YOU**

Thank you to the Worship Committee and to all those who have volunteered their time to adorn our Sanctuary. What a beautiful job you do!





# **UMW Spring/Mothers Day Event**

26 members and their guests gathered for the annual UMW Spring/Mothers Day event on May 11th at The Horseshoe Grill.

It was a enjoyable day of visiting, making new friends, and planning summer activities