



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

May 23, 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 3rd 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.**

LAST CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS....if you can help with Music Camp, please contact Doc at 749-0521. Thank you.

We will share lunch together at 11:15 am in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, June 4th and then head over at 12:00 pm to the Sanctuary for our final performance. Please join us for both of these events.



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



Memorial Day is more than just another "day off". It's a day of remembrance to honor those who have fallen. It's a reminder to never let them be forgotten.

Next Sunday, May 28th at 4 pm, we will honor those who have fallen in service to their country and their community, and we would like to invite you to join us for our worship service at the Vail Innovation Center, 10755 E. Mary Ann Cleveland Way.



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. **Full size only, no travel sizes can be accepted.**

There will be a bin on the patio on Sunday mornings marked **CONFERENCE MISSION PROJECT** 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 Sunday, 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 28-”Authority for the 21st Century”**



Our New Worship Series: “Created By God, Built for a Purpose”...starts June 4th-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. *1 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 4-Pentecost Sunday-Sermon Title: “God Made You”

June 11-Sermon Title: “God is For You”

June 18-Sermon Title: “God is Always With You”

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

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, www.desertskiesumc.org.



Dear Desert Skies UMC,

Thanks for joining us in the fight against hunger. We are happy to share details at the end of this email about the destination of your meal shipment. The meals you packaged will make a big impact in the lives of people around the globe.

My, age 6, lives in a community where unpredictable droughts and flooding create instability for many farming families. Her family struggles to afford food, typically eating just two small meals each day. Although life is difficult for them, My is a very cheerful, lively child. Since receiving Rise Against Hunger meals at school, My's physical health and academic performance have improved greatly. She hopes to become a doctor so she can help those in need.

My is only one of the tens of thousands of children in countries all over the world who receive Rise Against Hunger meals at school. Since 2005, volunteers like you have helped package more than 310 million meals for distribution to 74 countries. To provide support for children like My around the globe, please consider making a gift at www.riseagainsthunger.org/donate.

We are delighted to announce that the meals from your meal packaging event on 4/23/2017 have been shipped in a container totaling 285,120 meals from our Southern California warehouse. **The meals will be received by our in-country partner Children of Vietnam in Vietnam.**

Children of Vietnam (COV) is an organization dedicated to building bright futures for vulnerable children through life changing initiatives. COV envisions a future where Vietnam's children have within their reach the life necessities to achieve their full potential. The organization works toward this future by education, healing, sheltering and nurturing. COV's nutrition initiatives serves regular meals to more than 8,000 children through schools, orphanages, pagodas, or community programs aimed at street children. In 2016, Children of Vietnam supported 16,406 beneficiaries with more than 1,140,480 RAH meals.

Visit www.riseagainsthunger.org for more information on how you can support Rise Against Hunger and continue your involvement in the fight against hunger. Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/riseagainsthunger for updates, videos and photos from the field. Thank you for volunteering with Rise Against Hunger. We appreciate your dedication and commitment to the vision of a world without hunger.

Gratefully,

Ryan Pond, Program Manager
Rise Against Hunger Southern California
rpond@stophungernow.org

Stephen Ministry Commissioning and Recognition

Last Sunday we commissioned and recognized Shawn Sidles and Bob and Pam Saul.



Graduation Sunday

Last Sunday we celebrated graduates from High School and College. Congratulations to Kyle Stivers, Jessica Barker, Kacee Dixon, Neil Jenkins, Christina Jenkins, Elise Peate, Paige Gardner and Victoria Vogler.



New Community Gathering

Twelve of us gathered for a wonderful afternoon with conversation, great ideas, lots of laughs and a yummy meal. Join us for our next gathering on June 25th at 11:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. Come out and get to know more about each other and the church.



Sundaes on Sunday: Membership 101

Seven of us gathered for our Membership 101 class with ice cream sundaes! We will have 3 new members join our congregation on Sunday, May 28th.



Zippy 49er's Circle Meeting at Risky Business



UMM Breakfast Meeting at the Franklin Car Museum



Announcements

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

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.

Friendly Reminder-We are having plumbing issues in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. Please DO NOT flush anything but toilet paper down the toilets. Thank you.

This Week At Desert Skies

Tuesday, May 23

5:30 am Prayer Walking DSUMC Parking Lot

Wednesday, May 24

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, May 25

9:00 am Prayer Group Room # 5

Friendly Reminder

The church office will be CLOSED
on Monday, May 29th
in observance of Memorial Day!

This Week's Bible Reading

May 23- II Chr. 6, 7; Ps. 135;
Rom. 4

May 24- I Ki. 9; II Chr. 8;
Ps. 136; Rom. 5

May 25- I Ki. 10, 11; II Chr. 9;
Rom. 6

May 26- Prov. 1-3; Rom. 7

May 27- Prov. 4-6; Rom. 8

May 28- Prov. 7-9; Rom. 9

May 29- Prov. 10-12; Rom. 10

Interested in joining
Desert Skies UMC?

Contact Rev. Dr.
Candace J. Lansberry
at 749-0521

if you are interested!

We are on the web:
www.desertskiesumc.org