



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

July 18, 2017

NEW COMMUNITY AT DESERT SKIES



We gathered this past Sunday for food, fellowship, and learning about Desert Skies and each other...New Community meets one Sunday a month, right after our 2nd worship service.

Future Dates:

August 20, September 17, October 15,
November 19, and December 17.

DID YOU KNOW

Hospitality requires a lot of moving parts...both people and machines.

Did you know that in our kitchen at Desert Skies we can wash a big load of dishes in 90 seconds? During a “normal” year of use in our church kitchen this dishwasher runs about 1000 times. It’s just one of the little “unseen” tasks which is accomplished by caring hands!

MOVIE TIME



We are showing “The Shack” this coming Sunday, July 23rd at 3:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great spiritual movie that tells a story of forgiveness. Susan Schild will lead a discussion at the end of the movie.

We will serve ice cream drumsticks, popcorn and drinks. Child care will be provided!!!

Come join us for a great movie. Any questions, call Shawne Sidles at # 275-6388.

Donate to DSUMC from your computer, tablet or smart phone!

An important part of stewardship is giving to support the ministries of the church. Now we have a way for you to make financial donations that may be more convenient than writing checks or using cash.

Our newly designed web page now accepts donations through a “Donate Now “ link. You can choose where to direct your contribution from a menu of options such as general ministries (operations), various mission projects, or special offering requests from the conference.

You can pay by credit card, debit card or by direct transfer (ACH) from your bank or credit union. There is a small fee per transaction that will be deducted from your donation, but a direct transfer will incur the smallest fee. Many members regularly use Bill Pay from their bank or credit union to pay their pledges. There is no fee for using Bill Pay.

How to donate online from the web page:

1. Visit our web page: (www.desertskiesumc.org)
2. Click on the yellow DONATE NOW box in the menu line. (This is a secure connection)
3. Choose your fund (drop down menu) and enter your personal information. You will receive an email confirmation of your donation.

Contact me (finance@desertskiesumc.org) if you have questions about online giving or how to set up and use Bill Pay.

Larry Dunlap
Financial Secretary

And the blessings are rolling in...



REMEMBER-take pictures of your blessings for the next several weeks and send them to office@desertskiesumc.org for our all church blessing video.



The Five Day Academy for Spiritual Formation

A program of The Upper Room Ministries, sponsored by Desert Southwest Conference

October 22-27, 2017 – Redemptorist Renewal Center, Cortaro, AZ

THE FIVE DAY ACADEMY FOR SPIRITUAL FORMATION is a retreat model offering spiritual renewal, rest and time for reflection. Designed for highly motivated lay and clergy, the Academy is a program of The Upper Room, sponsored by the Desert Southwest Conference. This year's faculty presenters are: Dr. Luther Smith, Candler School of Theology professor emeritus and Howard Thurman scholar; and Rabbi Chava Bahle, pastor, teacher and storyteller, one of the outstanding female rabbis in this country with a strong commitment to interfaith relations. To find out more and to register, go to www.az5dayacademy.org or contact Jerry Haas at jndhaas@gmail.com or at 520-449-0327. Early registration deadline is August 31.

CONCERT AT ST. FRANCIS IN THE FOOTHILLS

Chilean guitarist Andrés Pantoja will play a concert of Latin American music and classical guitar on Sunday, July 23rd at 4:00 pm in the Celebration Center. Tickets are \$15.00 (\$10.00 for students with valid ID). Cash, check or credit cards accepted. Advance purchase by calling the St. Francis church office 520-299-9063 or you can buy them at the door. **FREE PARKING!!**

Address: St. Francis UMC-4625 E. River Road



THE INCREDIBLE SPIDER-GUY

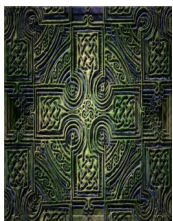
We have Gaslight Tickets for the amazing Spider-Guy show.

What day: August 20th at 6:00 p.m. show (doors open at 5:00 p.m.).

What is the cost: Adults-\$22.00 and children under 12-\$11.00.

Tickets are on sale now!

You can purchase them on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. outside of the Sanctuary. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call Shawne Sidles at (520) 275-6388.



Our Worship Series "Bless to Me" 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 23rd-"Heart Prayers: Blessing the World"

August 6th-"Passages: Special Moments"

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

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



The Dream is Alive!

July 5, 2017

Africa University Development Office
Elaine Jenkins, JD — Director of Planned Giving

Rev. Dr. Candace Lansberry
Desert Skies United Methodist Church
3255 N. Houghton Road
Tucson, AZ 85749

Dear Dr. Lansberry and the Desert Skies Church Family:

Grace and Peace to you in this Holy Season after Pentecost!

Thank you very much for your generous gift of Eleven Thousand Six Hundred Ninety **(\$11,690.00)** Dollars, which you have designated for the Africa University **Desert Skies United Methodist Church Usahwira Scholarship Fund** for scholarship support for **Hector de Jonito Tiago Antonio** and **Mauro Silva Raimundo Malambane**, both of Mozambique, for the 2017-2018 academic year.

Because of your generosity and faithfulness, the young men and women of Africa---like **Hector** and **Mauro**---are being given the precious gift of a **first-rate** university education which will enable them to transform their lives, communities, and nations. Thank you for investing in these future leaders of the nations of Africa!

Africa University held its twenty-third commencement ceremony on **June 10th**, conferring undergraduate and graduate degrees upon **718** graduands who hailed from **23** of the nations of Africa. Because of the generosity and faithfulness of donors like you, Africa University has now educated more than **8,000** young men and women from **31** of the **55** nations of Africa, the majority of whom have returned to their communities to engage in cutting-edge ministries. Thank you!

May this Holy Season after Pentecost bring blessings of peace, joy, and hope to you and to a chaotic and hurting world! Take excellent care!

PEACE!

Elaine Jenkins
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Faith Council Celebration

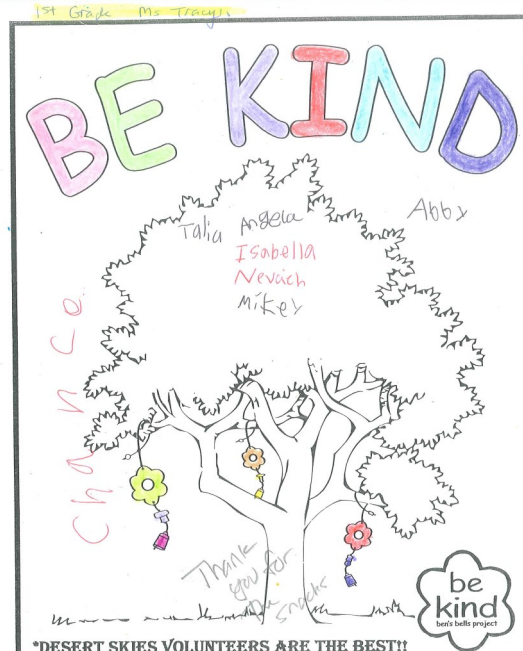
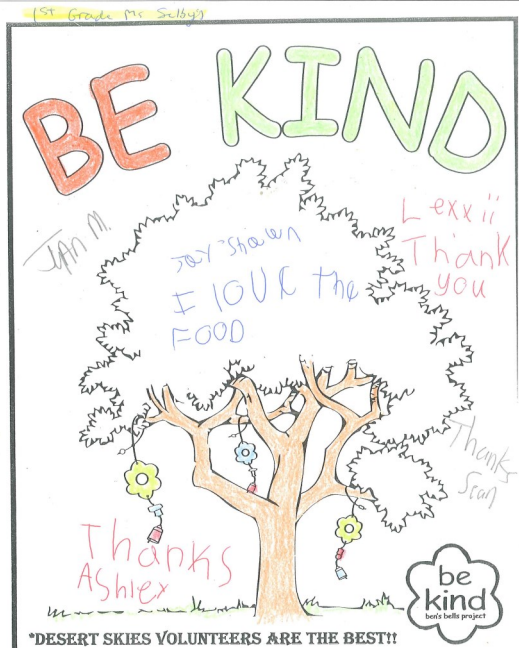
Here is a reminder to please mark your calendars for a ICS Faith Council Celebration on Tuesday, July 25th from 11:30 am –1:30 pm. We will gather at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, located at 7650 N. Paseo Del Norte, (off W. Ina Rd., just west of N. Oracle Rd.)

We will be celebrating the 100th Faith Community joining in partnership with ICS! I encourage all of you who may be interested in this important ICS celebration to join us. There will be plenty of food and refreshments, and there will be a short program at 12:00 pm.

I hope that all of you will be able to attend and if so, please RSVP to Tim Kromer at 297-6049 ext. 201.

Peace,
Tim

A BIG THANK YOU FROM PETER HOWELL ELEMENTARY



Announcements

Flea Market-The Flea Market volunteers will be taking the month of July off! Please contact Max Crowell for pick-ups. Thank you.

SPRC-There will be NO meeting on Tuesday, July 18th. See you next month.

Finance-There will be NO meeting on Tuesday, July 18th. See you next month.

This Week At Desert Skies

Tuesday, July 18
7:00 am Prayer Walking Church Parking Lot

Wednesday, July 19
4:00 pm Loss Support Group Room # 2
Worship Design Sanctuary
6:30 pm Vail Leadership Team Starbucks @
Old Spanish Trail

This Week's Bible Reading

July 18-Is. 32-35; Jas. 2
July 19-II Ki. 17; II Chr. 28; Ps. 46;
Jas. 3
July 20-II Chr. 29-31; Jas. 4
July 21-II Ki. 18, 19; II Chr. 32; Jas. 5
July 22-Is. 36, 37; Ps. 76; I Pet. 1
July 23-II Ki. 20; Is. 38, 39; Ps. 75;
I Pet. 2
July 24-Is. 40-42; I Pet. 3

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