



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

August 1, 2017

DID YOU KNOW.....

The Back Pack Program (formerly know as the Snak Pak Program) will begin its 13th year being in partnership with the Community Food Bank, Peter Howell, Pueblo Gardens and Sierra K-8 elementary/middle schools.

Volunteers pack bags with food items each week during the school year to be delivered to the children/youth of these schools. We serve 270 children and it takes about 1 1/2 - 2 hours to complete packing and delivering the packs.

We are always looking for VOLUNTEERS to help with this ministry because we are making a difference!!



The Shack continues....

Sundays: August 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th in Vail at the 4:00 pm worship service AND on Wednesdays: September 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th from 5:30 pm-7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

If you are wishing to learn and hear more and/or have an in-depth discussion of the book and the movie, Desert Skies UMC is offering two opportunities to experience a deeper level of understanding of this uniquely spiritual work of fiction. How does this book fit with what we as Christians have been taught and how does the Bible support or not support the writer's concept? Please come and join us in a small discussion group in Vail or in the Fellowship Hall during the month of August and September.

NEW COMMUNITY AT DESERT SKIES

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 gather monthly right after our 2nd worship service. 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 August 20th...**and begin building new community together! Future dates: September 17th, October 15th, November 19th and December 17th. Please check the connection card in your bulletin or email us at the office to let us know you are coming!!!

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. Join us on **Sunday, August 20th from 1-3 pm in the Fellowship Hall.** Please check the connection card in your bulletin or email us at the office to let us know you are coming!!!

Bible Study Class: "Jesus In The Gospels"

It's traditional for Desert Skies to hold a Bible Study class on **Tuesday mornings** and this year we will be focusing on the Disciples' Study, "Jesus in the Gospels". This is a very rich study and requires daily study time. **We meet in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 am-11:30 am and our first day will be September 12th.** Rev. Candace and I will Team Teach and you don't need to be a Bible Scholar. We will meet Jesus in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John and enjoy a lively discussion about Our Savior and who we are as His followers. If you are interested call Pat Walker, at #749-4483 or email her at msnodle@aol.com.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

We will have a Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday, August 20th at the 10:00 am service and the 4:00 pm Vail Gathering as part of our new worship series: Backpacks and Prayer.

College, High School, Middle School, elementary School, Preschool...we want to bless your backpacks as a church family. See you there.

SAVE THE DATE!!!! SEPTEMBER 17th is DESERT SKIES HOMECOMING!!

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.

August 6th-"Passages: Special Moments"

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

This Week At Desert Skies

Tuesday, August 1

7:00 am Prayer Walking Starbucks @
Broadway/Houghton

Wednesday, August 2

4:00 pm Loss Support Group Room # 2
Worship Design Sanctuary

Friday, August 4

6:30 pm Bridge Fellowship Hall

This Week's Bible Reading

August 1-Is. 65, 66; Ps. 62; Jn. 3

August 2-II Ki. 21; II Chr. 33; Jn. 4

August 3-Nah. 1-3; Jn. 5

August 4-II Ki. 22; II Chr. 34; Jn. 6

August 5-II Ki. 23; II Chr. 35; Jn. 7

August 6-Hab. 1-3; Jn. 8

August 7-Zeph. 1-3; Jn. 9

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



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| 01 Judy Fox | 14 Mary Daly, Rose Muzzy, Pete Squire |
| 02 Kayla Bording, Lainie Radomsky
Scott Radomsky | 15 Judy Davis, Chuck Hardy, Lois Schram
Donna Langmead |
| 03 Janet Paultette | 16 Bill Conway, Alex "Doc" Shawn |
| 04 Kathy Merk | 21 Bryce Drummond |
| 05 Nathan Bly, Martha Spore | 23 Laurie Crawford, Carrie Radomsky |
| 07 Dick Bailey, Debbie Poisel
Miriam Parsons | 24 Derek Lewis, Carolyn Schuler,
George Steele |
| 08 Roger Aulds | 25 Marion Huff, Samantha Kiewel |
| 09 Barbara Baldwin, Bob Wood | 27 Brandon Farrington |
| 10 Betty Roberts | 30 Beth Ann Scully, Aloure Wolgemuth,
Ginny Zidar |
| 11 Carla Bailey, Bob Paultette | 31 Stephanie Miller, Amy Randall |
| 12 Raiden Bosshardt, Phyllis Kyte | |
| 13 James Haag | |



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| 01 Paul & Sue Wicks | 20 Clyde & Mary Jane Van Arsdale |
| 04 Larry & Peggy Dunlap | 22 Phil & Betty Roberts |
| 06 Jack & Sue Santori | 23 Robert & Linda Dorsey |
| 07 Merrill & Elsie Heinz | 25 Jim & Connie Kraska |
| 10 Bob & Jan Paultette | 30 William & Marcus Conway |
| 15 David & Adele Edwards | |
| 16 Rev. Dr. Mark & Rev. Dr. Candace Lansberry | |
| 19 Jack & Linda Van Straaten | |

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 7:00 Prayer Walking	2 4:00 Loss Support Group Worship Design Team	3	4 6:30 Bridge	5
6 Communion 8:30/10:00 Worship 8:30 Adult S.S. Cup of Joe 11:15 Youth Group The Wired Word 4:00 Vail Gathering	7 8:00 Flea Market Fun 4:00 Communications Meeting 5:30 Emmaus	8 7:00 Prayer Walking 9:00 Helping Hands 6:00 Missions/Social Concerns Meeting	9 4:00 Loss Support Group Worship Design Team	10 8:20 Casa Maria 6:00 Vitality Team Call w/Steve James	11	12
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