



# THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

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## **Our Worship Series-"Backpacks and Prayer" runs thru this Sunday, August 27th.**

Transitioning from a loose summer schedule to a more tight school schedule affects families in different ways. Many of us aren't aware of school schedules, though we are aware of summer plans coming to an end. This series focuses on getting everyone to see a variety of perspectives and learning to pray and work together.

**August 27th-"When School Is in Session, We Work Together"**



## **Our New Worship Series-"Outside My Own Little World: Creating Joy" starts Sunday, September 3rd and runs through Sunday, October 29th.**

In this series, we will remember why we are a Body together-being the hands and feet of Christ in a frightened and hurting world. We will focus not just on maintaining "the Church", but why it is that the church exists at all. We will affirm our purpose as a joyful community in this world and how we live that out together.

**September 3-"Population Two"**

**September 10-"I Try to Stay Awake"**

**September 17-"I Don't Want to Miss What Matters"**

**September 24-"What if There's a Greater Purpose?"**

**October 1-"Look Me In the Eye"**

**October 8-"Give Me Open Hands and Open Doors"**

**October 15-"Break My Heart for What Breaks Yours"**

**October 22-"I Wanna Be Reaching Out"**

**October 29-"Start Living Right Now"**

**Look in this weeks bulletin for your new book mark.**

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

A new school year means the Backpack Program begins. The Backpack program, formerly Snak Paks, will begin the last week of August. Desert Skies supports 3 schools. Sierra K-8 packs on Wednesdays; Pueblo Gardens and Peter Howell packs and delivers on Fridays.

We are in need of volunteers at all the schools. If you would be interested in this ministry please call Eileen Starace at 907-2121 or Karen Anderson at 991-3833 for Pueblo Gardens and Peter Howell. For Sierra K-8 please call Ken Winkelmann at 400-8308. Thank you for your support.

## **BABY SHOWER**

Please join us on **Sunday, September 10th at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall** and meet Autumn Grace Zapanta, born on August 4th to our new custodian, Brian Zapanta and his wife Aubrey.

We will have a baby shower celebration and a light lunch to welcome baby Autumn. For those that wish to attend, please sign up on the Connection Card found in your bulletin on Sunday.

The Zapantas have registered at Target. If you are unable to attend and wish to send a card, gift card, or check, a basket will be in the Narthex until September 10th. If you have any questions, please contact Doc Shawn.



## DSUMC NIGHT OUT

A great time was had by all as we watched the performance of "Spider Guy" at the Gas Light Theatre. Thanks to Shawne Sidles for coordinating this fun filled outing for us.





### New Community

We met on Sunday and heard from representatives from our LEAD teams, sharing how their work helps us lead our neighbors to Christ. Join us next month on Sunday, September 17th for our Homecoming Events!



### B.A.N.G.-Youth Group

We met on Sunday, shared a meal and took a look at how God calls us to work together and to be interdependent not only for a joyful life but a stronger faith.

Look for the End of Summer Life Support Kick-Off on August 27th!!





## A Heartfelt Thank You To So Many

We are close to starting our 3rd year of tutoring so I want to share a little about our program. The actual tutoring is just the tip of the mountain of love. Our church does so much more for the children and their families.

This summer, one of the families experienced a devastating crisis and we were able to step in and offer Gods love by helping them find an apartment near the church and their school district. We were able to provide furniture, household items, new clothes and shoes, help the kids enroll in the schools where they were loved, work out transportation, receive assistance through ICS, provide backpacks and school supplies and help them to once again find some peace and joy in their life. I am pleased to say that they have also become apart of our church family and are involved in our youth group. The relationship was built and our support is there when they need it.

Over the past couple of years, different groups and individuals of the congregation have helped in supplying most of the families with backpacks, school supplies, class fees and clothing. We have assisted with food boxes, housing, furniture and transportation. We have provided Christmas trees and decorations along with gifts for all family members. We have helped them find good jobs to enable independence. We have included the children in Vacation Bible School, Music and Arts Camp, Youth Group and all of the church family activity events.

Several of the families have joined our church as members or regular attendees and work at the Flea Market or on a committee. I can't begin to express how grateful I am to God for giving me the opportunity to work with so many wonderful families. It has brought tremendous joy to my life.

We are currently short of tutors for this year and I would love to share this wonderful ministry with more of you. Please consider joining our team. It only takes one hour per week.

Blessings,

Fred Killion

Please contact Sandy Kleen for details on how to become part of the Tutoring Team!!

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## 2017 Dad and Me Camp at Mingus Mountain

**October 20-22, 2017**

Research shows that a healthy bond between children and their fathers prevents a host of bad behavioral choices. A strong bond between dads and kids also opens doors of communication. To help build strong bonds between kids and dads, Mingus Mountain Camp will host Dad & Me Camp on October 20-22, 2017. This camp will be a time and space set apart for kids to participate in positive, outdoor activities with their fathers and grandfathers. This camp is specifically designed for children between ages 4 and 18, and their dads and grandfathers.

What will we do? There are hikes, campfires, and projects scheduled, along with the challenge course, great food, and comfortable accommodations. If you, as a dad, feel like you haven't connected to your child lately, we have the perfect opportunity to make new memories. Grand-dads and kids are welcome, too.

The camp will start on Friday night after dinner and end on Sunday after lunch. Experienced camp leaders, Steve Gregory and John Rees, will lead the camp. John is a Scout leader and member of Green Valley UMC in Nevada. John's sons, Michael and John, hold the record for the most rides on the camp zip line. Steve is the Director of Christian Education and Youth Leader at Chandler UMC in Arizona. Steve enjoys hiking, obstacle courses, campfires, and s'mores, but what he likes best is leading students and families on camp experiences that draw us all closer to God. Steve's teenage daughter and experienced Dad & Me camper, Cassidy, will be assisting with the camp. She knows all the good hiking trails.

The registration fee of \$125 includes one dad or grandfather and one child. Each additional person, adult or child, is \$25. Register online using the button below or using the form in the PDF brochure linked below.

[Highlight here for a downloadable brochure and registration form](#) (highlight, right click and select open hyperlink)

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For more information, contact Steve Gregory at 480-236-3817 or [steve.chandlerumc@gmail.com](mailto:steve.chandlerumc@gmail.com).

### **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 Pat Walker 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](mailto:msnodle@aol.com) or sign-up on the Connection card found in your bulletin on Sunday.

### Desert Skies Shirts

If you are interested in purchasing any shirts with our new logo, we will be placing a third order on Monday, September 18th. Order forms may be picked up on Sundays at the Welcome Center podium or at the church office.

Orders should be turned in to Sandy Kleen, Jeann Fishback, the Welcome Center podium or to Tammy in the church office.

### SAVE THE DATE

Our SPRC and Annual Charge Conference Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 19th. SPRC will meet at 5:30 pm (room # 2) and the congregation will meet at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

ALL COMMITTEE REPORTS ARE DUE by THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5th. Please submit reports to Tammy by email: [office@desertskiesumc.org](mailto:office@desertskiesumc.org) or leave your hardcopy on her desk. THANK YOU.

### Announcements

Flea Market -needs LARGE boxes. If you have boxes you can donate, please drop off at the shed outside of the Flea Market Barn. Thank you.

Reminder-On Wednesday, August 30th Adult Bells starts back up at 6:45 pm and Adult Choir at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

## Are You Master of the Remotes? Do you enjoy having control?



**We Are Looking for YOU!**  
*and your spouse, buddy or teen.*

The media booth needs volunteers to run the audio and video system during worship.

- You can try it out, with no obligation
- It's easier than it may look
- We will train you
- Commitment as little as one Sunday (both services) a month
- Dates scheduled in advance

**Call: Scott Hartung 247-9581 or Susan Haynes 270-5544**  
*(Salary is twice what the choir makes!)*

### This Week At Desert Skies

#### Tuesday, August 22

6:00 am Prayer Walking

TBA

#### Wednesday, August 23

4:00 pm Loss Support Group  
Worship Design

Room # 2  
Sanctuary

### This Week's Bible Reading

August 22-Jer. 28-30; I Jn. 3

August 23-Jer. 31, 32; I Jn. 4

August 24-Jer. 33, 34; Ps. 74; I Jn. 5

August 25-Jer. 37-39; Ps. 79; II Jn.

August 26-Jer. 50-51; III Jn.

August 27-Jer. 52; Rev. 1; Ps. 143, 144

August 28-Ezek. 1-3; Rev. 2

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](http://www.desertskiesumc.org)