



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

May 15, 2018



Graduation and Confirmation Luncheon Celebration



Don't forget to join us on **Sunday, May 20th** in the Fellowship Hall following our second worship service for our **Graduation and Confirmation Luncheon Celebration**. We will provide the drinks, cakes for dessert, the Lucky Wishbone Chicken and we ask that **YOU bring a side dish to share**. The congregation is encouraged to bring a card for our Confirmands/Graduates or we will have some cards on a table in the Fellowship Hall for you to sign.

High School Graduating Students are: Lindsey Sidles, Andrew Brian Colby, Emma Carruth

Our Confirmation Students are: Lainie Reese Radomsky, Christiana Danielle Colby, Nolan Riley Radomsky, Eric Thor Drummond, Bryce Randall Drummond



SUMMER CAMP AT DESERT SKIES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

(A combination of Vacation Bible School and Music Camp)

June 4th to 8th

Final Performance June 10th

HALF DAY

AGES: PRE-K THROUGH 5TH GRADE

COST: \$10.00

TIME: 9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

PRE-K (Children ages 4 & 5 who are potty-trained) Limited to 15 participants

FULL DAY

AGES: FINISHING 2ND GRADE TO 9TH GRADE

COST: \$50.00

TIME: 9:00 AM TO 4:00PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION GO TO OUR WEBSITE:

www.desertskiesumc.org

520-749-0521

3255 N. Houghton Road

<https://desertskiesumc.breezechms.com/form/6afcdb5233>

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Helping Hands

Helping Hands meets on the second Tuesday of every month to pack lunches for Prima Vera. If you can give an hour of your time, we would appreciate your Helping Hands.

It is with saddened hearts that we share the news of Karen Gustafson's passing on Tuesday, May 8th. Karen was a long-time member of Desert Skies. She was a teller volunteer, every Friday, she took care of our Sanctuary and she would also help pack lunches for Prima Vera. These are just a few of the ways her Helping Hands gave back. Karen will be greatly missed. She touched so many lives and gave so generously of herself. As someone close to her stated, "There will be few people as deserving of, Well done good and faithful servant."



COMMUNITY FOOD BANK REMINDER

The first Sunday of every month is Community Food Bank Sunday. Please remember to bring your food donations and drop them in the bin on the patio on your way in to the sanctuary. If you happen to forget your food donation, you may place a check in the offering with "Community Food Bank" on the memo line or place cash in a pew envelope and put "community food bank" and your name on the envelope. **WITH EVERY DOLLAR DONATED THE CFB CAN PROVIDE 4 MEALS !**

THANK YOU DSUMC!

Praise Band



Adult Bells



Adult Choir



Desert Southwest Conference Annual Mission Project

Our Bishop has selected three projects this year:



ARIZONA JUSTICE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS (AZ JFON)-Located in Tucson

This is a legal clinic welcoming immigrants by providing affordable, high-quality legal services, as well as engaging in advocacy for immigrant rights, offering education to communities of faith and the public about these issues.



THE INN PROJECT

Located in Tucson at First UMC, it provides temporary housing to people seeking asylum in the United States. In collaboration with ICE, it helps to get children and their accompanying adult(s) out of detention centers to a friendly and safe environment as they await arrangements from their family in the U. S. .



TONGAN RELIEF AIDE POST CYCLONE DAMAGE –Our international offering

In February of 2018, Tonga was devastated by the worst storm in 60 years. They experienced winds of more than 2301 m/h flattening buildings and bringing down power lines. Cyclone Gita ravaged Tonga and our Tongan churches are seeking all of our support to help their friends and families back home.

Please prayerfully consider a generous offering, and make your check to **Desert Skies UMC** any time **between now and June 3rd**. (Please indicate “**Conference Mission Project**” on the memo line of the check.)

May 20th thru June 3rd, we will also be collecting needed school and household supplies for Tonga. There will be a table for donated items at the back of the sanctuary.



School Supplies

Paper
Pens
Backpacks
Pencils

Household Supplies

Aluminum Foil
Flashlights with batteries



THANK YOU, DESERT SKIES, FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS CARING AND GENEROUS GIVING!

The Wired Word

This week...

Recently *GQ* magazine created a stir when, in an article about which famous books were not essential reading, it included the Bible. This news gives us an opportunity to consider the value of Bible reading. So that will be the topic of this installment of *The Wired Word*.

If you'd prefer a different topic, look at the second lesson, which begins with a story of hope about a 4-year-old child who is using his allowance to purchase meals for homeless people. We explore what the Bible teaches us about children, and how children and adults can inspire each other to change the world.

You are welcome to enter into the discussion by coming Wednesdays to Rm. 2 (Houghton Campus). The Wired Word in Vail is on Hiatus.

Bless you this week as you dive into the scriptures,

Rev. Matt

Morning Devotion In Bed before I get up

written by Linda Pliska

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy Faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

Great is Thy faithfulness (2)
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth. Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with then thousand beside.

Morning Prayer

Holy God, you existed before creation, you created everything that is, reaching out in majesty and holiness, to create even me. You are all powerful, all wise, all knowing, all goodness, all merciful, all love and everywhere present. I understand that you created me to share in the many gifts of your benevolence, which are personally given through Jesus Christ our Lord. You intend that I live in your joy. Your steadfastness is like a sail and a rudder for my canoe in the heaviest of waters. You give me self-acceptance because you love me personally. I am a sacred treasure because of your love for me. In all my thoughts and steps today, help me to acknowledge your sacred grace and trust, choosing to treat myself as a new creation, fully valued by your love and my own love. This day O dear Lord, three things I pray: to see thee more clearly, to love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly. Thank you Thank You for blessing my soul, body, spirit, and existence with your total and personal love. Now let the day begin and let me understand and try to embody the plans you have for me. Let me look for you in all things. Amen.

His Eye is On The Sparrow

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me (2)

I sing because I'm happy. I sing because I'm free,
For His eye is on the sparrow
And I know he watches me.

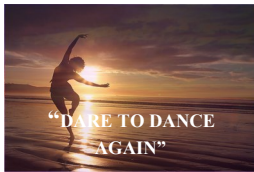
Let not your heart be troubled: His tender words I hear,
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
Though be the path He leadeth, but one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorial Garden-We need some volunteers who would be interested in watering the Memorial Garden. I need to fill a couple of days during the week on a permanent basis. Also, if you are already watering the Memorial Garden and are planning to go out of town, or If you can not do the watering anymore, please let me know. Thank you, Janet Johns-907-3351

The UMM-will not meet in May. We will resume our meetings in September. Enjoy your summer!



Our Sermon Series “Dare to Dance Again” runs through Sunday, May 20th .

As Easter people, we are called to dance our dances of freedom for all the world to see. Dances of hope. Dances of justice. Dances of love. During this season, post-resurrection stories point to the joy of living in the beloved community and extending that fellowship through our witness as we dare to dance and “sing out strong!”

May 20 (Pentecost Sunday)

Sermon: “Spirit Poured Out: Dare To Dance Again”

We will start our New Sermon Series on Sunday, May 27th....”Traveling Together”. See next week’s blast more for information.

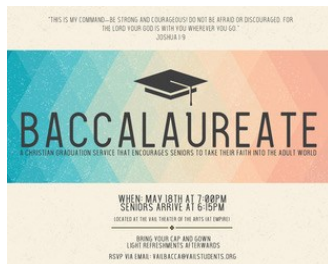
BACCALAUREATE

A Christian Graduation Service That Encourages Seniors To Take Their Faith Into The Adult World.

When: May 18th at 7:00 pm

Where: Vail Theatre of The Arts (10701 E Mary Ann Cleveland Way)

RSVP: VAILBACCA@ VAILSTUDENTS.ORG



Seniors arrive at 6:15 pm and bring your cap and gown.

Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

This Week At Desert Skies

Tuesday, May 15

9:30 am Bible Study Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm SPRC Meeting Room # 2

Wednesday, May 16

2:30 pm Worship Design Room # 2
4:00 pm Grief Support Group Room # 2
5:30 pm The Wired Word Fellowship Hall
6:45 pm Adult Bells Sanctuary
7:30 pm Adult Choir Sanctuary

This Week's Bible Reading

May 15-I Chr. 25-27; I Th. 4

May 16-I Ki. 1; I Chr. 28; Ps. 91;
I Th. 5

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

Interested in joining
Desert Skies UMC?

Join us on
Sunday, May 20th
at 1:00 pm in Room # 2
for a New Member Class

Contact Rev. Dr.
Candace J. Lansberry
at 749-0521
or sign-up on the
Connection Card
found in the bulletin on
Sunday morning
if you are interested!