An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

May 29, 2018

### **Deadline Approaches for Annual Conference Mission Giving**

Our Bishop has selected three projects this year:

- 1. ARIZONA JUSTICE FOR OUR NEIGHBERS (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.
- **2.** <u>THE INN PROJECT</u>-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. .
- 3. 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 3<sup>rd</sup>.** (Please indicate "**Conference Mission Project**" on the memo line of the check.)

Between now and June 10th, 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!







### **Summer Time at Desert Skies**

Summer is officially here at Desert Skies. Many of you will take vacation and other journeys. Yet we don't take vacations from our faith. Let's journey together this summer and continue to grow! Adult Spiritual Formation is offering several opportunities this season to take travel with others:

#### Summer Schedule:

June 3-August 26 Sundays @ 8:30 -9:30 am Rm 5, Adult Bible Study - "Believe" Core Virtues of the Christian Life

June 5-July 3 Tuesdays @ 4:00 – 5:15 pm Rm. 5, **Clash of Kingdoms** – Ray Vander Laan's, That The World May Know DVD series, discover how Paul communicated the Good News of Christ to Philippi, a Roman colony that worshipped false gods. Can you live the message as Paul did while he encouraged the church in Philippi to consider itself a colony of heaven, not Rome? Consider your citizenship and the message you convey to the world as Ray Vander Laan takes you deeper into the culture of ancient Philippi. Led by Rev. Matt Colby

Tuesday June 10, 4:00-6:00 pm Fellowship Hall – **Paul, Apostle of Christ** - All are invited as we make up the popcorn and break out the ice cold sodas to watch this movie. In Paul, Apostle of Christ, Luke risks his life to visit Paul, who is held captive in a Roman prison under Nero's rule. Together, they struggle against a determined emperor and the frailties of the human spirit in order to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ and spread their message to the world.

June 6-August 29 Wednesdays @ 5:30-6:45 pm Rm 2 - **The Wired Word, Relevant Scripture for Today's Head-lines** – Taken from weekly current events this discussion group spends time reading and talking through stories making the news and their scriptural and spiritual implications. You are always welcome to bring a snack or box dinner as you enjoy this study and sharing. Led by Doc Shawn and others.

June 20-Aug. 1 Wednesdays @ 1:00 & 6:00 pm Rm 7 – **Painting God's Beauty** – Have you ever wanted to bring out your creativity through painting? Now is your chance to learn at either the afternoon or evening sessions. Led by Lorna Niven.

Two Book Clubs are still in the works this summer. Catch up on a good read and then share your thoughts and reactions. Mary Ellen Dawson and Peggy Chalk will each be leading one. Stay tuned for more details (time, place and book) soon!

Sign-up on the Connection Card found in your bulletin on Sunday mornings if you would like to participate.

### **New Member Class**





### <u>Our New Sermon Series "Traveling Together" runs through Sunday, August 12th .</u>

Traveling together often means exploring places that are unknown and new and exciting, creating new places for memories and forging relationships that are eternal. Traveling together may also mean exploring places that are familiar to us, that we love and just want to revisit. This summer, travel with us as we explore both the new and the familiar in nature, Sabbath and our Wesleyan Heritage.

June 3

**Sermon:** Exploring Nature: God's Presence Everywhere

June 10 June 17

Sermon: Exploring Nature: Do Not Lose Heart Sermon: Exploring Nature: Seeing the World Through God's Eyes

Our New Sermon Series "Traveling Together" is a total of twelve weeks. It will be broken down in 4 week increments: Exploring Nature, Exploring Sabbath and Exploring Our Wesleyan Heritage. You will see new bookmarks every three weeks for this sermon series.



## SUMMER CAMP AT DESERT SKIES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

(A combination of Vacation Bible School and Music Camp)

### June 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>TH</sup>

Final Performance June 10<sup>th</sup>

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 (highlight, right click and select open hyperlink)

### The Wired Word

Here are the two topics for this week...

It was reported this month that the so-far fruitless search for Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370, which disappeared March 8, 2014, has revealed two ships, likely from about 1880, lying on the ocean floor. Both have been tentatively identified. While this is no comfort to the families of those who were aboard Flight MH370, these ships, which can be called "incidental findings" to the main search, remind us of biblical stories about serendipitous discoveries that change people's lives in positive ways. So that will be the topic of this installment of *The Wired Word*.

The other topic you might wish to study and discuss reflects on the royal wedding of Prince Harry and American Meghan Markle. The event provides a springboard to discuss the nature of love, the responsibilities that come with privilege, and the various ways families shape personal development, both positively and negatively.

Remember you are invited to not only read/study the Scriptures but join in the discussion on Wednesday, 5:30 pm in Rm. 2 (Houghton Campus). You are welcome to bring a snack or box dinner if you like.

May God bless you this week,

Rev. Matt



- 01 Adele Edwards, Sonny Narcho
- 03 Brooke Morgan
- 04 Lew Smith
- 05 Carter Allen, Cheryl Richards
- 07 Justin Ruggieri, Marty Freeman, Cara Levine, Kirsten Limesand
- 09 Theo Vandenberg
- 10 Mike Allison, Jolee Hazelwood, Janet Wilcox
- 11 Ginger Crowder, Jaclyn Mahlstede
- 12 Patti Lee, Jake Maddox, Pat Walker
- 13 Wanda Chittenden
- 14 Lee Holland, Adrianna Montesuma, Linda Van Straaten

- 15 Barb Sinclair
- 17 Norma Swartz
- 19 Becky Noel, Scott Hartung
- **20 Florence Tate**
- 21 Larry Dunlap
- 23 Amy Ruggieri, Tobin Sidles
- 24 Peggy Chalk, Tom Patrick
- 25 Katie Beverage
- **26 Sandy Miller**
- 27 Sue Polacheck
- 28 Frank Morton, Jeanne Myers
- 30 Jim Weaver



- 02 Mike & Judy Bording
- 03 Ralph & Karen Anderson
- 05 Scott & Carrie Radomsky
- 06 Larry & Kathy Merk
- 08 JD & Mary Lou Metzger
- 12 Jerry & Jeanne Myers
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- 13 Tom & Sue Patrick

- 14 Max & Pat Crowell, Dan & Annette Estelle, Dave & Sandee Landsburg
- 18 Glenn & Peggy Gigstad
- 21 Sherm & Patti Lee, Dudley & Martha Spore,
- 22 David & Jennifer Stivers
- 25 Wayne & Lynn Peate, Arnie & Linda Wheeler

# June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	WED	Тни	Fri	SAT
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3 Communion 8:30/10:00 Worship Service 8:30 Adult S.S. 10:00 life Support 11:15 Ring & Sing 12:00 Youth 1:00 Praise Band 4:00 Vail Worship	9:00 Summer Camp 8:00 Flea Market Fun 5:15 Emmaus	5 9:00 Summer Camp 6:00 pm Youth in Vail	6 9:00 Summer Camp 2:30 Worship Design Team 4:00 Grief Support Group 5:30 Wired Word	7 9:00 Summer Camp	9:00 Summer Camp	9
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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<u>Memorial Garden</u>-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

"Painting God's Beauty" Oil Painting Class-Come join us this summer on Wednesdays from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm or 6:00 pm-8:00 pm for fellowship and the discovery to the world of painting. Classes start June 20th thru August 1st with NO experience necessary! Please sign-up on the Connection crd found in your Sunday bulletin. Questions? Call Lorna Niven at 722-2513.

<u>Endowment Committee</u>-Only a limited portion of our earned income can be given away to charitable or religious causes during our lifetime. Planned Giving provides an opportunity to think about what you want to do with the remainder of your estate after you pass on. Contact your pastor or financial secretary for more information.

COMMUNITY FOOD BANK REMINDER – <u>The first Sunday of every month</u> 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!

<u>This Week At Desert Skies</u>	This Week's Bible Reading		
<u>Tuesday, May 29</u> 7:00 pm Church Council Fellowship Hall	May 29-Prov. 10-12; Rom. 10	Interested in joining Desert Skies UMC?	
	May 30-Prov. 13-15; Rom. 11		
Wednesday, May 30 10:30 am Memorial Service for Karen Gustafson Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall	May 31-Prov. 16-18; Rom. 12	Contact Rev. Dr. Candace J. Lansberry	
2:30 pm Worship Design Room # 2 4:00 pm Grief Support Group Room # 2	June 01-Prov. 19-21; Rom. 13	at 749-0521	
5:30 pm The Wired Word Fellowship Hall 7:30 pm Adult Choir Sanctuary	June 02-Prov. 22-24; Rom. 14		
	June 03-Prov. 25-27; Rom. 15		
Thursday, May 31 4:30 pm Stewardship Meeting Room # 2	June 04-Prov. 28, 29; Ps. 60; Rom. 16	We are on the web: www.desertskiesumc.org	
Saturday, June 2 10:00 am Vail Band Sanctuary			