



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

May 8, 2018



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 4:00 PM

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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Scholarships Needed for Summer Camp

If you are able to provide a scholarship(s) for Summer Camp, please send or drop off your scholarship to the office and mark the envelope "Summer Camp Scholarship".

The camp cost per child is \$10.00 for ½ a day and \$50.00 for a full day. Summer Camp is June 4th-June 8th from 9:00 am-4:00 pm.

Traveling Together

One by one, our winter residents are going back home and many of our members are embarking on exciting summer adventures. As part of our summer worship series, Traveling Together, we would like to ask you to send us a postcard (or more than one if you choose) so we can share in your summer adventures. Please send them to the church, Desert Skies UMC, [3255 N. Houghton Rd. Tucson AZ 85749](mailto:3255.N.Houghton.Rd.Tucson.AZ.85749). We will be posting them on the back of the Sanctuary wall as a reminder that we remain connected, even though we are far apart.

And....for those on the journey...a special blessing for you:

THE PATH (Celtic blessing for a journey)

God bless the path on which you go
God bless the earth beneath your feet
God bless your destination
God be a smooth way before you
A guiding star above you
A keen eye behind you
This day, this night, forever
God be with whatever you pass
God be with you whatever you climb
God be with you wherever you stay
God be with you at each stop and each sea
At each lying down and each rising up
In the trough of the waves, on the crest of the billows
Each step of the journey you take
And then see you home.
Amen

Shalom,

Rev. Candace



A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Members of Desert Skies

This past Sunday we welcomed Gina Jackson and Fred and Toni Watts to our congregation. Not only did Toni become a member, but she was also baptized. If you are interested in becoming a member of Desert Skies or would like to know more about the United Methodist Church, join us on Sunday, May 20th at 1:00 pm in room # 2 for our New Member Class. You can sign-up on the Connection Card found in your bulletin on Sunday morning or call Rev. Candace at 749-0521.



Fred Watts



Toni Watts



Gina Jackson



Confirmation Retreat

This past weekend was the Confirmation Retreat at St. Mark's UMC. Our 6 confirmation students were able to find John Wesley who had been kidnapped by Time Bandits. Just in the nick of time using their knowledge of Wesley and their Methodist heritage they were able to find him while learning a couple of lessons on what it means to live in Christ and be the body of Christ. Well done faithful servants!



Ring & Sing



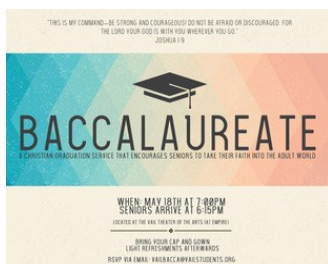
BACCALAUREATE

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: MAILBACCA@MAILSTUDENTS.ORG



**Seniors arrive at 6:15 pm and bring your cap and gown.
Light refreshments will be served afterwards.**

Messy Church in Vail

This past Sunday we gathered together in Vail for our Messy Church intergenerational service. Interested? We are taking a summer break during June and July, but invite you to join us when we start up again the 1st Sunday of August at 4:00 pm at the Vail Innovation Center. Hope to see you there!



“The Community of Imaginations”

Hello again from the worship team! Thank you so much for your valuable feedback...we hope you notice that we take input seriously! One topic we are learning more about each day is the “community of imaginations” the affirmation of how we are *all imaginative and creative because we are made in the image of the Creator God. Our faith narrative is a wonderful story, but Christmas, Easter, etc. come around every year! Sometimes even our leaders need new perspectives and imaginative support about how to tell those stories again with new energy and vitality. This is one of the best reasons to involve more people in the work of worship planning.*

We are getting ready to begin work on our series “*Simon Peter: The Making of a Disciple for the end of Ordinary Time and the beginning of Fall. The Worship Design Studio gives us a way to let as many people as we want brainstorm and give ideas at the initial part of the planning process! If you would like to be able to join us by posting thoughts, ideas, song suggestions, pictures and video ideas for this series, please contact Rev. Candace at 749-0521 and we’ll add you as a Worship Design Studio member! You don’t have to do anything else but add ideas OR you can decide to become a bonafide team member for the series and help out all the way through.*

Take a look at the Inspiration Page we’ve created for the upcoming *Simon Peter* series below and thank you for being part of this “Community of Hopeful Imaginations!”

<http://worshipdesignstudio.com/wdsHome/uploads/17602/canvas/final/inspiration.pdf>

Shalom, Rev. Candace

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!



Volunteer Luncheon

We celebrated our front office volunteers last Wednesday. What a great group of office volunteers we have at Desert Skies. Thanks for all you do for the staff and the congregation of Desert Skies. Thank you to Linda Wheeler for the beautiful decorations and flowers, and thanks to Karen Anderson, Susan Schild, Elsie Heinz and Leanne Whitney for the delicious meal prepared for all of us. **YOU ARE ALL PRICELESS!! We are so blessed to have each and everyone of you!**





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 13 (Mother’s Day)

Sermon: “Gone Up with a Shout:
Clap Your Hands”

May 20 (Pentecost Sunday)

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

The Wired Word

Two news stories, unrelated except that both refer to prayer, have been in the news recently. One concerns the forced resignation of the chaplain of the U.S. House of Representatives, possibly over a prayer that was "too political." The other is about police officers from south Florida who have offered to pray for anyone who requests it during an event dubbed "Prayer With a Cop." The hope is that the praying will build a bridge to the community during a time when several police officers across the country have been shot and killed in the line of duty.

The two stories give us an opportunity to think about the purpose of prayer, and also about what it means to be "political." So those will be the topics of this installment of *The Wired Word*.

If you'd prefer a different topic, look at the next one, which begins with the opening of The National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, Alabama. The open-air exhibit honors the memory of over 4,000 people who were victims of lynch mobs in America.

The launch of the memorial provides us with the opportunity to consider troubled aspects of our national history with regard to slavery and racial terrorism. How does our faith speak to that history, and to where we are in race relations in our country today?

You are welcome to enter into the discussion by coming Wednesdays to Rm. [2 \(Houghton Campus\)](#) or the Vail Baggins at 5:30 pm.

God's peace,
Rev. Matt

Tutoring

Our Tutoring program has wrapped up for the summer and we will be back in August!! A great BIG THANK YOU to all our volunteers who give so generously of their time to make this happen for the children in our community.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Graduation 2018-We will be honoring our graduates on **Sunday, May 20th**. Please submit each student's name, school, degree granted and family relationship to DSUMC **to the office by 8:00 am on Wednesday, May 9th**-Att. Tammy.
(Pictures may be submitted also.)

Graduation and Confirmation Luncheon Celebration-Please join us in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 20th after the 10:00 am worship service to celebrate our Confirmands and Graduates. We will provide the drinks, cakes for desert and the Lucky Wishbone Chicken. **If you plan to attend, please sign-up on the Connection Card below and bring a side dish to share**. Thank you.

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

Education Team Meeting-The Pima County Interfaith Council Education Team will meet at Desert Skies on **Thursday, May 10th, from 6:30 - 8:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall**. Members and friends of our congregation are invited to attend. This is an opportunity to learn more about an organization that makes it possible for people from religious and civic groups across the Tucson area to work together on topics of concern to all members of our society.

Endowment Committee-Do you want to participate in the future ministries of Desert Skies? Naming the Church as a beneficiary in your estate plan or making a gift to our endowment fund can assure that you will continue to play an important part in our ministries of tomorrow.

Walk to Emmaus 4th Day Gathering-Come join us on Saturday, May 12th at Christ Church UMC for training at 3:00 pm and a potluck at 5:00 pm with a service to follow. De Colores! Questions....contact the Hartungs: Stephanie-520-405-3210; Scott 520-247-9581.

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

This Week At Desert Skies

Tuesday, May 8

9:00 Helping Hands	Fellowship Hall
9:30 am Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm Missions/Social Concerns	Room # 5

Wednesday, May 9

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

Thursday, May 10

8:20 am Casa Maria	Off Campus
6:30 pm Worship Meeting	Sanctuary
Pima County Interfaith Council Meeting	Fellowship Hall

Friday, May 11

4:30 pm Confirmation Class	Fellowship Hall
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This Week's Bible Reading

May 08-II Sam. 15, 16; Ps. 32;
Mt. 25

May 09-II Sam. 17; Ps. 71; Mt. 26

May 10-II Sam. 18; Ps. 56; Mt. 27

May 11-II Sam. 19, 20; Ps. 55;
Mt. 28

May 12-II Sam. 21-23; I Th. 1

May 13-II Sam. 24; I Chr. 21; Ps. 30;
I Th. 2

May 14-I Chr. 22-24; I Th. 3

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!