

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

June 19, 2018

A Warm Welcome For Our New Members

Last Sunday at our Vail location we welcomed Mark, Nancy and Abby Goforth, John, Loren and Emma Carruth, Margaret Reasey and Scott Jones to our Desert Skies family.





AZED101 on Wednesday, June 20th at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall

Take a break from the heat to learn more about how public education is funded in Arizona from our friends at AZED101. Following the presentation, TVUSD Superintendent Dr. Scott Hagerman will discuss how the last ten years' funding cuts have impacted TVUSD, and share his vision for the district's future.

AZED101 is a non-partisan volunteer group of parents committed to improving Arizona's education funding. We realized that to change the status quo, we had to understand the situation, and soon we had a presentation to share with friends and neighbors, who were shocked at how our schools are funded. You will be, too.

Helping Hands



A BIG THANK YOU

As our school year comes to a close and summer starts, I want to say a BIG Thank You to all of the Junior High and Senior High teachers/leaders. We had a Great Year! Kicking off with the Youth-led church service in the Fall, Advent and Lenten studies and discussions, Earth Day Celebrations with the Younger children, and moments of sharing in our "beta test" program called "Get To Know Me".

Thank you, Diane, Steve, Roselle, Ken, Bill and Janet!!

For next school year, more "Get to Know Me" moments; discussion in early fall/late summer with our most recent college students about college life after high school (more for Senior High); books to dive into and pull out the WWJD in them

If you would like to participate in any of these plans, please let me know. As a final word of encouragement, "Get to Know" these youth. I feel truly blessed by our youth. Every Sunday I have spent with them I have laughed, cried, and learned something new. It's a great experience that you, too, can have.

God Bless and Keep you, Stephanie Hartung, DDS

2018 Annual Conference Mission Project

Thank you, Desert Skies! Once again you have responded with your amazing love and generosity. Our delegates to Annual Conference took with them 4 very large shopping bags of household supplies donated by our congregation as well as two bags of gently used clothing and seven shovels donated by the Flea Market to assist with the cyclone recovery in Tonga.....necessary items that we all take for granted in recovery from a natural disaster.

Through your generous giving, we were also able to send a check for \$975.00 to be divided between The Inn Project, Arizona Justice for our Neighbors and Tonga Disaster Relief.

WAY TO GO, DSUMC!

BOOK CLUB

A book club "The Great Divorce" by C.S. Lewis with questions about Heaven and Hell and how hard it is to let go of our earthly attachments will begin on Monday mornings, July 9th-July 30th from 10:00 am-11:30 am in room # 5. Peggy Chalk will be leading this discussion. Get your copy now and start reading. You can sign-up on the Connection Card found in your bulletin on Sunday mornings.

AFRICA UNIVERSITY UPDATE

Dear Dr. Lansberry and the Desert Skies Church Family:

Grace and Peace to you in this Holy Season of Kingdomtide!

We are very pleased to report to you that Africa University celebrated its 24th commencement ceremony this past Saturday, **June 9**th. The 2018 graduating class of **616** included one of the recipients of your direct scholarship fund: **Mauro Silva Raimundo Malambane** of Mozambique was awarded the Bachelor of Business Science degree in management. I have attached Mauro's note of appreciation for your support.

With the 2018 graduating class, Africa University has now educated approximately **9,000** young men and women from **31** of the **55** nations of Africa. Approximately **92%** of our graduates return to their communities to engage in cutting-edge ministries. **Thank you** for investing in Africa University's transforming ministry!

May this Holy Season of Kingdomtide bring blessings of peace, hope, and joy to you and to a chaotic and hurting world! Take excellent care!

PEACE!

Elaine Jenkins

Director of Planned Giving Africa University Development Office

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

I, Mauro Silva Malambane of Mozambique, final year student in the College of Business, Leadership and Governance and graduating this June, humbly thank you for everything you have done for me during my matriculation at Africa University.

Since 2016, you have been sponsoring me and this has contributed to my success in my studies. Since your sponsorship, I haven't faced any financial challenges at all. Thank you, Desert Skies United Methodist Church.



Yours sincerely, Mauro Malambane

Special Invitation

When: Sunday, June 24th, 2018

Time: 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Event: Tour TMM's new Senior Apartments at 3100 block of E. Fairmount St and Country Club Road (south edge of TMM's 8.5 acre housing campus)

Enjoy free pizza, ice cream, and beverages!

Bring a family member, relative or friend to see these twenty (20) new, energy efficient, split 2 bedroom/2 bath floor plan units. Income qualifying guidelines will be explained, and guests may register for one of twelve door prizes, each valued at \$10-\$25. Prizes awarded every fifteen minutes.

The twenty 2-bedroom / 2-bath units are specially designed for a relative or private caregiver to have his/her private quarters while supporting a loved one(s) in independent living.

Supportive services include meals from the Moffet Dining Room, weekly transportation, and ready-to-use cable TV, internet, and landline phone services & more to come by 2019!

TMM is grateful for the members of the United Methodist Women, as well as TMM Board members, who will be assisting at this event.

Ten of the twenty units are tentatively scheduled for occupancy on June 29th and the remaining ten units by July 15th.

Our Sermon Series "Traveling Together" runs through Sunday, August 12th.

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.

Our next four week Sermon Series-"Exploring Sabbath" will run from June 24th-July 15th and we will end with "Exploring Our Wesleyan Heritage", July 22nd-August 12th. You will see new bookmarks every four weeks for this sermon series.



June 24-Sermon: Exploring Sabbath: Relief Route

July 1-Sermon: Exploring Sabbath: Re-Orienting

July 8-Sermon: Exploring Sabbath: Renewal

July 15-Sermon: Exploring Sabbath: Rest



July 22-Sermon: Exploring our Heritage: Do No Harm

July 29-Sermon: Exploring our Heritage: Do Good

Aug. 05-Sermon: Exploring our Heritage: Stay in Love with God

Aug. 12-Sermon: Exploring our Heritage: Wesley's Plan



Session Topics and Session Leaders:

- Parenting:

 How to Fail at Parenting: Angie Whitby

 Discovering Foster and Adoption: Jeff Vanderford

 Support for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Laura Jasso and Deloris Wright

 How to Retrain Your Kids and Yourself!: David Gainey

 Making and Holding Jell-O: Finding the Delicate Balance in Parenting: Gloria Bernal
- Parenting the Love and Logic Way: Robin Blumenthal
 Three Simple Ways to Build a Happier Family: Steven and Carol Langford
 Goood Team! Tips and Tricks to Keep Your Family Ahead of the Daily Grind: Sarah Bates

- Relationships and Family:

 Sharing the Secrets of Loving Effectively: Candace Lansberry

 If You Change Your Heart and Mind About Forgiving..? Then..!!: Sister Noelle O'Shea Meal Time is Family Time: Cole Thies

Health:

Current Drug Trends: What are we up against?: Deputy William A. Farmer

- Technology:

 Digital Safety: Devin Pratt and Mark Breen
 Social Media and Teen Mental Health: Joe Jewell
- Finance:
- When Things Go Wrong.... : Erica Gomez

Patio Bench Fund Drive

Would you like to purchase one of the new Patio benches and dedicate it to a loved one? A copper plaque will be designed for you with 2 lines and will be placed at the top of the bench. You may dedicate a bench for many different reasons. The donation price for a bench is \$135. We suggest that you state the reason on the first line and the name/names on the second line.

- In loving memory of
- Thank you for xxxxx 2
- Dedicated to 3
- The family of

Anything you want Please try to limit yourself to approx. 25 characters per line. Spaces count as a characters! The fewer the letters the bigger the print will be!

Example:

In loving memory of

19 characters

Virgil and Harriett Killion

27 characters

Plant and Flower Pot Fund Drive

Would you like to purchase a plant or flower pot for the Patio? A donation of any amount will support beautifying the Patio.

I am making a donation of			
For (circle)	Bench (\$135)	Flowers/Pots any amount
Checks should be made out to: DSUMC			
Please be sure to write PATIO on the memo line			
If you are buying a bench, please PRINT the 2 lines that you want written on the plaque. Try to stay around 25 characters per line. The plaque size will be 1 inch by 7 inches.			
Your contact information	Name		
	Phone		
Please Print	Email		

Donation forms and check may be placed in the offering tray or turned in at the office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 (# 722-2513). 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. NO experience necessary!

<u>Are you ready for some YOGA??-</u>Holy Yoga will start June 27th at 9:00 am. This is a beginning level class, mostly stretching. Suggested donation is five dollars per class. This will be every Wednesday at 9:00 am (except July 4th.) Any questions, please call Shawne at # 885-5891.

<u>UMW</u>-Wednesday, July 18, we will have a Salad Potluck and Bunco day in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m. Please bring your favorite salad (or a dessert if you prefer but please advise us if you are bringing a dessert). We will begin our Bunco game abut 1:00 p.m., It is fun and easy to learn. Registration would be appreciated so we can plan for tables, etc.

<u>The Flea Market-will be closed for the months of July and August.</u> There will be NO shopping on Monday mornings and there will be NO pick-ups during this time. We will still accept donations and those that are donating can drop their items off on Monday mornings or leave the items in the outside drop off shed at anytime. Thank you.

<u>Tuesday July 10, 4:00-6:00 pm Fellowship Hall – Paul, Apostle of Christ</u> - 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. **Sign-up on the Connection Card found in your bulletin on Sunday mornings if you would like to attend.**

This Week At Desert Skies

Tuesday, June 19

4:00 pm DVD Series/Clash of Kingdoms

6:30 pm Finance Room # 2

Wednesday, June 20

1:00 pm Painting Gods Beauty
2:30 pm Worship Design
4:00 pm Grief Support Group
5:30 pm The Wired Word
6:00 pm Painting Gods Beauty
AZED101 Meeting
Room # 7
Fellowship Hall

Saturday, June 9

10:00 am Vail Band Practice Sanctuary

This Week's Bible Reading

June 19-II Ki. 1-3; Ps. 82; I Tim. 1

June 20-II Ki. 4, 5; Ps. 83; I Tim. 2

June 21-II Ki. 6, 7; II. Chr. 20; I Tim. 3

June 22-II Ki. 8, 9; II Chr. 21; I Tim. 4

June 23-II Ki. 10; II Chr. 22, 23; I Tim. 5

June 24-II Ki. 11, 12; II Chr. 24; I Tim. 6

June 25-Joel 1-3; II Tim. 1

Interested in joining Desert Skies UMC?

Contact Rev. Dr.
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We are on the web:

www.desertskiesumc.org