



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

June 5, 2018

Deadline Approaches for Our Tongan Relief Aide

TONGAN RELIEF AIDE POST CYCLONE DAMAGE

Our international offering for the 2018 Annual Conference Mission Project

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.

Between now and June 10th , we are 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!

Traveling Together:

Exploring Nature



Our New 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.

June 10

Sermon: Exploring Nature: Do Not Lose Heart

June 17

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 four weeks for this sermon series.



New Members and Baptism

This past Sunday, we welcomed Shawn & Joy Coffee, Brian & Allison Roberts, Mike & Sara Leedy and Bill Neal as new members into our congregation. We also celebrated with Rosa Sanders as she was Baptized. Welcome and congratulations to all.



Shawn & Joy Coffee

Shawn and Joy have been part of the Desert Skies family for awhile. They have two sons, Patrick and Luke, who keep them very busy.

Shawn grew up in the northwest and is an engineer at Raytheon. Joy is from Austin, Texas and looks forward to going back to school for a degree in education when the boys are older.

They are transferring from Arapaho UMC in Richardson, Texas.

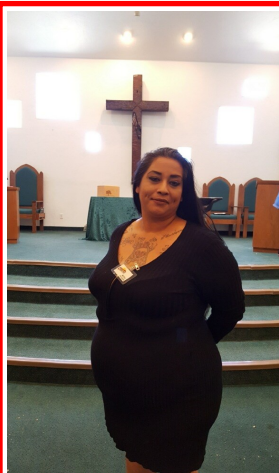


Brian & Allison Roberts

Brian and Allison Roberts recently moved to the east side, and are coming to Desert Skies from St. Mark's UMC.

Brian is an engineer at Raytheon and Allison is a retired school teacher.

They have three adult children.



Rosa Sanders

Rosa came to Desert Skies because her children were participating in tutoring and our youth group, and they told their mom she just HAD to come!

Rosa was baptized and is excited to continue her faith journey with us.



Bill Neal

Bill is originally from the Chicago area and lived in upstate New York for 20 years. He moved to Tucson 18 years ago.

He is a retired business owner of an HR consulting firm.



Mike and Sara Leedy

Mike and Sara are transferring from Dickson First United Methodist Church in Tennessee.

Mike, Sara, and their girls, Madelynn and Paige, are already actively involved in our music programs here Desert Skies.

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 12, 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 Headlines – 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 (# 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!

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.

SPRC Meeting





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



The Wired Word

On Tuesday, Starbucks closed all its stores to give its employees an afternoon of anti-bias training, following an April incident where one employee called police on two black men who were sitting in a Philadelphia Starbucks but hadn't yet ordered anything. This news gives us a good opportunity to become aware of our own unconscious biases so that we do a better job of treating others as we'd like to be treated -- something Jesus told us to do. So that will be the topic of this installment of *The Wired Word*.

Want different topic, look at the next one which looks at troubling news about families that are being torn apart as the Department of Homeland Security enforces a "zero tolerance" policy against families who attempt to enter the United States, whether legally or illegally. We explore how the church might respond to families in crisis and how biblical figures handled systems that caused harm to vulnerable populations in general and to children in particular.

May God bless you with the scriptures this week.

Rev. Matt

Trustees Meeting



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Camp-The final performance of "Shipwrecked" will be on **Sunday, June 10th at 11:15 am in the sanctuary**. After the performance, we will have a **pizza lunch in the Fellowship hall at 12:15 pm**.

Endowment Committee-How is it possible to give a cash donation to the church without taking money from your earned income, your investment income, your savings or capital, or your retirement income? Planned giving can make it happen!

Helping Hands-If you can spare an hour of your time, please join us in packing lunches for Prima Vera on **Tuesday, June 12th at 9:00 am in the kitchen**.

Missions/Social Concerns Meeting-we will meet on **Tuesday, June 12th at 6:00 pm in room # 5**.

Casa Maria Soup Kitchen-We will be at **Casa Maria on Thursday, June 14th at 8:20 am** to help serve our brothers and sisters in our community who need some extra support.

Vail Band Practice-the band will start practicing on **Saturday mornings at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary**.

Are you ready for some YOGA??-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.

Stephen Ministry Meeting-We will meet on **Monday, June 11th at 7:00 pm in room # 5**. See you there!

This Week At Desert Skies

Tuesday, June 5

9:00 am Summer Camp/VBS Campus
4:00 pm DVD Series/Clash of Kingdoms Room # 5

Wednesday, June 6

9:00 am Summer Camp/VBS Campus
2:30 pm Worship Design Room # 2
4:00 pm Grief Support Group Room # 2
5:30 pm The Wired Word Fellowship Hall

Thursday, June 7

9:00 am Summer Camp/VBS Campus

Friday, June 8

9:00 am Summer Camp/VBS Campus

Saturday, June 9

10:00 am Vail Band Sanctuary

This Week's Bible Reading

June 5-Prov. 30-31; Ps. 33; Eph. 1

June 6-Ecc. 1-3; Ps. 45; Eph. 2

June 7-Ecc. 4-6; Ps. 18; Eph. 3

June 8-Ecc. 7-9; Eph. 4

June 9-Ecc. 10-12; Ps. 94; Eph. 5

June 10-Song 1-4; Eph. 6

June 11-Song 5-8; Phil. 1

Interested in joining
Desert Skies UMC?

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