An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

July 10, 2018

## **Movies at Desert Skies**

Join us this week for two movies at Desert Skies.



Come out and watch "Paul, Apostle of Christ" with Rev. Matt, <u>TODAY at</u> 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

All are invited to attend! Popcorn and ice cold sodas will be provided.



Friday afternoon movies at Desert Skies starts on July 13th in the Fellowship Hall. Doors open at 1:00 pm and movie starts at 1:15 pm.

You'll have time to get some pop corn, candy and a refreshing drink.

What's the movie ???
"I CAN ONLY IMAGINE"
The story behind the song, I Can Only Imagine by MercyMe.

Any questions, please call Shawne at 885-5891. Hope to see you there.



## BACKPACK DRIVE FOR INTERFAITH COMMUNITY SERVICES

We are collecting <u>NEW BACKPACKS</u> for ICS to support their annual program of distributing new backpacks filled with school supplies to children from low income families, now thru July 22.

For the last three years the children in our DSUMC tutoring program have been recipients of this program. Although the distribution is on a first come first served basis, ICS sets aside the number of backpacks needed for the tutoring program, and Fred Killion picks them up and distributes them.

There will be a table at the back of the sanctuary for collecting your donations.

IT IS TIME FOR DSUMC TO SAY "THANK YOU" TO ICS!

# **Youth Mission Project Trip**

Sunday during worship, we recognized our youth who attended our Mission Project Trip to Crown Point, New Mexico. Ellie Radomsky, Lainie Radomsky, Paige McDowell, Sydney Harrington, Derek Lewis, Andrew Colby, Logan Radomsky, Jose Marquez (not pictured) and Jacob Trueman (not pictured). Rev. Matt and Mike Lewis (not pictured) supervised the youth on this wonderful trip. We will pick a day in August, for the congregation to come together with us and learn more about our mission project trip.



## The Wired Word

Hello everyone,

A routine day at an Annapolis newspaper was thrown into deadly chaos by the arrival of a shooter who killed five staff members with a shotgun. The suspect was apparently enraged by a newspaper column that described his obsession with a high-school classmate. In response to this tragedy, freedom of the press, civil discourse, the power of words, the cost of truth-telling, and the dangers of abusive power and entitlement will be the topics of this installment of *The Wired Word*.

Our second lesson which examines recent cases of Trump administration officials being harassed or refused service at restaurants. We explore issues of hospitality, resistance to policies we consider objectionable, and civility.

May God bless you in the scriptures this week.

Rev. Matt



## **Photo Directories Are Here!**

Did you have your picture taken for the new photo directory back in January or February and haven't receive the new directory yet?

If so, please visit the Welcome Center after the worship services on Sunday mornings and pick yours up.

If you were not able to sit for a new photo but would still like to receive a directory, you may purchase one for \$5.00.

Please stop by the Welcome Center and check them out, they are in a new and improved style!

## 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 Sermon Series-"Exploring Sabbath" runs thru July 15th. We will end with "Exploring Our Wesleyan Heritage", July 22nd-August 12th. You will see new bookmarks every four weeks for this sermon series.

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

# **Traveling Together**



Greetings from South Padre Island, TX.

Having fun with family and friends.

Blessings, Max & Pat Crowell

# **DVD SERIES CLASH OF KINGDOMS**





#### The Dream is Alive!

Africa University Development Office

Elaine Jenkins, JD — Director of Planned Giving

July 3, 2018

Ms. Mary Jo Floyd, Chairperson Missions/Social Concerns Committee Desert Skies United Methodist Church 3255 N. Houghton Road Tucson, AZ 85749

Dear Ms. Floyd:

Grace and Peace to you, the members of the missions/social concerns committee, and the Desert Skies Church family in this Holy Season of Kingdomtide!

Thank you very much for your generous gift of Ten Thousand Ninety (\$10,090.00) Dollars, which you have designated for the Africa University Direct Scholarship Fund. This gift will be added to the gift of \$1,600.00 received this past December 20, 2017, to provide two scholarships, each in the amount of \$5,845.00, and designated for Hector Tiago and an outstanding female student from either Mozambique (Chicuque or Cambine) or South Sudan for the 2018-2019 academic year. We will inform you in August whether we have a student meeting your criteria to be awarded the second scholarship.

**Thank you** for eighteen consecutive years of faithful support of Africa University's scholarship program. Because of your commitment and generosity, you have already educated a small cadre of young men and women who are transforming their communities. **Thank you!** 

I am pleased to share with you that Africa University celebrated its 24th commencement ceremony on June 9<sup>th</sup>. With the 2018 graduating class numbering 616, 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, the Desert Skies Church family, and to a chaotic and hurting world! We wish you a safe, reflective, and starspangled Independence Day celebration! Take excellent care!

PEACE

Elaine Jenkins

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Enclosure:

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cc:

Rev. Dr. Candace Lansberry, Senior Pastor (transmitted electronically)

Dr. and Mrs. Bruce D. Broughton (transmitted electronically)

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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 be placed at the top of the bench.  The donation price for a bench is \$135. A bench may be dedicated for many reasons.					
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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<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.** We will still accept donations and those that are donating can call to schedule a pick up, or they can drop their items off on Monday mornings or leave the items in the outside drop off shed at anytime. Thank you.

<u>Book Clubs</u>- "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 has started on Monday mornings and runs thru July 30th from 10:00 am-11:30 am in room # 5. Pat Walker will be leading this discussion until Peggy Chalk gets back to feeling better.

Books: "Same Kind of Different as Me" by Ron Hall and Denver Moore

"The Sun Does Shine" by Anthony Ray Hinton

"The Hate You Give" by Angie Thomas

Dates/Time: Thursday, August 2nd, August 9th, and August 16th at 5:30 pm Where: 8536 E. Tonbridge Ct. Tucson

We will discuss the books in the above order, one each week, and I will provide a summer supper and beverage. Bring a friend. Share a ride. Questions? Contact Mary Ellen Stephens-Dawson. You can sign-up on the Connection Card found in your bulletin on Sunday mornings if you want to attend.

#### This Week At Desert Skies

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9:00 am Helping Hands Kitchen 4:00 pm Movie-"Paul, Apostle of Christ"

Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, July 11

1:00 pm Painting God's Beauty Room # 7
2:30 pm Worship Design Room # 2
4:00 pm Grief Support Group Room # 2
5:30 pm Wired Word Room # 2
6:00 pm Painting God's Beauty Room # 7

Thursday, July 12

8:20 am Casa Maria Off Campus

#### Friday, July 13

1:00 pm Senior Living Fellowship Hall Movie "I Can Only Imagine"

#### Saturday, July 14

10:00 am Vail Band Practice Sanctuary

#### This Week's Bible Reading

July 10-Mic. 5-7; Heb. 7

July 11-Is. 8-10; Heb. 8

July 12-Is. 11-14; Heb. 9

July 13-Is. 15-18; Heb. 10

July 14-Is. 19-21; Heb. 11

July 15-Is. 22-24; Heb. 12

July 16-Is. 25-28; Heb. 13

Interested in joining
Desert Skies UMC?

Contact Rev. Dr.
Candace J. Lansberry
at 749-0521

We are on the web:

www.desertskiesumc.org