



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

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The Wired Word

This week the world was riveted by the "masterpiece" mission of an international team of expert divers, medics, cavers and ordinary people from all walks of life who came together to search for and rescue a team of young soccer players who were trapped by floodwaters in an underground labyrinth in northern Thailand.

The event provides the opportunity to explore themes of salvation, teamwork and sacrifice.

If you'd prefer a different topic, the second lesson looks at the recent decision of U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Anthony Kennedy to retire and President Donald Trump's nomination of Federal Appeals Court Judge Brett Kavanaugh to replace him. These developments give us a chance to think theologically about justice, the role of judges, how we ourselves make judgments, what commitment Christians should have to judicial systems where they live and what it would be like to live in the kingdom of God when it comes in its fullness.

May God bless you this week,
Doc Shawn



BACKPACK DRIVE FOR INTERFAITH COMMUNITY SERVICES

Thanks to all those who have donated a **NEW** backpack! If you would like to donate, it's not too late! We are collecting **NEW BACKPACKS** 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.

Our Sermon Series “Traveling Together: Exploring our Heritage” 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.



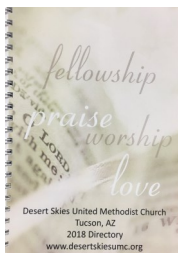
- July 22-Sermon: Exploring our Heritage: Do No Harm
- July 29-Sermon: Exploring our Heritage: Do Good
- Aug. 05-Sermon: Exploring our Heritage: Stay in Love with God
- Aug. 12-Sermon: Exploring our Heritage: Wesley’s Plan

HELPING HANDS

Thank you to our faithful volunteers who use their “Helping Hands” to pack lunches for the Prima Vera Men’s Shelter on the **second Tuesday of every month in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am**. If you have an hour to spare and would like to use your “Helping Hands”, **join us on Tuesday, August 14th at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!!**



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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UMW-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 about 1:00 p.m., It is fun and easy to learn.

The Flea Market-will be closed for the months of July and August. 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.

Book Clubs- “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. Peggy Chalk will be leading this discussion.

**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.**

It is with saddened hearts that we announce the passing of Mike Pliska. Mike went home to be with his heavenly father, yesterday morning. We will have a Celebration of Life service for Mike on Saturday, July 21st at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary with a reception to follow. Prayers go out to Linda and her family.

Celebration of Life-We will have a Celebration of Life service for John Ryberg on Saturday, July 28th at 10:00 am in the sanctuary with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall. Prayers for Linda and family.

This Week At Desert Skies

Tuesday, July 17

6:30 pm Finance Room # 2
7:30 pm SPRC Room # 2

Wednesday, July 18

11:30 am UMW Bunco/Salad Potluck
 Fellowship Hall
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

Friday, July 20

1:00 pm Senior Living Fellowship Hall

Saturday, July 21

10:00 am Vail Band Practice Sanctuary

This Week’s Bible Reading

July 17-Is. 29-31; Jas. 1

July 18-Is. 32-35; Jas. 2

July 19-II Ki. 17; II Chr. 28;
 Ps. 46; Jas. 3

July 20-II Chr. 29-31; Jas. 4

July 21-II Ki. 18, 19; II Chr. 32;
 Jas. 5

July 22-Is. 36, 37; Ps. 76; I Pet. 2

July 23-II Ki. 30; Is. 38, 39; Ps. 75;
 I Pet. 2

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