An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

**July 31, 2018** 



continue the immigration process.

## THE INN PROJECT ALWAYS NEEDS SUPPLIES!

The Inn Project is a ministry of the UMC Desert Southwest
Conference that temporarily shelters and cares for children and their
families seeking asylum in the U.S. as they transition to the next part of their journeys. These families have
already gone through Immigration and Customs Enforcement as well as Border Enforcement and are released to

New families are constantly arriving and leaving so **The Inn Project**'s needs are great and help is appreciated from anyone with an open heart.

## **NEEDED ITEMS**

Children's clothing (gently used)
Small to medium sized adult clothing (gently used)
shoes
backpacks
bath towels
personal hygiene supplies
laundry supplies

If you would like to donate items, there is a bin for them in the <u>church office</u> or give them to <u>Barb Reuter</u>, <u>Julie Jenkins or Mary Jo Floyd</u>. (<u>Do not place them in a bin on the patio.</u>)

THANK YOU, DESERT SKIES, FOR BEING A SMALL CHURCH WITH A BIG HEART!

# **COMMUNITY FOOD BANK REMINDER**

<u>The first Sunday of every month</u> is Community Food Bank Sunday. Please remember to bring your food donations and drop them in the bin on the patio on your way in to the sanctuary. If you happen to forget your food donation, you may place a check in the offering with "Community Food Bank" on the memo line or place cash in a pew envelope and put "community food bank" and your name on the envelope.

WITH EVERY DOLLAR DONATED THE CFB CAN PROVIDE 4 MEALS!
Thank You, DSUMC!!

# Desert Skies United Methodist Church Church Council Meeting Agenda Tuesday July 31st, 2018 at 6:30 pm 7401 E Calle los Arboles

Vision: A Joyful Community Drawing People to Christ;

Mission: Lead our neighbors to Christ; Love one another in caring community; Learn to follow Jesus (2018 focus); Live a Christ-like life that serves the world.

Meeting Chair: Mike Starace Recording Secretary: Jeann Fishback

Remember to sign in on the attendance form before each meeting, print any necessary attachments you receive during the month and bring canned goods for our ELF ministry. Forward committee minutes and upcoming events to Jeann & Tammy.

- 1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer –
- 2. Approval of the previous Church Council Minutes -
- 3. Listening & Learning: Candace

I would like to propose a theme scripture for the 2018-2019 year, from Isaiah 41: 6-7

- 6 Each helps the other, each saying to the other, "Take courage!"
- 7 The craftsman encourages the metalworker; the one who smoothes with the hammer encourages the one who strikes the anvil, saying of the welding, "That's good," and strengthening it with nails so it won't move.

We can have conversation about what this kind of working together looks like!

4.. **Leading:** Coordinating our Efforts for Ministry: Collaborating Together:

Calendar & Christ Café Review for Aug & Sept – Shawne

Check the website calendar for any changes necessary on your team events

Nominations – Larry Dunlap Election of three new members to replace retiring members.

Jerry Myers, Mimi Salber & Pat Crowell

Candace – Election of Lay Leader – Mary Jo Floyd to replace Linda Feldman

Finance & Tech Update- Connie Kraska

New Business and Reminders:

Action Items:

- 6. Next meeting: Aug. 28th at 7:00 pm agenda items due to Jeann in email or on paper by Aug 18<sup>th</sup>.
- 7. Prayer and Adjournment -

## Meet the LD10 Candidates Forum

## Wednesday, August 8th at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Our church cares about education and other local issues, which is why we're hosting, along with TV A-PLUS (Tanque Verde Association of Parents and Leaders United for Schools), a "Meet the Candidates" Forum!!

All candidates running for LD10 state senate or house have been invited...

Incumbents: Sen. David Bradley, Rep. Todd Clodfelter, and Rep. Engel.

Challengers: Marilyn Wiles (running for senate) and Domingo DeGrazia, Nikki Lee, and Catherine Ripley (all running for house seats)

Please come to this community forum to hear directly from the candidates and get answers to your questions before voting.

Please contact Barbara Drummond for any questions or further information (bsdrum@gmail.com)





Dear Water Harvesters,

I am thrilled to announce that our Docent Program is rolling into its fourth year and we're currently seeking excited members of our community to join the team!

## What is the WMG Docent Program all about?

The Docent Program is an opportunity to take your passion and interest in water conservation and sustainable practices to the next level. Through this program you will have the opportunity to deepen your knowledge and understanding of water harvesting practices pertinent to desert living, as well as learn about water policy and other current water-related issues in the Tucson-basin and throughout the Southwest. The training portion of the program will provide you with the confidence and skills needed to be effective ambassadors of WMG.

## Who makes a great Docent?

Anyone with an excitement for spreading the gospel on the importance of water harvesting. No previous experience neccessary! Typically, this program seems to fit well for folks who do not work full-time. However, if you have the passion and willingness to make it work, we can work with you.

## What do Docents actually do?

They are the face of WMG. They lead tours of our mid-town demonstration site, assist in the care and maitenance of our living lab, staff our on-site welcome center, attend outreach events, support our big events, participate in data collection and citizen science at our living lab, provide administrative support, and support our outreach efforts to engaging the Latino community!

### What are the important dates?

Applications are due by August 1! The program itself begins on August 24.

Learn more and apply on our website! info@watershedmg.org

## 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.



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

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

## FLEA MARKET NEWS...

# **Christmas in the Summer Event**

Please join us for an evening of fun and giving as Betty liquidates collections of Department 56 Christmas, Halloween and Easter as well as hand made jewelry. A portion of the proceeds from the evening will be going to five local charities: Daughters of the Nile, TMC, Desert Skies UMC, The Child Language Center, and Souhern Arizona Mounted Rescue.

When: Saturday, August 18th from 3:00 pm-7:00 pm

Where: 4055 North Caliente Canyon Place, Tucson, AZ. 85749 (Home of Betty Smith)

Feel free to bring a friend or friends for a casual evening of wine and cheese and fun while supporting our friends and neighbors in our community! Thank you.

# **Thomas Cortese CarePortal Point Person For Desert Skies**

07/29/2018

Dear Desert Sky's congregation,

Since joining the group of 40 churches belonging to the CarePortal, Desert Sky's has answered the call with responses to need requests for numerous items within the last month. Those requests include a bed for a teen age girl displaced from her own home. A mother who needed a dresser, TV, and couch for her and her two children. Two young sisters, separated to different households, by the combined effort of Desert Sky's and Pantano Christian Church, were provided with laptop computers so they could do schoolwork and facetime with each other. Another young girl and her younger sister were given a toddler bed. A one year old boy, who had skull reconstructive surgery, with his family are being given two portable A/C units to cool their trailer while the boy heals. This was an effort put together by Desert Sky's, Pantano Christian Church and St. Pius X.

Warm regards,
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Thomas Cortese

CarePortal Point Person For Desert Skys

NE HAVE ALSO PROVIDED ITEMS FROM THE FLEA MARKET TO OTHER CHURCHES TO FILL NEEDS IN THOSE AREAS/ZIP CODES. To Print this form: Right click with your mouse, choose the page you want to print, and then hit print. Please mail the form and check to: DSUMC 3255 N Houghton Rd Tuc, AZ 85749

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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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# August

- 01 Judy Fox
- 02 Kayla Bording, Lainie Radomsky Scott Radomsky
- 03 Janet Paullette
- 04 Kathy Merk, Barb Reuter
- 05 Nathan Bly, Martha Spore
- 06 Jean Popovich
- 07 Dick Bailey, Debbie Poisel Miriam Parsons
- 08 Roger Aulds
- 09 Barbara Baldwin, Bob Wood
- 10 Betty Roberts, Ron Keilholtz
- 11 Carla Bailey, Bob Paullette
- 12 Raiden Bosshardt, Phyllis Kyte
- 13 James Haag

- 14 Mary Daly, Rose Muzzy, Pete Squire
- 15 Lois Schram, Donna Langmead
- 16 Bill Conway, Alex "Doc" Shawn
- 21 Bryce Drummond
- 23 Laurie Crawford, Carrie Radomsky
- 24 Derek Lewis
- 25 Marion Huff, Samantha Kiewel
- **27 Brandon Farrington**
- 30 Beth Ann Scully, Aloure Wolgemuth, Ginny Zidar
- 31 Stephanie Miller



- 01 Paul & Sue Wicks
- 04 Larry & Peggy Dunlap
- 06 Jack & Sue Santori
- 07 Merrill & Elsie Heinz
- 10 Bob & Jan Paullette
- 15 David & Adele Edwards
- 16 Rev. Dr. Mark & Rev. Dr. Candace Lansberry
- 19 Jack & Linda Van Straaten

- 20 Clyde & Mary Jane Van Arsdale
- 23 Robert & Linda Dorsey
- 25 Jim & Connie Kraska
- 30 William & Marcus Conway
- 31 Fred & Toni Watts

# August 2018

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<u>The Flea Market-needs MEDIUM PACKING BOXES</u>. If anyone has any boxes they can donate, please leave them in the metal shed outside the Flea Market Barn. Thank you.

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

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

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.

<u>Church Council Meeting-</u>Our meeting will be with a BBQ at the Sidles' home (7401 E Calle Los Arboles) at 6:30 pm, Tuesday, July 31st. Please RSVP to Shawne if you will be attending. She needs to get a count for the food.

<u>Helping Hands</u>-Come out and help pack lunches for Primavera on Tuesday, August 14th at 9:00 am in the kitchen. Only takes an hour of your time and we would love to have your "Helping Hands."

## This Week At Desert Skies

## Tuesday, July 31

6:30 pm Church Council & BBQ Sidles' Home 7401 E Calle Los Arboles

## Wednesday, August 1

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, August 2

10:00 am Adult Spiritual Formation Room # 5 5:30 pm Book Club 8536 E. Tonbridge Ct. Home of Mary Ellen Dawson

#### Friday, August 3

1:00 pm Living Your Best Life Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, August 4

10:00 am Vail Band Practice Sanctuary

## This Week's Bible Reading

July 31-Is. 63, 64; Ps. 107; Jn. 2

Aug. 01-Is. 65, 66; Ps. 62; Jn. 3

Aug. 02-II Ki. 21; II Chr. 33; Jn. 4

Aug. 03-Nah. 1-3; Jn. 5

Aug. 04-II Ki. 22; II Chr. 34; Jn. 6

Aug. 05-II Ki. 23; II Chr. 35; Jn. 7

Aug. 06-Hab. 1-3; Jn. 8

Interested in joining
Desert Skies UMC?

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

We are on the web:

www.desertskiesumc.org