



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

April 30, 2019

This Week At Desert Skies

Tuesday, April 30

8:30 am Worship Design	Room # 2
10:00 am-Moses Book Study	Fellowship Hall
3:00 pm Tutoring	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Church Council	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 01

1:00 pm Oil Painting Class	Room # 7
4:00 pm Grief Support Group	Room # 2
5:30 pm The Wired Word	Room # 2
6:00 pm Adult Bells	Sanctuary
Vail Band Practice	Sanctuary
Oil Painting Class	Room # 7
7:00 pm Adult Choir	Sanctuary

Saturday, May 04

9:00 am Vail Band Practice	Sanctuary
10:30 am Piano Recital	Sanctuary
3:00 pm Memorial Service for Marquis Harris	Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall

This Week's Bible Reading

Apr. 30 II Sam. 6; I Chr. 13; Ps. 68;
Mt. 17

May 01 I Chr. 14, 15; Ps. 132; Mt. 18

May 02 I Chr. 16; Ps. 106; Mt. 19

May 03 II Sam. 7; I Chr. 17; Ps. 2;
Mt. 20

May 04 II Sam. 8, 9; I Chr. 18, 19;
Mt. 21

May 05 II Sam. 10; I Chr. 20; Ps. 20;
Mt. 22

May 06 II Sam. 11, 12; Ps. 51; Mt. 23

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

Bucket Relief Kits For UMCOR

Over 100 congregates (all generations) of Desert Skies gathered this past Sunday and filled 200 disaster relief buckets in 40 minutes. The buckets were loaded on to a truck and then taken by our Desert Southwest Conference to Phoenix. The buckets are now on their way to the UMCOR Distribution Center in Salt Lake City. Thank you Desert Skies for your generosity and Helping Hands. Christ is ALIVE at Desert Skies!



Desert Skies United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday April 30th, 2019 at 7 pm

Vision: A Joyful Community Drawing People to Christ;

**Mission: Lead our neighbors to Christ (2019 focus); Love one another in caring community;
Learn to follow Jesus; Live a Christ-like life that serves the world.**

2019 Focus: Seniors to join Families with Children both in serving our neighbors and enabling them to be servants.

Meeting Chair: Mike Starace **Vice-Chair:** Jake Beverage **Recording Secretary:** Jeann Fishback
**Remember to sign in on the attendance form before each meeting, print any necessary attachments you receive during the month,
Forward committee minutes and upcoming events to Jeann & Tammy.
Bring canned/boxed goods for our ELF ministry.**

Call to Order and Opening Prayer – Mike

Listening: - Jake - Where do we see ourselves, Level 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 as described in "Hero Maker".
What questions are we asking?

Approval of the previous Church Council Minutes -

Learning: Rev Candace – "A Hero-Making Challenge" Chapters 2-4

Finance & SPRC Special Report – Ken Winkelmann & Tobin Sidles 2019 First Quarter Update

Leading: Coordinating our Efforts for Ministry: Collaborating Together:

Updates from Committees in writing: - Jake Beverage - Agenda items should generate action items or need input. All others should be reported in writing at agenda input time. **Reports received from Communications, Meal Ministry, Endowment, Connect, Missions, Finance & Children's Ministry.**

Calendar & Christ Café Review for 2019 – Jeann Fishback - Check the website calendar for any changes necessary on your team events and provide updated facility forms.

June 2019

June 3-7 Summer Camp (VBS & Music)

July 2019

July 13-17 Youth 2019 in Kansas City, KS

Reports, New Business and Reminders:

Missions –UMCOR Bucket Celebration

Action Items:

Next meeting: May 28th, 2019 at 7 pm. **Agenda items and written report items due to Jeann in email or on paper by May 18th. Agenda items should generate action items or need input. All others should be reported in writing at agenda input time.**

Prayer and Adjournment – Mike

Thank You Desert Skies



Dear Desert Skies,

I am pleased to announce that I have met the fundraising goal for my summer internship with Next Step Ministries all thanks to your generosity. I would like to thank everyone that supported me, I couldn't have done it without you.

As a token of gratitude, I would like to invite my Desert Skies Family to an ice cream social after church on **Sunday, May 5th in the Fellowship Hall from 11:30 am-12:00 pm** where I will be giving more details and showing slides about Next Step Ministries and the Oklahoma work site. This will also be a chance to ask me any questions that you may have about what I will be doing over summer. Thank you again!

Africa University Visit Fall 2018

Jan Van Buren, Desert Skies winter visitor



Africa University (AU) was first conceived over a century ago when Bishop Joseph Hartzell stood near the top of Chiremba Mountain surveying the valley below. Here he had a vision that on the opposite mountain there would be a university where students of all African nations would study and live in harmony. His vision came to fruition in 1992 when Africa University opened at the location known as Old Mutare, Zimbabwe. The campus is a short walk from the Old Mutare Mission established in 1895. We attended the mission church during our campus stay. This United Methodist (UM) based university is the first private, non-governmental institution of higher learning in the history of Zimbabwe. I spent October 23 through November 2 at AU and the surrounding area participating in a variety of activities.

Every Wednesday promptly at 8:00 a.m. a worship service is held at Kwang Lim Chapel, considered a campus focal point. Financed by the Korean UM Conference, this circular building with a pointed roof represents a traditional African structure with modern features. All students, faculty, staff, and visitors are expected to attend the ecumenical services designed for those from various faiths and religious beliefs. Student vocal groups take turns providing the inspirational music. They lead the worship service and the university chaplain brings the message related to issues pertinent to students' lives such as making good choices.

AU has six colleges and the Institute of Peace, Leadership, and Governance which offers a Master's in Intellectual Property. The College of Theology prepares pastors and teachers for service in the Christian churches in Africa. Other colleges include Education, Health Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences which has a Master of Sciences in Child and Family Studies, and Management and Administration. Those who founded AU wanted it to address the challenges affecting the African continent in areas such as health, food security, peace, and governance. Study of tropical insect-borne diseases is one research area.

The Small Farms Research Project faculty within the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources has initiated construction of demonstration fish ponds. The fish produced are an example of a technique to provide animal rich protein sources with a short-term turn around. Several members of our team assisted in building rabbit hutches. They will be inside a secure building for protection from predators. Water conservation techniques are demonstrated at meetings similar to those conducted by cooperative extension personnel in the United States. A long-term goal is development of an orchard with citrus and mango trees. These projects along with those conducted at the large university commercial farm provide excellent research opportunities for undergraduate students studying agriculture, a new requirement for those students.

It was evident everyone at AU for work or study is prepared to welcome visitors and answer their questions. Students acknowledged they were fortunate to have been selected to seek a degree at AU. Most students live in the brick residence halls with three sharing a room. Several of the women's residences halls were newly renovated. The Dean of Students Office is in the residence hall complex for easy student access. Students can walk to the Student Union Building in about four minutes.

The Union Dining Hall is where all of their meals are prepared and served. Sadza, made from ground maize, is considered the national dish of Zimbabwe. This staple food, provided at all meals, is typically served with a vegetable stew. If families can afford beef or chicken they add it to the stew. The university commercial farm supplies over 900 chickens per week to the dining hall along with beef, pork, milk, eggs, and vegetables such as beans, potatoes, corn, and carrots. Desert is considered a treat.

The university health center is staffed with counselors to help students with physical and mental health issues. A unique feature is their Laughter Room, indicated by a large sign on the door. Students can go there to be cheered up, relax, and socialize over coffee or sodas.

A number of students representing many of the majors volunteer at the Fairfield Children's Home at the original mission site. Most follow the sandy, red path through the valley dotted with flat-topped acacia trees indigenous to Zimbabwe. For those at the university the trees, whose roots are firmly planted in the African soil, exemplify knowledge and perseverance. The acacia is the university's symbol.

Before I left the States, I learned one of the volunteer activities could be hand-repairing children's clothing at Fairfield. On an inspiration I asked our leader if they might need spools of thread because I had many that my mother and grandmothers had given me. I knew I would never use them all. Word came back that thread was needed as were needles, thimbles, and shears. I boxed up thread in tints and shades of all the rainbow colors, plus black, white, gray, and brown along with the equipment requested. The joy in the director's eyes and the smile on her face when she received these items was overwhelming. While at one of the homes at Fairfield several days later, I learned from that mama where I went to sew that each housemother had been given one spool of thread and one needle. The mama was thrilled with it because clothing could now be repaired. It didn't matter if the thread matched the fabric. I never dreamed that something as small as a spool of thread and a needle would bring so much joy. What a lesson in thankfulness I learned that day in a humble children's home at Old Mutare Mission!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Graduation 2019-We will be honoring our graduates on **Sunday, May 5th (in Vail)** and on **Sunday, May 19th**. Please submit each student's name, school, degree granted and family relationship to DSUMC to the office by **8:00 am on Monday, May 6th-Att. Tammy (for Houghton campus)**. Pictures may be submitted also.

Make a Difference Day with Tanque Verde Community Preschool-We have been asked by the director of Tanque Verde School District's new preschool, Tanque Verde Community Preschool, if we would help put together furniture for outside and for the classrooms. **We will be doing that Sunday, May 5, from 1-5 pm at Tanque Verde Elementary School, 2600 N. Fennimore Ave.** Here's a simplified list of building projects. All are pre-made, so it's more just putting things together, rather than actual building: Ikea bookshelves (There will be a lot of them, but they're pretty easy!); Playhouse; Mud kitchen; Several small outdoor tables; 1 desk; 2 outdoor storage units ; 1 play kitchen; 2 dress-up organizers.

Children's Ministry-We are fortunate to embrace families with special needs children and would like to invite you to join us for this informational presentation of what and how having special needs children may impact our church. Join us **Saturday, May 18th at 9:30 am-11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall** to hear Shayna Wardlow as she shares her knowledge and understanding for Special Needs Ministry in your church. **On Sunday, May 19th from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm, join us again,** as Shayna Wardlow shares her experience and training working with special needs children. Interested?? **Please sign up on the Connection Card if you plan to attend.**

Flower Ministry-There will be an opportunity to address our summer's Flower Ministry on the Sanctuary patio, Sunday, May 5th. Look for the Flower Ministry table.

Passing of Del Holmer-It is with saddened hearts that we announce the passing of Del Holmer. Del passed away peacefully in her sleep on Sunday, April 28th at 2:15 am.

Children's Ministry-It's almost summer, Oh my! The summer is a time for our Sunday School teacher's to have some rest time from their teaching dedication. If you have a love for children and would like to have a short term "team teaching" experience...We Need You! **For further info, contact Lorna Niven or sign-up on the Connection Card.**

Painting God's Beauty Oil Painting Class-Come join us for our Painting God's Beauty art show to see what has been created through a paint brush. We will have pictures up on the Sanctuary patio, Sunday, May 12th.

Special Offering-for **Native American Ministries Sunday on May 5th**. You will find a special offering envelope in your bulletin. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Summer Camp-This year's VBS/Music Camp is June 3rd-7th and we would love to have your help. Talk to Stephanie Beverage (VBS) or Doc (Music Camp) if you are interested. Many jobs/shifts available. You can also sign up on the Connection card found in your bulletin on Sunday morning.

COMMUNITY FOOD BANK REMINDER – The first Sunday of every month 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!**

“Painting God’s Beauty” Oil Painting Class

We meet on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm and then again at 6:30 pm in room number # 7 to share in fellowship and create some of God’s Beauty with a paint brush. Interested in joining us? Contact Lorna Niven.



Tutoring

Our Tutoring program will wrap for the summer months on Tuesday, May 7th. We will have our celebration and the children will receive their certificates. If you are interested in participating in our Tutoring program for next year, please see Fred Killion, Sandy Kleen or Jeann Fishback for more information.





MAY

01 Roger Wilcox

02 Nate Sidles

04 Shirley Bookman, Lisa McIntire

05 Marcus Conway, Linda Feldman

06 Kermit Payton

07 Clayton Kiewel, Jennifer Stivers

10 Shirley Northcott

11 Jon Richards

12 Suzanne Wicks

13 Susan Haynes

15 Ray Abaldo, Cinda Danner

17 David Landsburg, Mark Bishop

18 Bob Burdick, Diane Ellison,
Grace Stivers

20 June O'Brien

24 Charles McNary, Lauren Utley, Pam Saul

25 Mary Lou Metzger

26 Renata Kennedy

28 Sherry Adams

31 Lynne Van Sice



01 Jim & Rita Boaz

03 Vern & Lil Cottrell

04 Roger & Michal Aulds

07 Brian & Allison Roberts

08 Roger & Janet Wilcox

12 Brian & Barbara Drummond

16 Brenda Price & Jim Weaver

21 Ken & Michelle Bever

22 Richard & Cinda Danner

Bryant & Florence Personous

28 Tobin & Shawne Sidles

29 Del & I Schluchter

31 Jake & Stephanie Beverage

MAY 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 1:00 Oil Painting Class 4:00 Grief Support Group 5:30 Wired Word 6:00 Adult Bells Oil Painting Class 7:00 Adult Choir	2	3	4 10:30 SEL Piano Recital 3:00 Memorial Service For Marquis Harris
5 Communion Graduation Sunday-Vail 8:30/10:00 Worship 8:30 Adult S. S. 11:15 Worship in Vail Ring & Sing Teacher's Ed. Meeting 12:00 B.A.N.G.-Youth 12:45 Youth in Vail 1:00 T.V. Preschool Work day	6 8:00 Flea Market Fun 9:00 Coyote Music 3:00 Tutoring 5:15 Emmaus	7 8:30 Worship Design 10:00 Book Study 3:00 Tutoring 7:00 SPRC	8 1:00 Oil Painting Class 4:00 Grief Support Group 5:30 Wired Word 6:00 Adult Bells Oil Painting Class 7:00 Adult Choir	9 8:20 Casa Maria 1:00 Children's Ed. Meeting	10	11 9:00 Vail Band Practice
12 Mother's Day 8:00 Art Show 8:30/10:00 Worship 8:30 Adult S. S. 10:00 Life Support 10:15 Children's S.S. 11:15 Worship in Vail	13 8:00 Flea Market Fun 9:00 Coyote Music 5:15 Emmaus 7:00 Stephen Ministry	14 8:30 Worship Design 9:00 Helping Hands 10:00 Book Study 6:00 Missions/Social Concerns	15 9:15 Zippy 49ers 4:00 Grief Support Group 5:30 Wired Word 6:00 Adult Bells 7:00 Adult Choir	16	17 Confirmation Retreat in Vail	18 Confirmation Retreat in Vail 8:00 am UMM Breakfast 9:00 Vail Band Practice 9:30 Special Needs Presentation
19 Graduation Sunday Confirmation Sunday-Vail 8:30/10:00 Worship 8:30 Adult S. S. 10:00 Life Support 10:15 Children's S.S. 11:15 Worship in Vail Ring & Sing 12:00 B.A.N.G.-Youth 12:45 Youth in Vail 2:00 Special Needs Presentation	20 8:00 Flea Market Fun 9:00 Coyote Music 5:15 Emmaus 7:00 Trustees	21 8:30 Worship Design 10:00 Book Study 6:30 Finance Committee 7:30 SPRC	22 4:00 Grief Support Group 5:30 Wired Word 6:00 Adult Bells 7:00 Adult Choir	23 7:00 Executive Team Meeting	24	25 9:00 Vail Band Practice VBS Decorating/Building Party
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