



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

May 14, 2019

This Week At Desert Skies

Tuesday, May 14

8:30 am Worship Design	Room # 2
9:00 am Helping Hands	Kitchen
10:00 am Moses Book Study	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm Missions/Social Concerns	Room # 5

Wednesday, May 15

11:30 am Zippy 49er's Luncheon	Rincon Mountain Grill
4:00 pm Grief Support Group	Room # 2
5:30 pm The Wired Word	Room # 2
6:00 pm Adult Bells	Sanctuary
7:00 pm Adult Choir	Sanctuary

Friday, May 17

Confirmation Retreat in Vail

Saturday, May 18

Confirmation Retreat in Vail	
8:00 am UMM Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
9:00 am Vail Band Practice	Sanctuary
9:30 am Special Needs Presentation	Fellowship Hall

This Week's Bible Reading

May 14 I Chr. 22-24; I Th. 3

May 15 I Chr. 25-27; I Th. 4

May 16 I Ki. 1; I Chr. 28; Ps. 91;
I Th. 5

May 17 I Ki. 2; I Chr. 29; Ps. 95;
II Th. 1

May 18 I Ki. 3; II Chr. 1; Ps. 78;
II Th. 2

May 19 I Ki. 4, 5; II Chr. 2; Ps. 101;
II Th. 3

May 20 I Ki. 6; II Chr. 3; Ps. 97;
Rom. 1

**Congratulations to
Paige McDowell and Sam Stivers
for making Drum Major in their
Marching Band at Cienega H. S..
WAY TO GO!!**

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

Commissioning of Stephen Ministers

**Congratulations to Peggy & Glenn Gigstad
and Michael Leedy!!**

This past Sunday, Peggy and Glenn Gigstad and Michael Leedy were commissioned as Stephen Ministers. Peggy and Glenn were commissioned at the Houghton campus at 10:00 am and Michael at the Vail campus at 11:15 am. They all had 50 hours of training to become a Stephen Minister. We pray for their commitment in this special ministry.



May 5, 2019

Dear Friends,

The Connectional Ministries Office has been receiving a number of requests for information about how people can learn more and participate in the denomination wide conversation after General Conference 2019 about what it means to be a United Methodist, a globally connected church, missionally and contextually relevant in our diverse and unique settings, and faithful to the call of Jesus Christ as we follow as disciples.

Many things are happening as new movements form and previous communities and associations wrestle with the question of how and if we can all still “be the United Methodist Church together”. The Connectional Ministries Office would like to invite you to a few events and offer some information regarding what is happening now and next.

- United Methodism 101/2.0 – an introduction to United Methodism and how to understand what is happening right now: Webinar – Wednesday May 15th 6:00pm (2hrs) Register At: <https://dscumc.org/news/general-conference-2/>
- Understanding what is changing in *The Book of Discipline* and Judicial Council’s ruling – just the facts: Webinar – Thursday May 16th 2:00pm (1.5hrs) Register At: <https://dscumc.org/news/general-conference-2/>
- Connectional Ministry Listening Sessions Zoom Town Hall meeting in preparation for UMC Next to hear questions and learn how things are going in local settings and what people need right now. Tuesday the 14th at 9:00am, Tuesday the 14th at 7:30pm, Thursday the 16th at 10:00am, and Thursday the 16th at 6:30pm. Register At: <https://dscumc.org/news/general-conference-2/>
- Follow DSC reporting from UMC Next at <https://dscumc.org/news/general-conference-2/>
- We want to hear from you: send questions, comments, or thoughts to brambikur@dscumc.org

Methodism has always been a movement shaped and molded by participation and practice. All of the input offered in these sessions will feed directly into the group going to UMC Next, into preparation for Annual Conference, and into work at the jurisdictional and general church level. The church is all of us practicing discipleship in local churches and communities, the most important way to be involved right now is your ministry in the local church as teachers, volunteers, listeners, prayers, givers, and passionate disciples of Jesus Christ. For more information about how to be involved, please ask your pastor or Lay Leader!

Yours in service,
Rev. Beth Rambikur
Director of Connectional Ministries, The Desert Southwest Conference

THANK YOU DESERT SKIES

I just read an article about your church putting together flood buckets for victims of flooding and hurricanes. I want to thank you for what you and other local UMC's do for victims of natural disasters.

Each of the last several years, parts of the Houston area have experienced catastrophic flooding. If it wasn't for UMCOR and other Christian organizations, we would not have recovered from these events so quickly.

Just know that every little bit helps. By combining your efforts with other local UMC's, you make a huge difference to the people and communities that receive your flood buckets.

I haven't been a Christian since I was young, but was called to the UMC when I was in my 20's. Acts of kindness and generosity and kindness like this makes me proud to be a United Methodist.

THANK YOU!

Michael Crosby
Bay City, TX



SPECIAL REQUEST

Dear DSUMC Family & Friends:

I'm writing to you to ask for a call to action of the amazing Desert Skies Congregation and Friends...

My folks, **Del & Aliene "I" Schluchter** will be **celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary on May 29th**. Originally Mom wanted to have a nice, outdoor open house & invite all their friends to come by to celebrate with them. Which was a great idea. Unfortunately & more recently, because of Dad's fight against Dementia and his stroke in November, Mom has decided she doesn't want to risk Dad's embarrassment by not being able to make conversation or recognize some of the close friends they've had throughout the years.

Enter this idea... DSUMC friends would overwhelm them with cards & thoughts during their Anniversary week. That would be SO special!! And because I know our loving congregation is SO good at reaching out & stepping up when needed, I'd like to thank them in advance.

Del & Aliene Schluchter
832 N. Robb Hill Place
Tucson, AZ 85710

Such a loving gesture would make Del & "I" feel more loved than any one-day event could. Dad will continuously read cards and notes from folks over & over & over again. And each time he reads would feel as special as the first... (Unlike phone calls that don't go as well as we'd like them to with Mom's hearing deficit and Dad's lacking ability to concentrate on a topic or remember who he talked to after hanging up.)

I'm asking for a Big Amen on this. I will love watching their faces as the cards and letters roll in. They will cherish the special feelings from all the love created in honor of their special day. What a touching sentiment, don't you think? ***Can I count on your help to quietly make this happen for them?*** Thank you, thank you Desert Skies!

Blessings, Joy Barry, Daughter

Summer Camp Scholarships

Last year sixteen students received scholarships to our Summer Camp Adventure of “Shipwrecked”. This experience would not have been possible without your generous donations of the Summer Camp scholarship fund. Each of the recipients were able to experience a week of music, singing, dancing, connections with God, craft making, set-making, and making new friends. So now, once again, we are seeking **scholarship donations!** The cost of our full-day Summer Camp is \$50 per child, and your donation of any amount will help a student in our community who couldn’t otherwise participate come together with other students for a full week of inspiring messages, educational information, singing, dancing, stagecraft and sound technician skills, and exciting fun! This year our theme is “Roar”, and the children will present the **musical, “The Lion King.”** Please submit your check, cash, or online donation (using the drop down menu), marked “Summer Camp Scholarship”, in the memo line or on the front of the envelope. Many thanks to those who intend to donate, or have already given. **The final performance of “The Lion King” is on Sunday, June 9th at 4:00 pm. We hope to see you there!**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Matt’s Celebration Goodbye-In order to celebrate Reverend Matt’s time with us and to say good-bye, the Staff Parish Relations Committee would like to schedule a **potluck for 1:30 in the afternoon of June 30th**. The main course will be provided, and we are asking the congregation to pitch in and bring all the sides and desserts. Looking forward to seeing you all there to celebrate Rev. Matt’s time with us and to wish him luck on his future assignment!

Zippy 49er’s-We have finished our DVD series for the year and **will meet at Rincon Mountain Grill (49er’s Golf Course) at 11:30 am on May 15th for lunch**. The reservation is under my name (Glenda Burdick). We will be deciding what to do for our study next year, so plan to attend. Bring any items you may have for Sister Jose Women’s Shelter. Please call or email Glenda Burdick if you plan to attend at 760-5520 or glenda.burdick41@gmail.com

Children’s Ministry-We are offering a Special Needs presentation for two days, on Saturday, May 18th (9:30 am-11:30 am) and on Sunday, May 19th (2:00 pm-4:00 pm) in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker is Shayna Wordlow. Call the church office if you plan to attend.

Summer Camp Volunteers-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.

New Art and Poetry Exhibit at Christ Church UM: Stations of Paradise-Often we think of Paradise as a magnificent place where people dwell after death. What if Paradise is evident while we are living? What would we think if Christ, lover of us all, embodies paradise completely and in a much different way than we’ve been taught? You are invited to come ponder Paradise through poetry and art by Cynthia Langston Kirk and to contemplate what God might be speaking to you. The sanctuary of Christ Church UM will be open for viewing as listed below. Viewing of the installation is also available during office hours, just stop by the office for access. **May 15th-12:00 pm-1:00 pm**
May 29th-12:00 pm-1:00 pm
June 5th-12:00 pm-1:00 pm