

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

June 11, 2019

This Week At Desert Skies

Tuesday, June 11

8:30 am Worship Design Room # 2 9:00 am Helping Hands Kitchen 6:00 pm Missions/Social Concerns Room # 5

Wednesday, June 12

4:00 pm Grief Support Group Room # 2 5:30 pm The Wired Word Room # 2

Thursday, June 13

Annual Conference Phoenix
Choir Trip New York
8:20 am Casa Maria Off Campus

Friday, June 14

Annual Conference Phoenix

Saturday, June 15

Annual Conference Phoenix 9:00 am Vail Band Practice Sanctuary

This Week's Bible Reading

June 11-Song 5-8; Phil. 1

June 12-I Ki. 12; II Chr. 10, 11; Phil. 2

June 13-I Ki. 13, 14; II Chr. 12; Phil. 3

June 14-I Ki. 15; II Chr. 13, 14; Phil. 4

June 15-I Ki. 16; II Chr. 15, 16; Col. 1

June 16-I Ki. 17-19; Col. 2

June 17-I Ki. 20, 21; II Chr. 17; Col. 3

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

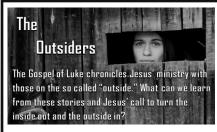
"ROAR" SUMMER CAMP

This has been an amazing week at Desert Skies as we hosted over fifty children to our annual Summer Camp Program. The program, called "ROAR" was a huge hit with the students as they learned all of the ways that "God Is Good".

After the morning program concluded about thirty students stayed and sang, danced, acted, studied about some of Africa's animals, created props and stage-craft scenery for the musical, "The Lion King". The week concluded with an outstanding musical performance by all of the Summer Camp students on Sunday, June 9th to an audience of over 125 people.

We are all familiar with the saying, "It takes a village", and yes, we were fortunate to have over 55 volunteers from Desert Skies helping to make this week an amazing success! Many caring and dedicated volunteers and the students worked hard to make this year as successful as possible, and this week proved that indeed, "God Is Good"!





PENTECOST SERMON SERIES: THE OUTSIDERS

Our new sermon series has started and runs through July 14th.

Have you ever felt like a third wheel? Life on the outside of the "in" crowd can make it difficult to fit in, to feel "at home." The Gospel of Luke chronicles Jesus' ministry with those on the so-called "outside." What can we learn from these stories of Jesus' call to turn the inside out and the outside in?

June 16th-Trinity Sunday, Father's Day (Annual Conference and Choir Trip)

Rev. Ed Bonneau preaching

Sermon: The Lost Scripture: Luke 15:1-13

June 23rd-2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: The Humble **Scripture:** Luke 7:36-8:3

June 30th-3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: The Tormented **Scripture:** Luke 8:26-39

July 7th-4th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: The Homeless **Scripture:** Luke 9:51-62

July 14th-5th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: The Traveler **Scripture:** Luke 10:1-11, 16-20



A Blessing for Mike Leedy

We wish Mike Leedy all the best as he deploys to Afghanistan this week for 13 months. The prayers of all of us at Desert Skies are with Mike and his family.



Rev. Matt's Goodbye Celebration

In order to celebrate Rev. Matt's time with us and to say good-bye, SPRC will host a potluck on Sunday, June 30th at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

The main course of Lucky Wishbone Chicken, will be provided along with the drinks and cakes for dessert. We are asking the congregation to pitch in and bring all the sides and salads. If your last name begins with A-M, please bring a side dish to share and if your last name begins with N-Z, please bring a salad to share. Please sign-up on the Connection Card if you plan to attend.

We are looking forward to seeing you all there to celebrate Rev. Matt's time with us and to wish him luck in his future assignment! Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Children's Ministry-</u>Thank you, for your interest in "Special Needs Ministry" and as you may know our planned speaker, Shaynna Wardlow, was unable to keep her commitment due to a family situation. So you say "what's next"?? Going forward this summer we'll be planning a series of speakers & trainers for Special Needs Ministry, & include specific topics as autism or Down's syndrome. Please stay tuned for this interesting & caring ministry in today's world.

Book Club in July: Educated A Memoir -# 1 New York Times Best seller* An unforgettable memoir about a young girl who, kept out of school, leaves her survivalist family and goes on to earn a PhD from Cambridge University. Join book club leader Glenda Burdick on July 16th and 23rd for discussion. Please sign up on the Connection Card if you plan to attend.

The New YOGA and LUNCH BUNCH -is coming to Desert Skies UMC! If you would like a bit of summer fun and exercise, we've got a wonderful opportunity for you to meet with your friends and experience the healing properties of yoga. The classes will be led by Jennifer Sulger, Verna Mazur's daughter, who is an experienced yoga instructor of many years. The yoga she will present will be especially tailored to our participants at Desert Skies. Whether you are experienced or not, you will find these classes rewarding and fun. Afterwards, we encourage those who would like to head out for a healthy lunch to join up and meet at Le Buzz for our first get together. Participation will be your choice, whether you can come once or for every class. Classes will be held on Mondays and Thursdays (beginning Thursday, June 20th) at 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. A class will not be held on 4th of July. The Cost is \$5.00 per class, \$45.00 for 10 classes and \$80.00 for all 18 classes. Any questions, contact Doc Shawn at 749-0521. Sign-up on the Connection Card if interested.

Thank You Desert Skies-Vernon and I want to thank all the dear folks at Desert Skies who mourned with me upon the death of my brother, Tom Hayden. Whether you said a kind word, sent a card, lifted a prayer, gave me a smile or a hug or a pat on the shoulder, we appreciate it. Desert Skies is a caring congregation who lives The Faith. And you do it so well. THANK YOU! Vernon and Pat Walker

Thank You Desert Skies-Grace and Peace to you, the members of the Missions/Social Concerns Committee, and the Desert Skies Church family. We thank you for your generous gift of \$11, 690.00, which has been designated for the Africa University Direct Scholarships Fund for scholarship support for Hector Tiago and Atal Rex Filimao Vilanculo for the 2019 -2020 academic year. Hector and Atal are blessed to be among the small cadre of scholars whom you have already educated and who are transforming their communities. Peace! Elaine Jenkins, Director of Planned Giving, Africa University

<u>Special Offering Reminder</u>-Sunday, June 16th is Peace with Justice Sunday. You will find a special offering envelope in your bulletin. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Annual Conference-Please keep us all in prayer this week as we attend our Annual Conference in Phoenix.

A Great BIG THANK YOU To The Man Behind the Camera and A Happy 87th Birthday!!

Thank you Carter Allen for your wonderful ministry of capturing memories and moments for Desert Skies! We are blessed that you share your talent with us! We hope you had a wonderful birthday and the VBS children enjoyed singing "Happy Birthday" to you!

