



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

June 18, 2019

This Week At Desert Skies

Tuesday, June 18

8:30 am Worship Design Room # 2
 6:30 pm Finance Room # 2
 7:30 pm SPRC Meeting Room # 2

Wednesday, June 19

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

Thursday, June 20

12:00 pm Yoga Fellowship Hall
 1:15 pm Lunch Bunch Le Buzz Cafe
 7:00 pm Executive Team Meeting Room # 2

Saturday, June 22

9:00 am Vail Band Practice Sanctuary

This Week's Bible Reading

June 18-I Ki. 22; II Chr. 18, 19; Col. 4

June 19-II Ki. 1-3; Ps. 82; I Tim. 1

June 20-II Ki. 4, 5; Ps. 83; I Tim. 2

June 21-II Ki. 6, 7; II Chr. 20; I Tim. 3

June 22-II Ki. 8, 9; II Chr. 21; I Tim. 4

June 23-II Ki. 10; II Chr. 22, 23;
 I Tim. 5

June 24-II Ki. 11, 12; II Chr. 24;
 I Tim. 6

Annual Conference



Called Anew to Follow...Desert Skies delegation renewed and ready to serve!

Lay Members to Annual Conference, Fred Killion, Paige McDowell, Mike Nofziger and Judy Fish, joined Rev. Candace for table

discussions around petitions to General Conference and resolutions for our Annual Conference as we discussed, prayed and dreamed about the future. Ten teams are being developed to help us move into our future, and you are welcome to participate as well. If you are interested in being part of the conversation around new dreams for our denomination, please go to <https://dscumc.org/dsc-way-forward-interest-form/> and sign up to be on one of the teams. And please keep The United Methodist Church in your prayers as Annual Conference season winds down, delegates to General Conference begin their work, and jurisdictions plan.

Desert Southwest Conference overwhelmingly passed a statement rejecting the punitive nature of the Traditional Plan and are planning a special Annual Conference Session on September 14 to continue our work leading us into our future. The statement reads as follows:

Whereas using contextual biblical scholarship, there is no biblical mandate to discriminate against LGBTQ+ persons and relationships;

Whereas The United Methodist Church is capable of great nuance in the matter of biblical interpretations displayed in its treatment of issues such as divorce and the ordination of women, but reverts to simplistic literalism when it comes to the full inclusion of LGBTQ+ persons in its life and ministry;

Whereas The United Methodist Church has singled out LGBTQ+ persons and their supporters for special punitive action while ignoring the "clear biblical teaching" on other matters such as pensions (Matthew 6:19-20);

Whereas in our Wesleyan tradition the first general rule that John Wesley gave the people called Methodist concerns "doing no harm."

Whereas United Methodists promise "to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves;"

Whereas by passing the Traditional Plan, the denomination has done great, and perhaps irreparable harm to our LGBTQ+ siblings and The United Methodist Church as a whole; and

Whereas for the past 10 years, the Desert Southwest Conference has declared itself to be a Reconciling Conference;

now, therefore, be it Resolved, that the Desert Southwest Conference:

1. condemns the decision of the 2019 General Conference to pass the Traditional Plan and apologizes for the harm that it has caused LGBTQ+ persons, their families, friends, and the body of Christ.
2. affirms that all persons are individuals for sacred worth, created in the image of God; and
3. asserts and affirms that no human being is incompatible with Christian teaching

The Outsiders

The Gospel of Luke chronicles Jesus' ministry with those on the so called "outside." What can we learn from these stories and Jesus' call to turn the inside out and the outside in?

PENTECOST SERMON SERIES: THE OUTSIDERS

Our sermon series 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 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



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.

THANK YOU DESERT SKIES



To the Congregation, Sale Barn Volunteers, Staff & Rev. Candace,

I just want to say **THANK YOU**, thank you, *thank you for the outpouring of love through cards, memories & special notes to Mom & Dad during their 65th Anniversary Celebration month!*

It was truly overwhelming, touching, and priceless to see their eyes light up as the cards came rolling in! In all they received 111 cards, letters & pictures from wonderful friends and family that wanted them to know they were thought of & remembered fondly.

On May 28 alone they received 28 cards!! Incredible! The evidence of all the loving gestures is in the photograph of Mom & Dad surrounded by all the loving thoughts, messages, and beautiful cards.

On June 1, Mom, Dad & I headed out to fly to Fargo, ND for a 6-day whirlwind celebration trip to include 3 anniversary meals with family & friends from Glenwood, MN to Moorhead, MN to Grand Forks, ND. By God's grace, it all went off without a hitch and was a very worthwhile endeavor. And it's good to now be back in the comfort and familiarity of home again.

Blessings & Gratitude to the generosity & thoughtfulness of DSUMC. In true fashion, they went above & beyond. Thank you!

Joy Barry



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Ministry-Summer Sunday School has started and we have many new faces joining us this summer! Please complete the new Sunday School Registration form so we may provide the most positive experience and safety for your child. The registration forms for Sunday School are located at the kiosk by the church sanctuary, or in the Sunday School classrooms. Thank you.

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.**

Happy Anniversary-We would like to wish Martha & Dudley Spore a "Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary".

MIGRANT SHELTERS CALLING ON CHURCHES FOR ASSIST-For those who have time once a week/month to fill a shift (day or eve) assisting those churches sheltering legal asylum seekers while their cases are pending in court, your assist is needed at the following shelter locations:

1-Inn Project (1st United Methodist): Gretchen Lokey, Director 312-1451-text (4 hr. shifts required)

2-Inn2America (St. Francis in Foothills UMC) Doris Morris, Coord. 481-5360 (request Sign Up Genius schedule to be emailed)

3-Rincon UCC Shelter - Sara Reed, Coord. 342-7466 (request email schedule) Spanish speakers are not required. Remember that those of us in America once came to this country as immigrants. We are called in scripture to welcome the foreigner and to treat them justly.

Inn2America (St. Francis in Foothills UMC) volunteer needs are:

OVERNIGHTS: We need ten people over the next two weeks.

THIS COMING WEEK: We need one person each on Wed & Thurs and several on Fri & Sat.

THE WEEK AFTER (June 23-30): Lots of shifts available -- take your pick. A great big THANK YOU to those who sign up a week or more in advance.

DRIVERS: Some days this week are full but there are several openings the week after.

Kudos this week goes to our faithful laundry angels! We have had laundry people signed up for almost every day this month. In fact, when I was in Thursday, volunteers were noting that our linen closet is consistently full. Thank you for your behind the scenes effort. It is much appreciated! Blessings, Doris Morris, Coordinator.



Desert Skies Choir Trip To New York

We had the chance to attend "The Phantom of The Opera" starring Ben Crawford, Barb and Ed Crawford's grandson. What a great show and Ben was absolutely amazing...he made us feel very special.

Stay tuned for more choir adventures in next week's e-blast. We will be traveling home Tuesday evening.