



# THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

June 25, 2019

## This Week At Desert Skies

### Tuesday, June 25

8:30 am Worship Design Room # 2  
7:00 pm Church Council Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, June 26

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

### Thursday, June 27

12:00 pm Yoga Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, June 29

9:00 am Vail Band Practice Sanctuary

## This Week's Bible Reading

June 25-Joel 1-3; II Tim. 1

June 26-Jon. 1-4; II Tim. 2

June 27-II Ki. 13, 14; II Chr. 25;  
II Tim. 3

June 28-Amos 1-3; Ps. 80; II Tim. 4

June 29-Amos 4-6; Ps. 86, 87; Titus 1

June 30-Amos 7-9; Ps. 104; Titus 1

July 01-Is. 1-3; Titus 3

## Carnegie 19 Trip To New York



### DSUMC's Choir Takes a bite of the Big Apple

How does one put into a few short words an adventure like traveling to New York City to sing in Carnegie Hall under the direction of an amazingly talented, fun, and inspiring conductor? Overwhelmed, awed, honored, inspired, humbled, and thankful are all words that come to mind for this once in a lifetime experience that was shared with twenty-seven choir members and spouses from the Desert Skies UMC Choir.

Anyone who has ever traveled to NYC knows that it is a completely different world in the "Big Apple". We all had some experiences that are best left told in a colorful story by one of our travelers and then accompanied by some pictures.

Each day, our choir practiced for four hours of intense rehearsal for the performance of Schumann's "Requiem", which was presented on Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup> to a full house under the direction of Dr. Heather Mitchell, (a U of A alumni). Our performance was enthusiastically received with a standing ovation and glowing adulation from our conductor. It was certainly well worth all the hours of preparation, practice, and hard-work. Performing this little-known, but exquisite religious work so well, was a witness to the way our choir represented Desert Skies UMC's vision statement of "A Joyful Community Drawing People to Christ." A further testament was sharing this musical experience with other choirs from around the country as we sang for the glory of God.

One of the biggest highlights of our trip was stepping onto the stage of "The Phantom of the Opera" with the "Phantom" himself, Ben Crawford. (Ed and Barbara Crawford's grandson). We were so honored to meet and chat with Ben in person, not to mention that he was an extremely welcoming and gracious host to us all.

We also had the opportunity to take a harbor cruise around the Statue of Liberty and watch the city lights come to life as the sun set on the "city that never sleeps." It was a breathtaking view of the New York skyline and Lady Liberty, to say the least! June 16<sup>th</sup> was Father's Day and our choir sang the anthem and communion song for St. Luke's Lutheran Church service which was a further sharing of Christ's love with our Lutheran brothers and sisters in NYC.

All in all, the week was full of wonderful fellowship, beautiful music-making, a special concert, great food, good company, and special events, which was our witness to Christ. This trip and our shared experiences will live on in our memories forever. A sincere and heartfelt thank you to our Desert Skies family; your generosity made this trip possible.

# Carnegie 19 Trip To New York





## 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.**

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.



Dear Friends,

On Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> the 35<sup>th</sup> session of the Desert Southwest Annual Conference opened in Mesa, Arizona. Find a summary of all that took place at Annual Conference here: <https://dscumc.org/2019/06/2019-desert-southwest-annual-conference/>

**We need your Feedback:** Fill out a survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6PVBNDJ>

**Your generosity transformed lives!** Annual Conference raised over \$16,000 for the giving projects of Annual Conference. Those dollars will impact thousands of people across the United States. We raised \$4,423.25 for homeless youth and young adults, Disaster Response raised \$3,589.57 to resource our ERT responders and UMCOR volunteers, \$3,551.75 for Huachuca UMC, and \$5,264.75 for the Asylum efforts occurring in Yuma, Tucson, and the greater Phoenix area. Thank you! If you would like to contribute, you can continue to give at <https://dscumc.org/annual-conference/2019-mission-projects/>

**Voting updates:** Saturday afternoon there was a vote on the resolution, "Source of Complaints." The vote on this was: 324 agreed, 28 disagreed, 4 abstained. The resolution was approved.

**The work continues!** The DSC Way Forward has launched a series of 10 working teams to help us as a conference move into the future of our work together. We will be launching a DSC Way Forward webpage at the end of this week to communicate about this effort and coordinate that work – stay tuned for that link and:

Sign up to join one of these teams at [https://dscumc.org/dsc-way-forward-interest-form/?et\\_fb=1&PageSpeed=off](https://dscumc.org/dsc-way-forward-interest-form/?et_fb=1&PageSpeed=off)  
Submit an idea or question at <https://dscumc.org/dsc-way-forward-share-2/>

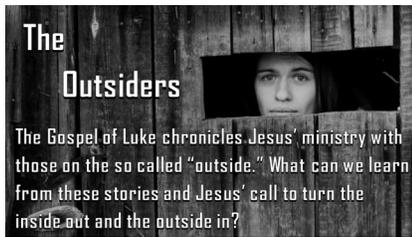
**The Special Session of Annual Conference** will be held on Saturday, September 14, 2019, at Gold Canyon United Methodist Church from 9:00am-5:00 pm. Every effort has been made to explore if this meeting can be held electronically. However, given the importance of voting, and the fact that there is no way to verify or ensure the accuracy of voting not done in person, this meeting will be held in person. Registration will open on August 1<sup>st</sup> at <https://dscumc.org/annual-conference/>. The cost will be \$20. Keep checking the Annual Conference webpage for the most up to date information about the special session of Annual Conference.

**Legislation for the Special Session of Annual Conference:** The deadline to submit legislation for the special session of the annual conference will be August 1<sup>st</sup>. Email legislation or send questions to [jlambert@dscumc.org](mailto:jlambert@dscumc.org). The Connectional Ministries office will be holding 2 legislative writing seminars – one by zoom, one in person – in July. To indicate an interest in attending, please sign up here: <https://dscumc.org/dsc-legislative-seminar/>. You will receive a message about the dates at the end of this week.

We look forward to our ongoing ministry together "called anew to follow!"

Sincerely,

Rev. Jen Lambert – Secretary of the Annual Conference  
Rev. Beth Rambikur – Director of Connectional Ministry



## 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 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

Desert Skies United Methodist Church  
**Church Council Meeting Agenda**  
Tuesday June 25th, 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 Starace

**Listening:** Jake Beverage - With all that's happened in the UMC, why are you still a Methodist?

Approval of the previous Church Council Minutes -

**Learning:** Update from Desert Southwest District UMC Annual Conference  
DSUMC Annual Conference Delegation

**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 and may include pictures with questions accepted at the meeting. **Reports received from Financials, Stephens Ministry, Trustees & Meal 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 9 through August – Summer Sunday School

June 14-18 NYC Carnegie Hall Choir Trip

June 20-Aug 22 - YOGA Classes Fellowship Hall at 12:00 pm every Monday & Thursday

June 30 Goodbye Party for Rev Matt and Colby family 11am

**July 2019**

July 13-17 Youth 2019 in Kansas City, KS

Back Pack & School Supply Drives

UMM and UMW off till September though ladies may have fun activities

**Reports, New Business and Reminders:**

**Reports:**

**Finance** - Connie Kraska

**Action Items:**

**No August Council meeting**

Next meeting: July 30th, 2019 at 7 pm. **Agenda items and written report items due to Jeann in email or on paper by July 18<sup>th</sup>.** Agenda items should generate action items or need input. All others should be reported in writing at agenda input time.

Prayer and Adjournment – Jeann Fishback

## 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.

**YOGA and LUNCH BUNCH**-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, on Mondays and Thursdays at 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall (NO class 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.

**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. Frances 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.

**Community Food Bank Teen Volunteer Opportunities**-The Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona is offering fun ways to get teens involved in their community this summer. During the summer months, we need a lot more support since many volunteers are heading out of Tucson to escape the heat. Below you will find dates and descriptions to get teens involved.

**1. Teen Leaders Against Hunger**-Teen Leaders Against Hunger is a free workshop and volunteer experience open to all teenage students. The day includes volunteering, round table discussions, and a small group activity. The students will have a chance to learn about hunger & poverty in our community and gain valuable leadership experience. This leadership experience can be used in college and beyond! Lunch will be provided, and a certificate of completion will be awarded to all attendees. Space is limited. If interested you can sign up [here](#). If you have any questions, you can contact us at (520) 622-0525 ex. 7341 or email [engage@communityfoodbank.org](mailto:engage@communityfoodbank.org). **Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 or Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**2. Sports Night**-Another great opportunity that we are offering is our themed volunteer nights. **We have one coming up on June 25, from 6pm-8pm.** It is a sports night, you can wear your favorite sports gear and come help us pack some food boxes for those in need. It will be a fun night, we will even have some music playing to make it more fun! You can register for this event over at [https://volunteer.communityfoodbank.org/need/detail/?need\\_id=434072](https://volunteer.communityfoodbank.org/need/detail/?need_id=434072)

**3. No Hunger Summer Teen Volunteer Days**-Have you attended Teen Leaders Against Hunger? Teen Leaders are welcome to return to CFB for a morning of volunteering in our warehouse together! Space is limited so please sign up in advance by contacting us at 520-622-0525 x 7341 or at [volunteer@communityfoodbank.org](mailto:volunteer@communityfoodbank.org). **Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Memorial Garden**-As the new chairman of the Memorial Garden committee at Desert Skies, I would like to invite all of you to visit the garden. With the help of many dedicated volunteers the garden has had the walls repaired and painted, the fountain cleaned and all plaques cleaned, polished and sealed. Now that summer is officially here I would like to have an updated list of volunteers that have helped in the daily watering of our flowering pots in the garden. **If you are currently watering on a particular day, thank you and please let me know what day it is so that I can make a schedule. If you would like to volunteer for a day or be a substitute for vacations, please contact me also or sign up on the Connection Card.** The time commitment is approximately 15-20 minutes as it is just the pots. Thank you again and I look forward to maintaining our beautiful garden. Becky Elder (520) 296-1608

**Book club in July: Educated A Memoir**-#1 New York Times Bestseller\*. 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 16 & 23 for discussion. Sign up on the Connection Card if you plan to participate.** Thank you.



## July

01 Peggy Dunlap, Joan French  
02 Patrick Coffee  
03 Laura Henderson, Laura Louzensky  
05 Bill Burke III  
12 Jo Ann Rausch  
13 Bill Baker, Pat Francis, Vern Walker,  
Harlie Moffet, Mitch Moffet  
15 Marjorie Simpson, Vicky Masek  
17 Richard Danner, Joseph Ruggieri  
18 J.D. Metzger  
19 John Brimley  
20 Lynn Adams, Jim Boaz, Janet Holland,  
Betty Ludlow

22 Marian Mosher  
23 Mike Lewis, Sean Limesand  
24 Mearl Frame, Jerry Myers  
Abby Goforth  
26 Jennifer McDowell, Addie Miller  
28 "I" Schluchter, Ken Salber, Elsie  
Heinz, Nola Bupp  
29 Nancy Goforth



04 Bob & Julie Jenkins  
05 Nate & Bev Bly  
08 Chris & Jean Biddick, Doug & Janet Holland  
11 Richard & Mary Daly, Ken & Nancy Winkelmann  
12 Ray Drury & Laurie Crawford,  
Larry & Linda Feldman  
13 Dick & Carla Bailey  
18 Vern & Pat Walker

20 Pete & Shirley Bookman  
21 Walt & Marian Mosher  
24 Ed & Barb Crawford  
26 Brett & Lisa McIntire  
29 Bruce & Mary Broughton  
Ralph & Susan Schild



# ***GOD BLESS AMERICA***

## ***July 2019***

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 8:00 Flea Market Fun 12:00 Yoga 5:15 pm Emmaus	2 8:30 Worship Design	3 4:00 Grief Support Group 5:30 Wired Word	4 <b>OFFICE CLOSED!!</b> <b>Happy 4th of July!!</b>	5	6 9:00 Vail Band Practice
7 Communion 8:30/10:00 Worship 8:30 Adult S.S. 11:15 Vail Worship Teacher's ED. Meeting	8 8:00 Flea Market Fun 12:00 Yoga 5:15 pm Emmaus	9 8:30 Worship Design 9:00 Helping Hands	10 4:00 Grief Support Group 5:30 Wired Word 6:00 DSUMC Conversations	11 8:20 Casa Maria 12:00 Yoga 1:00 Christian Ed. Meeting	12	13 9:00 Vail Band Practice
14 8:30/10:00 Worship 8:30 Adult S.S. 10:15 Children's S.S. 11:15 Vail Worship	15 8:00 Flea Market Fun 12:00 Yoga 5:15 pm Emmaus	16 8:30 Worship Design Book Club	17 4:00 Grief Support Group 5:30 Wired Word	18 12:00 Yoga	19	20 9:00 Vail Band Practice
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