



# THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

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## This Week At Desert Skies

### Tuesday, July 2

8:30 am Worship Design Room # 2

### Wednesday, July 3

4:00 pm Grief Support Group Room # 2

5:30 pm The Wired Word Room # 2

### Thursday, July 4-Independence Day!

**OFFICE CLOSED!**

### Friday, July 5

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### Saturday, July 6

9:00 am Vail Band Practice Sanctuary



## A SPECIAL THANK YOU & GOODBYE TO GINNY ZIDAR

Have you ever wondered how your Sunday Bulletins come together... folded so nicely, color coordinated with inserts or special offering envelopes inside? Today, you find out, as we say **“Thank you and Goodbye to Ginny for her 20 years of volunteer work in the church office .”**

For the last 20 years, Ginny has graciously given her time, every Thursday morning, coming into the church office to prepare the bulletins for Sunday mornings. With a smile, she makes 200 plus copies, folds them (in the folding machine) and then adds any inserts we may have into each one. This has been Ginny’s touch of love for everyone to enjoy on Sunday mornings.

I have had the pleasure and honor to work beside Ginny, every Thursday for the last 13 years and it has been nothing but wonderful! If you know Ginny, then you know she has a heart that is bigger than life, she is full of joy, her laugh is infectious and she loves her church family and friends.

Ginny has decided that it is now time for her to step out of her volunteer position and pass it on to someone else. If you have an hour or two to spare on Thursday mornings, and would like to help prepare bulletins for Sunday morning worship, please contact Tammy in the church office at #749-0521. **THANK YOU Ginny for all you have given to Desert Skies! We will miss you!!**

Blessings, Tammy

## This Week’s Bible Reading

July 2-Is. 4, 5; Ps. 115, 116; Jude

July 3-Is. 6, 7; II Chr. 26, 27; Philem.

July 4-II Ki. 15, 16; Hos. 1; Heb. 1

July 5-Hos. 2-5; Heb. 2

July 6-Hos. 6-9; Heb. 3

July 7-Hos. 10-12; Ps. 73; Heb. 4

July 8-Hos. 13, 14; Ps. 100, 102; Heb. 5



## Rev. Matt's Goodbye Luncheon Celebration

We celebrated with Rev. Matt and the Colby family this past Sunday, as we shared in a potluck meal of Lucky Wishbone chicken, many different salads and side dishes and cakes for dessert. It was a special time for all in attendance as we wished Rev. Matt luck with his future assignment. Thank you to Rev. Matt and the Colby family for all that you have given to Desert Skies. We will miss you!!



## Helping Hands Needed

On the second Tuesday of each month, Desert Skies packs sack lunches for the Primavera Works program, which assists homeless men with job skills and finds work for them. We pack the lunches in the church kitchen at 9:00 am and we are in need of additional helpers. This does not take a great deal of time, usually 1/2 hour to an hour, depending on how many helpers we have. This is not just a "women's" program as any interested person is welcome to help. Children who can follow instructions and are tall enough to work on a counter top are welcome. **Please join us if you can, on Tuesday, July 9th at 9:00 am in the kitchen,** and if you have any questions, call Diana Barber at 970-417-6339.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**YOGA and LUNCH BUNCH**—We've got a wonderful opportunity for you to meet with your friends and experience the healing properties of yoga. The classes are 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.

**Memorial 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! Becky Elder, Chairman of the Memorial Garden (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 at **10:00 am in room # 5 on July 16 & 23 for discussion. Sign up on the Connection Card if you plan to participate.** Thank you.

**VISITATION TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED:** Desert Skies UMC has been a vital part of many peoples lives over the last 25 years, however, many of our members have become less mobile as the years have gone by. Our shut-in members still have a need to stay connected with the church but for whatever reason they are unable to attend services or events like they used to. Right now there is a significant need for volunteers to help our shut-ins stay connected with us and God. That's where you may be able to help. If you would consider just visiting one person per month, it could make a huge difference in their quality of life. If you would be interested in helping out with this vital ministry, please contact Doc Shawn and/or sign up on the connection card. Many Blessings.

**Teacher Meeting**—We will meet on Sunday, August 4th at 11:15 am in room # 5. We will NOT meet on Sunday, July 7th.

### Everyone Is Welcome!!

When the Church Council met with the congregation this past Tuesday, we were greeted by this wonderful banner created by Sue Bishop in response to our Desert Skies commitment to welcoming all. We had a wonderful conversation around LGBTQ+ issues and Annual Conference 2019, and will be working together on a statement of inclusion for Desert Skies on July 10th and 24th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

All our welcome to participate in our discussions and statement building. The statement will be presented to Church Council on July 30th and, if accepted, to the congregation for final approval. Way to go, Desert Skies, and thank you, Sue, for giving us this wonderful visual image.



### **BACKPACK DRIVE FOR INTERFAITH COMMUNITY SERVICES**

July 14<sup>th</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup> we will be collecting **NEW BACKPACKS** for ICS to support their annual program of distributing new backpacks filled with school supplies to children from low income families. For the last four years the children in our DSUMC tutoring program have been recipients of this program. Although the distribution is on a first come first served basis, ICS sets aside the number of backpacks needed for the tutoring program, and Fred Killion picks them up and distributes them. **There will be a table at the back of the sanctuary for collecting your donations.**

**IT IS TIME FOR DSUMC TO SAY “THANK YOU” TO ICS!**