

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

### August 13, 2019

### This Week At Desert Skies

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9:00 am Helping Hands Ki	tchen
6:00 pm Missions/Social Concerns Roo	m # 5
Wednesday, August 14	
4:00 pm Grief Support Group Roo	m # 2
5:30 pm The Wired Word Roo	m # 2
<u>Thursday, August 15</u>	
12:00 pm Yoga Fellowship	Hall
<u>Saturday, August 17</u>	

9:00 am Vail Band Practice District Youth Trip Pat:

Sanctuary Patagonia Lake

### **This Week's Bible Reading**

Aug. 13-Jer. 13-15; Jn. 15

- Aug. 14-Jer. 16, 17; Ps. 96; Jn. 16
- Aug. 15-Jer. 18-20; Ps. 93; Jn. 17

Aug. 16-II Ki. 24; Jer. 22; Ps. 112; Jn. 18

Aug. 17-Jer. 23, 25; Jn. 19

Aug. 18-Jer. 26, 35, 36; Jn. 20

Aug. 19-Jer. 45-47; Ps. 105; Jn. 21

# EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING AT SIERRA VISTA UMC

Board of Global Ministries Emergency Response Team training will be taught by conference trainer Polly Turner in the Sierra Vista United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on Saturday, August 24th from 8 AM to 5 PM. Registration begins at 7:30 AM. Sierra Vista UMC is located 3225 St. Andrews Drive, Sierra Vista

Cost is \$30, which covers training manual, background check, lunch and snacks. T-shirts needed for field work will be sold that day for \$10 each. To register, click here. For more information, please contact Jeanne Festa at (520) 335-1329.

## **ERT TRAINING EXPERIENCE IN SIERRA VISTA**



To say my UMCOR Early Response Team (ERT) training in March of this year was life changing would be an understatement.

If you have a desire to help individuals affected by real-world natural disaster situations begin the recovery process, this training is for you. The training not only provides the textbook knowledge of what recovery efforts entail, but also hands-on training from team leaders who have been on recovery deployments.

If you have the desire, there is a place for you. You may find this to be your new calling!

Blessings, Jennifer McDowell

#### **Endowment Notes**

#### What is an Endowment?

An endowment is a financial asset (a "fund") typically held by a non-profit organization or foundation that is invested for growth and income. Only the income (ie; interest, dividends and capital gains) from the investment should be spent, and only for the purpose(s) specified by the organization or by the original donor(s).

#### How did our Endowment get started?

A \$10,000 donation was given to Desert Skies in 2002 to start an Endowment Fund to support the Memorial Garden in perpetuity. An Endowment Committee was organized by Rev Peter Vaught. The Committee determined that a Foundation was the preferred way to invest and manage the Endowment Funds. The Foundation was incorporated in Dec 2004, was approved by the Church Conference, and the Endowment Committee became the first Board of Directors. At the end of 2005 the total value of the Foundation accounts was \$69,000. The Foundation has no employees, owns no real property, and is operated entirely by volunteers.

#### What Funds make up the Endowment today?

The value of the Endowment Fund as of 30 June 2019 was \$468,612. The Memorial Garden Fund (restricted) holds contracts (for niches and plaques in the Garden), and any gifts or bequests specified for the Garden. (35.1%)

The Warner/Steele Fund (restricted) holds gifts or bequests specified for the Youth of the Church. (14.2%)

The General Endowment Fund (unrestricted) holds endowment donations and unspecified memorials and bequests given to the Church. (50.7%)

#### What investments are in the Foundation portfolio?

The Foundation invests in Vanguard index funds\* (61% Stock and 28% Bonds), the Desert Southwest United Methodist Foundation (4%), and a money market checking account with the United Methodist Federal Credit Union (7%). The account with the Desert Southwest Foundation gives us free brokerage service and provides speakers on financial topics such as planned giving.

#### \* What is an index fund and why do we use them?

An index fund is a portfolio of many stocks (or bonds) that are chosen to mimic the overall performance of a particular financial market. The Vanguard Socially Responsible Index Fund is a screened fund of selected S&P 500 stocks that closely follows the discipline of the United Methodist Church. The Fund is broadly diversified across market sectors, operates with no advisor fees and has little turnover which translates into low risk and very low cost. The founder of Vanguard created the first index fund in 1975.

Reference: John Bogle, "The Little Book of Common-Sense Investing". Wiley 2017



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### Our sermon series "Ordinary Time 2: Life in Christ: The Teachings of Paul" runs thru Sunday, September 8th.

Colossians is a letter written to a church neither founded nor visited by the author, yet explains the In -Christ-Life in a way that has affected all of Christianity. Exploring what it means that Jesus was called "Christ" and how this forgotten truth can transform everything we see, hope for, and believe, Colossians is indeed a letter for our day, reminding us of who and whose we are.

August 18 Sermon-The Great Comma Scripture-Colossians 3:12-17

**Sermon-**The Work Has Just Begun **Scripture**-Hebrews 13:1-8; 15-16

August 25 Sermon-It Can't Be Carried Alone Scripture-Colossians 4: 2-17

September 8-Andrew Colby is preaching

Links to purchase The Universal Christ by Richard Rohr, which will be part of our next worship series: Book: <u>https://www.amazon.com/s?k=the+universal+christ+by+richard+rohr&crid=SGBFD6ZQFJV3&sprefix=the+uni%2Caps%</u> 2C183&ref=nb sb ss i 1 7

Podcast: https://cac.org/richard-rohr/another-name-for-every-thing-a-podcast-with-richard-rohr/

# **Missions/Social Concerns Committee**

This past Sunday, the Missions/Social Concerns Committee attended a social at St. Luke's Home. Dr. Raymond Ryder played "Ragtime" and the trio "For the Love of Music" (Stephanie Hartung, Amy Anderson and Patty Jenkins) played a lovely program for the residents. A great time was had by all!!



# **Desert Skies Logo Shirts**

We will be taking orders from now until September 8<sup>th</sup>. Please refer to the catalog below & email sandykleen@gmail.com with your order. Payment can wait until your shirt comes in. If you prefer paper copies of the catalog and order form, they will be available at the Kiosk. Feel free to complete your order form and give to Sandy Kleen.

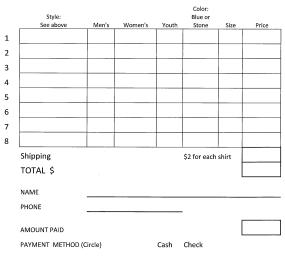
# DSUMC LOGO SHIRT CATALOG !

STYLE	GENDER	COLORS	FABRIC	SIZE	PRICE	SIZE	PRICE	SIZE	PRICE
T- shirt, short sleeve	Adult Unisex	Blue, Stone	50 % Cotton, 50% Spandex	S-XL	\$12	2XL	\$13	3XL	\$14
	Youth	Blue	50 % Cotton, 50% Spandex	S-XL	\$12				
T- shirt, long sleeve	Adult Unisex	Blue, Stone	100 % Cotton	S-XL	\$22	2XL	\$22	3XL	\$23
Polo	Men	Blue, Stone	65% Polyester, 35% Cotton	S-XL	\$24	2XL	\$25	3XL	\$27
	Women	Blue, Stone	65% Polyester, 35% Cotton	S-XL	\$24	2XL	\$25	3XL	\$27
Denim	Men	Denim	100% Cotton	S-XL	\$28	2XL	\$29	3XL	\$31
Long Sleeve	Women	Denim	100% Cotton	S-XL	\$28	2XL	\$29	3XL	\$31
Nike Golf	Men	Blue	100% Polyester	S-XL	\$54	2XL	\$56	3XL	\$58
(Dri-Fit)	Women	Blue	100% Polyester	S-XL	\$54	2XL	\$56	3XL	\$58
Long Sleeve	Men	Blue, Stone	55% Cotton, 45% Polyester	S-XL	\$32	2XL	\$34	3XL	\$36
Easy Care	Women	Blue, Stone	55% Cotton, 45% Polyester	S-XL	\$32	2XL	\$34	3XL	\$36
Short Sleeve	Men	Blue, Stone	55% Cotton, 45% Polyester	S-XL	\$32	2XL	\$34	3XL	\$36
Easy Care	Women	Blue, Stone	55% Cotton, 45% Polyester	S-XL	\$33	2XL	\$34	3XL	\$36
3/4 length sleeve	Women	Navy	96% Cotton, 4% Spandex	S-XL	\$25	2XL	\$26	3XL	\$28
Hooded Sweatshirt (Pullover)	Adult-Unisex	Blue, Stone	50% Cotton, 50 % Polyester	S-XL	\$27	2XL	\$30	3XL	\$31
Zipper Sweatshirt with hood	Adult-Unisex	Blue, Stone	50% Cotton, 50 % Polyester	S-XL	\$35	2XL	\$36	3XL	\$38
Crew Sweatshirt	Adult-Unisex	Blue	50% Cotton, 50 % Polyester	S-XL	\$21	2XL	\$23	3XL	\$24
Sport-Tek	Adult-Unisex	Blue, Stone	100% Polyester	S-XL	\$17	2XL	\$18	3XL	\$21
Moisture wicking	Women, V neck	Blue, Stone	100% Polyester	S-XL	\$17	2XL	\$18	3XL	\$21
	Youth	Blue, Stone	100% Polyester	S-XL	\$16			-	

#### DESERT SKIES APPAREL ORDER FORM

STYLES:	Standard T-Shirt short sleeve (uni sex)	Polo	Denim	Button Down: Short Sleeve	Crew Sweatshirt (Blue only)
	Standard T-Shirt long sleeve (uni sex)	Nike Polo (Blue only)	Navy 3/4 Length (Women's only)	Button Down: Long Sleeve	Zipper Sweatshirt with hood
	Men's Tek Sport T-Shirt (Moisture wicking)				Hooded Sweatshirt
	Women's Tek Sport V-Neck (Moisture wicking)				

T-Shirts and Sweatshirts (Long and short sleeved) are uni sex sizing Youth T-Shirts available in Youth XS, S, M, L and are uni sex sizing (Blue only) All other shirts come in Woman's or Men's S, M, L, XL, 2XL and 3XL



# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Houghton Campus Children's Ministry-**If you have a love for children, and would like to share the Bible stories of God's love...**we invite you to join our teaching team for the fall Sunday school program beginning September 8th.** If interested, please call Lorna Niven at # 520-360-1084 or sign-up on the Connection Card.

<u>Front Office Volunteer Needed!!-</u>If you would like to volunteer to work in the **Church office** at the **front desk on Tuesday afternoons (12:00 pm-3:00 pm)** please contact Wanda Chittenden at # 777-5824. Thank you!

**Fall Sunday School Registration**— The Children's Ministry Committee has developed a new registration form for all children in Sunday School. The new form will assist us to provide a more positive experience and safety for our children. Please come by to complete the new registration form that will be available in the classrooms, at the kiosk, the Welcome table in Vail or at the Children's Ministry table on the patio on Sunday mornings. Thank you.

**Flea Market Fun-**We have had three Rincon Rotarian volunteers come out and help us with pickups over the summer, and Mike Starace, in his new, shiny diesel pickup will be put to work shortly. This has made it a lot easier for us and we THANK all of our volunteers for giving so generously of their time. If you would like to come and help or be a part of our pick-up team, contact Max Crowell.

<u>A Special Thank You</u>-We at the Chittenden house are SO blessed to be a part of such a loving, caring community. Who could have guessed that we would both be "down and out" at the same time. Thanks to Rev. Candace for sitting with us during Wanda's pre-op time, and for her numerous visits during Dave's hospitalization. Our "pew neighborhood" and others kept us well supplied with food. In addition we appreciate all your cards, calls, and texts, visits and prayers. Desert Skies folks are the greatest. Thank you!!~Dave and Wanda Chittenden

**Bible Study**-"The New Testament You Never Knew" by N.T. Wright and Michael Bird. This 8 week Bible Study begins Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am-11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. This series explores the New Testament from cultural, spiritual and historical viewpoints. Have you ever read or heard a passage from the Gospel of Luke or a letter of Paul and suddenly learned something new? This series is designed to lead us to those "WOW!" moments where insight meets faith. **You will need to purchase a book**, which can be obtained from local sources such as Barnes and Noble or online from Amazon or Christian Book Distributors. Cost runs from \$12-15 depending on the site. Sign up on the Connection Card and come out and join us! As Rev. Candace says, "You can't go wrong with Professor N.T. Wright!".

**<u>Request for Tutors</u>**-Do you have a few hours that you could spare on Mondays and Tuesdays? If so, we are looking for tutors to participate in our after school tutoring program. No teaching experience is needed. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall from 3:00 pm-4:30 pm on Monday and Tuesdays, beginning Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you think you might be interested or have a friend or neighbor that would like to join in, please call Fred Killion at #270-5957 or email Sandy Kleen at sandykleen@gmail.com for further information.

"Happy 90th Birthday" to Millie Koerber-If you would like to surprise Millie on her 90th birthday, please send her a birthday card at 2030 Elm St. #118 Forest Grove, OR. 97116. Millie's family is throwing her a birthday party and her daughter thought it would be a wonderful surprise for Millie, to hear from her church family in Tucson.

**<u>BAPTISM-</u>**Scarlet Belle Feldman, born on July 28, 2019 in Tucson AZ., was Baptized at Desert Skies on Saturday, August 10, 2019. Scarlet's parents are Ryan Feldman and Stephanie Young Feldman and her grandparents are Larry and Linda Feldman.

## ATTENTION!!! ALL BASEBALL FANS!!! THE ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS vs. THE SAN DIEGO PADRES MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd at 1:10 PM-CHASE FIELD, PHOENIX

If you reserved a ticket for the game, we need to collect your payment

this Sunday between services. Tickets plus travel costs is \$35.00 per person. We plan to leave the church at 10:00 am returning by about 7:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Doc Shawn in the office at #749-0521.