

Desert Skies United Methodist Church



August 2011
THE SKYLINE

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**JOIN US AT
CHRIST CAFÉ
BETWEEN SERVICES
9:30 am
OUTSIDE SANCTUARY
COFFEE
TEA
LEMONADE
GREAT
FELLOWSHIP!!!**



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www.desertskiesumc.org
(See the newsletter on the web)

THANK YOU DESERT SKIES SNAK PAK PROGRAM



Many of the parents at Los Ranchitos Elementary School have written their appreciation for the help Desert Skies has given their families through the Snak Pak program.

The following letter is one of their thank you notes. Know that each gift YOU, the members of this congregation have provided to the program makes life a little easier for another family.

Dear Sweet People,

In the Bible it says, "better to give than to receive." YOU have all gone out of your way.

We really appreciate all you have done for my granddaughter, Tina Brown. You have gotten us through some hard times, especially on Christmas.

We are blessed that you take the time and money to help so many. May God Bless you always and thank you so much.

If my granddaughter does not receive these programs, I just want to let you know that we really want to thank you for all your help. God knows who he sends to help.

So, God bless you all and pray that other children will appreciate your programs.

With a lot of love and thanks,

Laura Clark Family



THANK YOU



Many thanks to DSUMC for the opportunity to be a part of the Missions trip to Seward, Alaska. The Vacation Bible School was a big success.

Thanks to Susan (wonder woman). Wish all could have seen the performance on the last day. Had a lot of experiences I never thought I would see and do. God bless you all.

Sincerely,
Mildred Koerber

A WORD FROM DAN



August Wedding Anniversaries

- 04 Larry & Peggy Dunlap
- 07 Merrill & Elsie Heinz
- 10 Robert & Janet Paulette
- 13 Ken & Carol Mead
- 15 David & Adele Edwards
Craig & Colette Walker
- 16 Bill Burke & Marilyn Moore
- 19 John & Linda Van Straaten
- 20 Clyde & Mary Jane
Van Arsdale
- 21 Bruce & Peggy Chalk
Rev. Dan Hurlbert &
Rev. Susan Root
- 22 Mike & Nancy Pietz
Phil & Betty Roberts
- 23 Ted & Linda Dorsey
- 25 Jim & Connie Kraska
- 28 Bill & Barbara Richards



Family Movie Night:

Family Movie Night of the summer will be Sunday, August 14th. We will be watching "Bambi" on the big screen. The movie will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Best of all- the movie, popcorn, and drinks are all free!!! See you there!

At Annual Conference this year, Desert Skies was acknowledged in a couple of special ways. First, as always, we received a certificate noting our 100% apportionment payment. To my knowledge Desert Skies has always paid our apportionment in full. These dollars go to support the ministry of the broader church around the whole world.

We were also acknowledged in our District Superintendents report as the church in the district that is doing the best job of doing ministry in all of the points in the Annual Conference's strategic direction. Some of the specific areas that we are called to work in are: Social Holiness—this is the idea that our faith needs to be manifest in the social world around us. All of the churches in the conference are encouraged to work either in border issues or with Children and youth who are at risk. While we engage in several ministries to and with youth and children at risk the big one is our Snak Pac ministry where we feed over 300 children each weekend of the school year. Our work with the Hendersons is one of the ways the we are working on border issues.

We are also supposed to be making new leaders. Desert Skies was out in front on this particular issue and well over 100 people have taken my leadership development class here. Our pastors are also supposed to continue to work on our own leadership skills. Both Rev. Brian and I have been to continuing education events in the past year to do just that.

We are supposed to be helping with global health issues. Desert Skies exceeded our assigned amount for the No Malaria campaign, continues to contribute to Nothing but Nets, supports the ongoing work of the hospital in Sierra Leone, and supports the medical mission efforts of Terri and Muriel Henderson at Give Ye Them To Eat.

Finally we are supposed to help create a culture of new church starts. We have begun working on this through our Lenten and Easter services at Purple Heart park. As the fall rolls around we will look for ways to build on what we have begun.

So, congratulations church on being called out in this special way. While we understand we continue to engage in the mission because God has called us to do so—it is wonderful to have your hard work noticed and acknowledged in the Annual Conference session.

See You in church,

Dan

Family Movie Nights:

August 14th-6:30 pm "Bambi"

September 4th-6:30 pm –TBA



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Helping Hands is looking for **delivery drivers**. The full route requires about 2 to 2 ½ hours to drive. While the sandwiches must be delivered to Primavera on the second Tuesday of the month by 11:30 am, the hygiene kits can be delivered anytime that week, and we can use one driver for Primavera and another for the hygiene kits. If you become a member of our “driving team” you will be asked to deliver once or twice a year. This is a wonderful way to help many people in our community with a relatively small donation of time and gas. Take along a spouse or a friend and have a good conversation while making a difference! If you would like to help, call Sandee Landsburg for more information. (749-3162)

Circles in August: Helping Hands – Aug. 9th 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall

Helping Hands – Monday afternoons at 2:00 pm, singing or playing Bingo at Emeritus (Call Joan French for info.)

Zippy 49ers, Mary & Martha, Southwest Circle – No regularly scheduled meetings. Watch the Sunrise for special events.

MISSION COMMITTEE

In March, Missions sent \$1,000 to the Manjama United Methodist Health Center in Sierra Leone, a UMC Advance Project. Our former missionary, Beth Ferrell served there and we have kept the connection. Beth returned in May through a mission trip and reports that our donation was used to help re-roof the Maternity Building; rehabilitate the water well, and to transport 20 Personal Energy Transportation Bicycles from Freetown to Bo! She thanks her DSUMC Christian Family for our generous donation. Thank **you**, Beth for this wonderful update!

Pueblo Gardens School Principal, Miguel Ortega, writes the following regarding our “Change the World Project” this spring to repair and repaint the school’s portable Music Classroom: “Once again the Methodist Community of Desert Skies has generously assisted the Pueblo Gardens Educational Community in its effort to provide its students with a positive learning environment. Thank you! The work done by Lynn Adams, Charles La Porte, Ron Eisenhuth and Bob Carpenter is truly appreciated. They truly embody our creator’s call to “Love your neighbor”. Their tireless efforts made a significant and lasting contribution to our facilities here at Pueblo Gardens. On behalf of the 420 students, teachers, staff and parents of Pueblo Gardens K-8 School, please accept my gratitude and appreciation. Lynn, Charles, Ron and Bob are a blessing to us.” And to us - thanks a million, guys!

OPEN BRIDGE

Join us on August 5, 2011

Fellowship Hall—DSUMC

6:30 p.m.— Hospitality time

Snacks welcome—Singles or Partners

Open Seating—Just come for an evening of fun!



Bridge-Fellowship

Questions—Alison Hentges @749-8786



**Summer Sunday School
Schedule:**

Grades 1-6 will meet together for "One Room School House" in room # 7.

Pre-school will still meet in room # 3 and Junior and Senior High will meet in room # 6.



REV. BRIAN



AUGUST DEVOTIONS

- 1 Genesis 1:31-2:3
- 2 Mark 12:28-34
- 3 Matthew 6:19-21
- 4 I Timothy 4:6-16
- 5 Jeremiah 18:1-6
- 6 James 1:1-4
- 7 Philippians 4:4-9
- 8 Psalm 106:1-15
- 9 Matthew 13:18-23
- 10 Galatians 5:16-26
- 11 Mark 2:1-12
- 12 John 14:1-4
- 13 Hebrews 4:12-16
- 14 Psalm 32:1-11
- 15 Hebrews 12:1-3
- 16 Matthew 28:16-20
- 17 Ruth 1:1-18
- 18 John 20:26-29
- 19 I Kings 19:1-12
- 20 Luke 15:11-32
- 21 Isaiah 43:14-21
- 22 Psalm 107:1-15
- 23 Luke 11:5-13
- 24 Philippians 3:12-17
- 25 Psalm 18:1-19
- 26 Jonah 2:1-10
- 27 I Peter 3:8-17
- 28 Matthew 7:7-11
- 29 Psalm 148:1-14
- 30 Psalm 139:1-18
- 31 I Timothy 2:1-4



THE MARY MARTHA CIRCLE



Just a Reminder...

PUEBLO GARDENS SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION

The collection of school supplies for Pueblo Gardens was a huge success last year. The school has experienced even more budget cuts this year and could really use our help. The Mary Martha Circle will once again be collecting school supplies and will deliver them to Pueblo Gardens in mid August.

The list below are items that they have requested in great quantities. Anything that you are able to donate may be left at the back of the church. The Circle will be doing the shopping for the low quantity items, so cash donations designated for Pueblo Gardens School Supplies are most welcome too!

1. Copy Paper (white and colored)
2. Construction Paper
3. Sheet Protectors
4. Composition Notebooks (college ruled)
5. Crayola Markers (box of 10)
6. Glue Sticks
7. Box of 8 Assorted Colored Markers (thin and thick)
8. Sharpie Markers (black, thick tip)
9. Highlighters
10. Dry Erase Markers (thick tip)
11. 3 Ring Binders, 1", 2" or 3"
12. Loose Leaf College or Wide Ruled Paper
13. 3 Pronged Pocket Folders
14. Washable Non Toxic Paint (gallon, any color from Michaels)
15. Clipboards
16. Electric Pencil Sharpener
17. 8 Subject Dividers for Binders

Thank you so much for your help!



Biblical Counseling

Our church Biblical counselor, Rev. Dr. Roy W. Ludlow, DBS is offering Biblical Counseling on Thursdays to the folks from Desert Skies. You can make an appointment with Roy by speaking to him between services, calling him at 520-207-3755, or email him at the following address: rwiludlow@cox.net.



LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

The loss support group facilitated by Jeann Fishback will be taking a hiatus this summer beginning Wednesday, August 17th.

We will start meeting again on Wednesday, September 21st. Thank You!!

DESERT SKIES UNITED METHODIST MEN



Attention: Men of Desert Skies

There will be NO meeting this month!

Our next meeting will be September 17th, 2011 at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. All men of the church are invited for breakfast and fellowship.



Stephen Ministers: The After People

Stephen Ministers are there AFTER-the divorce, the funeral, the phone call you hoped you'd never get, the pink slip with your final check.

Stephen Ministers are the "After People." They are ready to come alongside you-or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives-and provide comfort and support for as long after as needed.

stephenministry@desertskiesumc.org

Treasurers Corner

2nd Quarter Report as of 6/30/11

Income Received:	\$ 238,943
Spent So Far:	\$ 246,991
Difference:	\$ (8,048.00)



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

TBA with regular schedule to follow!!

FLEA MARKET

What The Heck Is A Parament?

Last Christmas a woman commented on the Christmas paraments, Her teenage son asked “What the heck is a parament?” To answer his question, paraments are the beautiful cloth hangings that adorn the pulpit, the communion table and the lectern. They are changed with the various church seasons. Our church is fortunate in that each parament is hand made by a very artistic church member. She also designs and creates the beautiful banners or wall hangings that you see on the walls of the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall. These too are changed as church events change.

Who is this woman whose passion and love for our church is demonstrated in her beautiful paraments and banners? Unfortunately she chooses to remain anonymous. When the Sanctuary was built, she made a very special banner titled “Kingdom Tide”. Explaining the items in this banner she said, “I have chosen to represent Ordinary Time in the form of the green mesquite our desert’s tree of life. Its form was created from the mesquite on the corner of our church property. The rust foreground and mountain peaks resemble Sabino Canyon and the Catalinas as seen from that same spot. Water flows beneath all as the source of life and the Desert Skies stretch overhead. The dove represents God’s love brought to us through His son so that we may learn to live out his miracle in our daily lives”.

Another example of her one of a kind creations is the banner hanging on the choir wall. This was the result of her watching Susan Schild directing the youth choir, singing “A Place in The Choir”. She picked up the song sheet, looked at the cover picture of animals and birds singing this song from this she made the banner, “A Place In The Choir” for the choir wall.

Take the time to admire theses beautiful paraments and banners and say a little prayer that she will continue to create more works of art for our church.

Emmitt Warner

p.s.

We have used her creative talents on one or two occasions at the Flea Market.

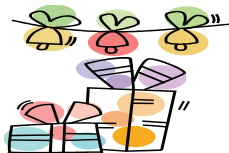


Interested in joining
Desert Skies UMC?
Contact Rev. Dan at
749-0521

*Desert Skies is a
Stephens Ministry
Congregation*



Stephen Ministry is Christ
Caring for people through
people



August Birthdays



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|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 Judy Fox, Summer Reimer | 22 Mary Deschler, Lynn Pickard |
| 2 Kayla Bording, Lainie Radomsky,
Scott Radomsky | 23 Carrie Radomsky |
| 3 Janet Paulette, Bill Wildish | 24 Rachel Kenyon, Derek Lewis,
Carolyn Schuler, George Steele,
Shirley Bauer |
| 4 Russ Records | 25 Marion Huff, Samantha Kiewel |
| 5 Nathan Bly, Martha Spore | 27 Brandon Farrington |
| 6 Amanda Merrill, Joe Whitney | 28 Jimmy Foster |
| 7 Dick Bailey, Marilyn Moore, Miriam
Parsons, Debbie Poisel | 29 Peggy Cockburn |
| 8 Roger Aulds, Jo Zingg | 30 Beth Scully, Aloure Wolgemuth,
Ginny Zidar |
| 9 Barbara Baldwin, Bob Wood | 31 Stephanie Miller |
| 10 Betty Roberts | |
| 11 Carla Bailey, Robert Paulette | |
| 12 Phyllis Kyte, Angie Wilcox | |
| 13 Robert Gilbert | |
| 14 Pete Squire | |
| 15 Donna Langmead, Judith Davis | |
| 16 Ronald Severson | |
| 20 Teddy Gardner III, Mildred Koerber,
Mitch Owen | |



Don't forget to bring your canned goods and other non perishable foods for the Community Food Bank the **first Sunday of each month**. The box is located in the entry way of the Fellowship Hall.

AUGUST 7th!



REQUESTS
— FOR —
PRAYER

If you have a prayer request, you may contact Ginger Crowder at 298-8116 or e-mail Pat Walker at msnodle@aol.com If you are unable to reach Pat, you may call the church office at 749-0521.

If you would like to submit a prayer request in writing, please use one of the Prayer Cards in the pew racks and then give it to an usher or to Reverend Dan as you are leaving. These requests are kept confidential and receive the same prayerful attention given verbal requests.



VIVACE

BY SUSAN SCHILD

Is it raining at your house? I think everyone in Tucson looks forward to the monsoon season- not only for the rain - but also for the promise of cooler days ahead. I also am eager to get started again with our music ministry rehearsals at Desert Skies. Although many of our kids are on a year round school calendar, August brings the start of new school year and the expectation of new classes, new teachers and new adventures.

We will resume our Adult choir rehearsals on Wednesday, August 24th. We rehearse each week from 7:00-8:30pm. Students in high school through senior citizens are welcome to join us. We NEED new singers. This is a great way to meet folks at church, help to lead in worship each week, and to both be a blessing to others and to be blessed as well! You need to be able to match pitch, and music reading is helpful. Please talk to me if you feel interested in choir. In addition to our Sunday worship music, our adult choir will also present two evenings of Holiday Dinner Concerts. We offer these every other year. This year's dates are Friday, December 2nd and Sunday, December 4th. These are dinner concerts with a mission. Mission recipient information/details for the evenings as well as reservations will be available beginning in September. Stay tuned!

Bell choir rehearsals will resume on Tuesday September 6th. We rehearse on Tuesdays from 7:00-8:30pm (3 weeks per month). We ring in worship once each month, and we ring for special services as well. As with singing choir, ringing is FUN! We are looking for new ringers, and please call me if this interests you. Children's choir will begin again as well - families watch your mail for a personal invitation.

Are you interested in a weekly Bible Study or Book group? Talk to Rev. Dan, Rev. Brian or to me about getting involved. Exciting changes are coming for our fellowship opportunities. Please read an additional article detailing our upcoming events. See you in church, and every week is a great week to invite someone into our church family at Desert Skies.

F.A.I.T.H.-Fellowship and Intentional Hospitality

Fellowship opportunities help to form our church community into church "family". Fellowship is one component of a terrific trio of worship, mission - and FELLOWSHIP. I am excited about our times together this Fall. We have had some great years of Wednesday evenings at church, and I am confident that these new opportunities will be meaningful for each of us and will be another way of reaching out to our neighborhood.

So - we will have an all church activity in each month - sometimes more than one a month. I pray that each of you will participate as your schedule allows. These activities will replace our regular Wednesday evenings at church.

September-Sunday, September 11-Desert Skies Meet Yourself. Right after worship - until 1PM

Our annual ministry fair offers information about our mission and ministry areas. Lunch will be the very popular Lucky Wishbone dinner. Complete with sides. \$3 per person

October - Sunday, October 23-Trunk or Treat. Late afternoon - dusk.

Family crafts, a fun movie, dinner followed by Trunk or Treating in the parking lot. Come in costume AND decorate your vehicle. \$3 per person - dogs, burgers and sides.

November-Charge Conference and All Church Dinner. Date TBA (evening meal & meeting) - no charge.

Our annual business meeting of the church.

Sunday, November 20th-Thanksgiving Celebration. Late afternoon worship/Thanksgiving program.

Semi-potluck dinner follows. Church provides Turkey, potatoes, gravy. A-L Bring a side dish to serve lots. M-Z bring a dessert to serve lots. Donations accepted.

December-Wednesday, December 15th-Christmas Dinner & party. Party begins @ 5PM. Dinner @ 6PM

Church provides ham. A-L Bring a dessert to serve lots. M-Z bring a side dish to serve lots. Donations accepted.

Advent Tuesdays - Weekly time of worship and holiday music @ 11:30AM.

Lunch follows in fellowship hall each week. \$3 per person.

November 29th, December 7th, 14th, 21st.

August 2011

Desert Skies UMC

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 7:00 Men's Prayer 8:00 Flea Market Fun 2:00 HH @ the Place 5:30 Emmaus	2	3 4:00 Loss Support Group 4:15 Seekers 7:00 Praise Practice	4 Biblical Counseling	5 6:30 Bridge	6
7 Communion Sunday & Food Bank 8:30 /10:00 Traditional Service 10:00 Contemporary Service	8 7:00 Men's Prayer 8:00 Flea Market Fun 2:00 HH @ the Place 5:30 Emmaus 7:00 Stephen Ministry	9 9:30 Helping Hands 7:00 SPRC	10 4:00 Loss Support Group 4:15 Seekers 7:00 Praise Practice	11 Biblical Counseling 7:45 Casa Maria	12	13
14 8:30 /10:00 Traditional Service 10:00 Contemporary Service 6:30 pm Family Movie Night	15 7:00 Men's Prayer 8:00 Flea Market Fun 2:00 HH @ the Place 5:30 Emmaus 7:00 Trustees	16 6:30 Church & Society 6:45 Committees 7:30 Church Council	17 4:15 Seekers 7:00 Praise Practice	18 Biblical Counseling	19	20
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Christ's Spirit Lives*

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Desert Skies Mission Statement

Desert Skies is a growth church—it is a church committed to growth in spirit, mission outreach, membership nurturing and enabling active compassion. Attendance, activities, involvement, innovative worship, outreach programming all characterize Desert Skies identity.

At Desert Skies—Christ's Spirit Lives—is more than a motto—it is an expression of a viable working faith! You are invited to join hands in the journey of faith at Desert Skies.

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 a.m.

Traditional Worship
Sunday School (Pre-School—5th)
Nursery Care Provided Starting at 8:15
Adult Sunday School-Room # 7

10:00 a.m.

Traditional worship
Sunday School (Preschool-12th)
Nursery Care Provided
Cry room in back of Sanctuary
Announcements are five minutes before each service.

10:00 a.m.

Contemporary Service - "Come As You Are" IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
Nursery Care is provided to children age 5 and under.

Announcements are five minutes before each service.

