

Summer 2016

Desert Footprints



A Note from Rev. Mike

On March 6th, we announced in worship that I will be receiving a new appointment at Dove of the Desert UMC in Glendale. A few weeks later in worship we also announced that Rev. Dr. Kristin Longenecker will be appointed at Desert Foothills UMC. Both appointments will start July 1st. Since another newsletter will not be published until after these appointment changes take place, I invited Rev. Longenecker to introduce herself to the congregation through our May newsletter. I had the opportunity to meet with her a couple of weeks ago and talk about our church and her ministry. Not that I had any doubts, but I think DFUMC and she will both be blessed by one another. I look forward to how DFUMC and Rev. Longenecker will serve Christ together.

- Rev. Mike

From Pastor Kristin:

I was on my way to South Mountain one day for a hike. Spring was moving into summer and I knew that the black flies would be my partners for the journey. I was planning to take a different trail, one I had wandered onto during my last hike. But I had to drive a whole new way, from the South. A few wrong turns later, I drove by Desert Foothills United Methodist Church. I remember recognizing the name, like meeting someone with the same name.

When I found out that I was coming to Desert Foothills, I thought of Psalm 121, "I raise my eyes toward the mountains. Where will my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth." In seminary we spent some time on this passage. It was designed to be sung in the view of the mountains by those on a pilgrimage. How appropriate for a church like Desert Foothills!

Over the years I have visited Desert Foothills UMC several times for meetings. I have heard about the missions and ministry of the generous people of this church. A church filled with people who are seeking God and the journey that they can walk together learning and sharing grace, peace, and love.

I look forward to joining the life of Desert Foothills United Methodist Church and lifting our eyes together on the journey we will follow together toward for the future!

A Note from Rev. Mike (cont)

Kristin's Background:

Pastor Kristin was born in Frankfurt, Germany while her father was in the army and then moved to Georgia, Michigan and Indiana, all before she was five years old. Growing up in Indiana, her first job was as a child studio recording artist. She worked with the Gaithers, Sandi Patty, and several business commercial projects. Kristin later earned a Bachelor of Arts from Anderson University with a major in German, with an emphasis in Mass Communications and History. During college, she studied at the Goethe Institute in Prien am Chiemsee and at the University of Vienna.

Following a call to enter ministry, she completed her Master of Divinity in 2003 at Anderson University School of Theology and completed her Doctor of Divinity at George Fox in Portland, Oregon with Rev. Dr. Leonard Sweet. Her particular area of research resulted in the published dissertation, Fingerprints Of God: Change And Innovation At Work In The Church, concerning innovation in business, global government, and the church. If you want to be really official, you can call her Rev. Dr. Kristin Longenecker. But she does prefer Kristin or Pastor Kristin.

In addition to working in the church, she has worked in radio, voice over studio work, website management, nonprofit fund development, concessions in a movie theater, hostessing at an upscale organic restaurant, and of course, retail. Kristin has been serving the church in ministry since 1998 in Indiana, California, and Arizona. She specializes in preaching, teaching, counseling, and worship. Her two daughters, Heidi (eleven years and finishing fifth grade) and Anna (eight years and finishing second grade), are in the Kyrene School District.

Kristin's Favorites Things:

Laughing, sci-fi shows, yoga, cacti, languages, video gaming, comicon, state fairs, skate boarding and scooters with her daughters, singing, making mistakes and learning from them, fireworks, deep conversation, new experiences, and eating gluten-free.

Kristin's Favorite Quotes:

David Augsburg:

"Being heard is so close to being loved that for the average person they are almost indistinguishable. To say something you value deeply to another person and have him or her value it equally by listening to it carefully and appreciatively is the most universal way of demonstrating affection."

Jeremiah 29:11-12:

"'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.'"

Christian Education



Children's Summer Sunday School

SUMMER
SUNDAY
SCHOOL

With the school year winding down, we are getting ready for

our Summer Sunday School program starting June 5th! It provides an opportunity for our regular season teachers to take a rest and get ready for the Fall semester.

Sunday school will be offered during the 10:30am service only this year, so make plans accordingly. For those families that will be attending the 9am service, we ask that children stay with their families and experience worship service. For those children that might need another option, we will be providing an area in the corner of the narthex where children can occupy their time with activities while the parents listen to service as they attend to their children. Nursery care will still be available both services.

Ellen Daniels is leading the program this year and has graciously agreed to be the primary teacher. So this year we will be looking for people to volunteer to assist Ellen each week. No preparation is needed, just a desire to help our children experience God through our "Holy Moly" series that explores many of the most popular stories of the Bible. If you can spare just one Sunday, please sign-up to volunteer! Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex starting this Sunday.

- John Doller, Christian Ed Chair

Women's Saturday Study Group



The monthly meeting of the Saturday Women's Study Group will be taking a summer break. The group will begin again in the fall. Study topic and exact starting time will be announced at a later date.

Thank you to all who participated this year, and we invite other women to join us this fall. Have a blessed summer.

- Marianne Hutchinson



Turning Pages

A new monthly evening book club, Turning Pages, will begin this fall. We will read and discuss fiction books with a Christian theme. This relaxed and comfortable book club is open to all. Specific information and sign up will be available in August. If you have any questions or comments contact Maureen at mokart@cox.net.

- Maureen Kartchner

VBS

Please note that DFUMC is not hosting Vacation Bible School this year. During the upcoming months, we will be looking for someone to coordinate the leadership for VBS 2017. If you have any interest in being part of the leadership team, please contact John Doller at jdoller@carollo.com. It's time to bring this great outreach program back to DFUMC!!

Christian Ed (cont.)

Wednesday Night Bible Study (WNBS)

Wednesday Night Bible Study will be offering a 6-week study on Psalms starting May 4, from 6:30-8pm in the conference room. All are welcome! For more information, please contact John Hall at 980-428-4728 or jhall28262@yahoo.com.

- John Hall

Hospitality



On Mother's Day, May 8, the Hospitality Committee honors all women of the church with special treats between services. We hope to see you then!

Father's Day, June 19, is our traditional "Dad's Root Beer Floats," always a popular cool, treat for the men (kids, too)!

Our church is blessed with wonderful Greeters and Ushers, and we thank all of you who serve and who are the first to meet new people coming in our doors. Let us remember that we are ALL called to show hospitality to guests, to make them feel comfortable and welcomed. Let us ALL be the front door of our church!

- Sallie King, Hospitality Chair

Volleyball

Adult Volleyball

The UMC Adult Recreational Summer Volleyball league is about to begin! Calling all adults who want to play volleyball for DFUMC - no experience required!! The 2016 season will be starting soon. League matches begin June 6th. Please contact Dwight Daniels to get on a team or if you have any questions at dwight.d@cox.net or 480-962-4588. Practices will be on Sunday evenings @ Desert Foothills Park - outdoor sand courts. League matches will be on Monday evenings (schedule TBD). Registration will close before we know it, so please contact Dwight soon, if you haven't done so already.



- Dwight Daniels, Head Coach :-)

Online Photo Directory

Photo Directory App



Did you know that our online photo directory available through our website can also be accessed on your iPhone, iPad, Droid or Kindle Fire? Just go to your App store and download the free Instant Church Directory App and follow the directions. Always have the church directory at your fingertips!

The online photo directory can also still be accessed through our website www.desertfoothills.org. The password is DFUMCdirectory.

- Stephanie Giel, Office Staff

Desert Southwest Annual Conference

Desert Southwest Conference – 2016 Mission Project

As one of the lay members to Annual Conference I want to let you know about this year's mission opportunity. This is an opportunity for DFUMC members and friends to expand our commitment to Foster Children. This year's project is aimed to support those children aging out of the Foster Care system. Unlike my own child who has plenty of support as she ventures off to college, these young people must rely on service agencies to locate a place to live. One of the needs is to fill the pantry when that location is found. We are being asked to provide gift cards of \$25 for local grocery stores along with a recipe to aid these young people in setting up their household. Resources will be provided by the conference to connect us with agencies to distribute our gifts.

During this season of celebration of high school graduation for Sarah and the other young people in our congregation, families and friends, I am asking that you channel your generosity to these young people who face a more difficult transition to adulthood. Sarah and I are planning to contribute and pray that you will too.

- Karen Colbourn, Lay Member to Annual Conference

Note: The Desert Southwest Annual Conference will be held in Glendale June 16-19. Representing Desert Foothills UMC this year will be our two Lay Members to Annual Conference, Karen Colbourn and Susanne Rudolph. Our Lay Leader, Paul Browning, will be attending in his capacity as the Conference Lay Leader.

Ushers

Interested in Being an Usher?

Being an usher is a great way to welcome people to our church and help serve during worship. No experience necessary and training is provided.

If this sounds like something you would like to do, contact Jeremy at jeremy.mardis@cox.net or (604)315-6536.

A reminder for current ushers: if you are unable to be there for your assigned Sunday, please switch with someone else as soon as possible. Then contact Jeremy or Stephanie in the office (stephanie@desertfoothills.org) to let them know of the change.

- Jeremy Mardis, Head Usher



Choir

Getting to Know our Choir Director, Leia Wasbatten



How and when did you know that music would be your passion and/or career?

When I was 4, my mom put me in a class called Kindermusik. It was there that my passion for music started, and it has grown every day since! I never thought I would be able to have a career in music, but was very quickly proven wrong when I graduated from Penn State! I'm so thrilled to be able to use my biggest passion to make a living for myself; that is everyone's dream.

When was your first public performance?

I think I did a musical when I was probably 4 or 5, and sang one line of a song by myself! Biggest accomplishment of my life :)

Do you play an instrument?

I played cello and French horn in elementary and middle school, and have played piano since I was 4! I also play guitar. I enjoy accompanying myself on piano and guitar while I sing and I love playing for other singers as well!

What brought you to Desert Foothills UMC?

I moved to Arizona in July of 2015 and wanted desperately to find a church and to start my teaching career here with a church choir. I joined the Phoenix Chorale and got an email that the choir director position was open here and immediately applied! From the second I walked into this church, I felt such a strong connection to the people and spiritually, I knew this was where I was supposed to be.

Are you currently in college? What is or was your major?

I graduated from Penn State in May 2015 with a Bachelors in Music, specifically voice. I hope to attend graduate school in my near future, but we will see when that actually happens :)

Have you always lived in Arizona? If not, where are you from?

I have lived in 16 different homes since I was born. I started in Oregon, moved to Idaho, Arizona, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and now back to Arizona! I hope to stay here forever though, Arizona is definitely my favorite place.

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Choir (cont.)

Getting to Know our Choir Director, Leia Wasbatten (cont.)

What do you do for fun?

I LOVE to hike. I love to travel, I love to drive, I love to be outdoors and exploring new places!

What kind of music do you listen to in the car?

My favorite kind of music is the kind I can sing along to that's in my range! I love pop/folk because that's what I like to sing the best, and everyone knows that car rides are strictly for singing at the top of your lungs!

What hopes do you have for our choir?

My hope is to continue to expand the choir in numbers so more people are able to experience the joy of singing like me and the current 13 members feel every Sunday!

- interview by Maureen Kartchner



Summer Music

If you have a musical talent, instrumental, vocal, contemporary, classical, etc..., please contact me so I can help you to participate in the summer worship as a solo act, duet, small group, anything! You can talk to me in person or email me at lew5198@gmail.com.

- Leia Wasbotten, Choir Director

Fun Meaningful Faith!

Desert Foothills Youth continue to live their faith! Our Youth Ministry Program is based on 4 Core Ministries: **Worship, Education, Service and Fun**. Every quarter we strive to touch each area of ministry in some meaningful way. Thank you to all of the parents and youth supporters who help us make this possible! Let me catch you up on what's been happening this spring – and what's in store for the summer.

Worship

Easter Sunrise Service

If you missed this year's sunrise service, led by our youth, I am sorry! The youth exceeded all expectations. They shared their musical talent and then led worship by sharing some meaningful experiences they have had as part of [DFY]. Luke Brocco (7th grade) shared his story of feeling like his friends at church have his back, and how meaningful his baptism was at the end of confirmation last year. Collin Travis (6th grade) talked about his experience at our Jr. High Selfie Retreat in the fall. Collin challenged himself to the high ropes course – it was breathtaking – and his re-telling of the story on Easter morning included his realization that church is not just about a building – but about relationships and people. Elijah Brinkley (8th grade) and Matt Daniels (6th grade) both spoke about our 30 Hour Famine Experience this year. Fasting and serving others has a way of making a big impact. Combine multiple youth groups from churches in our Conference and it is even more meaningful. Eric Daniels (10th grade) talked about the Winter Retreat up at Mingus Mountain. This year over 150 youth were together up at Mingus sharing and learning. Snow was a bonus, as was the rock band "Army of Light." All of these experiences have influenced our youth and their faith story. Following our sunrise service, a bountiful brunch was served. Thank you to everyone who helped make that happen as well – you ALL are such a blessing!

Graduation Sunday

May 15th is Graduation Sunday – we will recognize our high school and college graduates. Stacia Brocco is helping to coordinate the day – send photos to Charles (charles16@cox.net) and other info to Stacia (stacia.brocco@cox.net) for our bulletin insert. Thank you!!

5th Sunday

Don't miss the next opportunity to see our youth in action in worship on May 29th for 5th Sunday. Every 5th Sunday, our youth fill the support roles of greeters, ushers, readers. In May I hope someone will speak as well! It is very important for me that our youth realize they are part of the

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5th Sunday (cont.)

whole church – not just youth group or Sunday school. Please show your support and encouragement to those who are willing to step up and serve.

Education

Sunday School

Our Sunday School Leaders continue to make Sunday learning a priority – bringing relative lessons and opportunities for sharing to our Jr. and Sr. High classes. During Lent we had special lessons on prayer, including different prayer methods, breath prayers, body prayers, and other ways to pray including making prayer flags like you’ve seen in front of the church. If you would like to help teach, please let me know. Our teachers need a break over the summer.

Service

Prayer Beads and Layettees



Often our service and fun go hand in hand – as was the case this last weekend when we had our annual “Amazing Race!” This year was Amazing Race – The Beta Challenge. All of the clues and stations started with the letter “b”. “Baby Bible Trivia” was the layette stop. Youth packed 50 layette bags with diapers and toys and clothing and more that you all had donated. Thank you for making the bags a blessing to the mothers who are served by The Wesley Center.

The “Be Kind” stop had the kids perform a random act of kindness at a local Circle K. Buying someone a Gatorade or an Icee is “cool!” The Bead Challenge was an amazing stop too. Our youth created protestant prayer strands that will go to General Conference this year in Portland, Or. We prayed for the delegates who may receive the beads and for discernment and guidance while at

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DESERT FOOTHILLS YOUTH

Prayer Beads and Layettes (cont.)

conference this summer. This is part of a huge prayer bead and prayer initiative headed up by Tom Albin of the Upper Room. Brenda Brinkley and I had the opportunity to meet Tom and learn how to make the prayer strands with a group up at Dove of the Desert before our challenge. Prayer has been an integral part of our church life this season – it was a wonderful way to participate in the global United Methodist Church. See the prior picture of us all laying hands on the beads and praying over them and for the delegates. We will have the opportunity to make more beads before the conference – stay tuned for details!

Mission Trip – July 17-23!

"SSP" – you will hear that a lot between now and July. SSP is short for Sierra Service Project. This summer a mission team of 17 from Desert Foothills will serve in San Diego. We will work on construction projects and visit Tijuana, Mexico one day too. More info will be coming out next month!

Fun!

Fellowship

Fellowship is an important part of our faith! Being part of a community of believers and spending time with them helps lift us up and encourage us along in our spiritual walk. So why not movies and rock wall climbing and an amazing race??! Stay tuned for our end of year pool party!!



Youth Summer Volleyball

The UMC Youth Summer Volleyball league is starting soon! Calling all Middle School and High School youth!!! You are invited and encouraged to play volleyball for DFUMC - no experience required Please sign up on the [DFY] Google Doc page. If you or your parents have any questions you can contact Jill Sears at jill@desertfoothills.org or (480)266-9531 or Dwight Daniels at dwight.d@cox.net or (480)962-4588.

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DESERT FOOTHILLS YOUTH

Youth Summer Volleyball (cont.)

Practices will be 6:30pm Sunday evenings @ Desert Foothills Park in the outdoor sand courts. First practice date to be announced. League matches will be on Wednesday evenings beginning June 1st (schedule TBD, locations will vary). Registration will close before we know it, so please sign up now if you haven't done so already.

This volleyball league is recreational, with players of all levels. Don't let lack of experience keep you from playing. It's a great opportunity to spend time with friends, to physically challenge yourself and to have fun.

- Jill Sears, Youth Leader

Stephen Ministry



Dave Gould—Our Newest Stephen Leader

I was among 237 pastors and congregation leaders at a 7 day Stephen Leader's Training Course in Anaheim, California in February. Participants came from 27 states, Canada, Japan and China. In total 30 churches were there.

I found the LTC to be an engaging, energizing, learning, worshipful, relation building experience, and was able to catch a glimpse of all that Stephen Ministry can be for a congregation and the community at large. It was a highlight seeing people from dozens of denominations set aside their differences for 7 days and become unified in a single mission: how to bring Christ's healing love to hurting individuals.

Stephen Ministry gives DFUMC an effective way to train and organize members to provide one-on-one Christian care to individuals facing a life challenge like grief, divorce, loneliness, relocation, hospitalization, terminal illness, or unemployment. The need for this type of care greatly exceeds what pastors alone can provide. All Christians are called to care for and love one another—it's not just the pastor's job. By equipping our lay people we can help them fulfill their calling as Christians and also expand the amount of caring ministry available through DFUMC.

- Dave Gould, Stephen Leader



Trustees

Trustees, or What's up with the Church Property?

The Desert Foothills United Methodist Church Board of Trustees is a six-member committee responsible for proper keeping of God's house as a way to honor God and facilitate the ministry of the local church. We set policy, and encourage everyone in the congregation to assist in the effort with your gifts and service.

Landscaping

Have you noticed our well-kept landscaping, clean parking lot and neatly-raked gravel? Glenn Harris provides this service on a continuing basis as a service to the church. Join the Trustees in thanking him for keeping the property looking great.



Prayer Garden

Have you visited the prayer garden lately? Trustee Ed Jones leads the effort to maintain this area as a shaded, quiet place for anyone to use for prayer, reflection or conversation. Check it out before leaving the property next Sunday. Thanks to memorial donations, we will be adding some concrete benches to replace worn our wooden benches that were recently removed.



Spring Workday!



We had a great morning of fellowship and cleaning at the Trustees semi-annual workday in March. Thanks to about 20 volunteers who cleaned the kitchen, washed windows, cleaned walls, swept the Jim Long Memorial, and cleared the rain gutter on the roof. Several Boy Scouts from Troop 16, our sponsored troop, also joined us. If you missed the fun, plan to join us for the Fall Workday in November.

Bequests/Gifts

Trustees are responsible for receiving and administering gifts made to the congregation, including gifts from estates. The Trustees recently completed a policy for gift acceptance, and is working with the church council to establish a permanent endowment. If you want to consider a gift for the church, we have access to resources from the United Methodist Desert Southwest Conference to provide our congregation with confidential will and estate planning information at your request.

- Kevin Chadwick, President of Trustees

Witness



Do you remember how hot it gets in Phoenix and how thirsty you are in the summer? Of course you do. So do homeless men, women and children. DFUMC will once again collect cases of water to help those who are thirsty. A



place will be set up in the narthex where you can drop off your donations. Please feel free to donate as many cases as you can as often as you can.

This year we hope to get involved with giving out water at heat relief stations with community organizations. Cases of water will also go to various organizations around the valley.

Thank you to all who generously donated cases of water last year. They helped to offer refreshment and relief to those who truly needed it and would have gone without.

Please contact Susan Osman (susan@desertfoothills.org) for more information.

- Susan Osman, Witness Co-Chair

DFUMC hosts Family Promise July 3-10



There is no doubt that July is a very hot month in Arizona. Can you imagine being homeless in this heat? Fortunately there is an organization called Family Promise that helps homeless families find permanent housing and jobs. As one of the supporting churches, we provide safe, air conditioned rooms for sleeping, nourishing refreshing meals and fellowship.

Three to four families enrolled in the program arrive each evening during the week of July 3-10 to get a good meal and a good night's rest at Desert Foothills. The week takes many volunteers who feel blessed to be able to share in this ministry. Many hands are needed to greet the families each evening, cook meals, be overnight hosts as well as preparing beds and cleaning up. A sign up sheet with volunteer opportunities will be available in June.

Questions can be directed to Susan Osman (susan@desertfoothills.org), Mark Osman (markosman@gmail.com) or Jill Kyroudis (jillak@prodigy.net)

- Jill Kyroudis, Witness Committee

Below is a success story taken from the Family Promise website:

Judy and her four children were referred to Family Promise when her money ran out after an extended hotel stay. She was recently separated from her husband and homeless for the first time in her life. "The referral service sent me to a number of shelters, but I was so shocked at how my family would be broken up. I was frightened to leave my two young sons alone in a place like that, so I started to plan how we could all sleep in my car." Since there are five of them, she figured two of them would sleep in the trunk. "I keep blankets in the car, so I was all prepared. I was so happy when we found Family Promise." Judy continues, "We could stay together and there was help with

Witness (cont.)

Family Promise (cont.)

making plans to get back on our feet. And my children really enjoyed the volunteers that welcomed us to the churches, especially the kids. It meant so much to them at a very scary time in their life.” Today, Judy and her children are successfully living independently. She is working and the children are all in school and doing well.

Prayer Flag Project

This year, Desert Foothills had a prayer flag project for the season of Lent. Everyone was invited to create a flag and pray. These Christian prayer flags represented the prayers of our congregation and our community. I love the idea of our prayers on the wind over all pervading space. I hope you have taken a moment to look at some of these flags. The messages were beautiful as were the flags themselves. These flags represent prayers of hope and healing, prayers for peace, prayers of love and forgiveness, and prayers for our families and friends, our community and our world.

On Easter weekend, Desert Foothills participated in the Annual Ahwatukee Easter Parade and the Spring Carnival that followed. We took prayer flags to our booth there, and it was heartwarming to see folks decorate their flags and share their prayers. Over 200 flags were on display in front of the church. They came down at the end of April, but my hope and prayer is that the energy and devotion that went into making the flags and displaying them will continue to cover our community with blessings.

- Jill Sears, Witness Committee Co-Chair



Witness (cont.)

Run for God

Congratulations! For the third year in a row, Desert Foothills has completed a *Run for God*. Run for God is a spiritually based running group that was started by Mitchell Hollis. Mitchell is a self-proclaimed “average Joe” who has a passion for running and the Lord. Hollis started Run for God with one mission: to prepare people to be better witnesses for Christ; physically, mentally, and spiritually.

The Run for God program is a 12 week class with devotions and workout sessions geared for every level of runner. There is a walk to run 5K, a 10K and even a half marathon challenge. Meeting weekly and staying in touch with one another through our [DF] Fit Facebook page is a great way to encourage one another and build each other up! Running is a great parallel for our spiritual lives as well. Inspiration from the Bible and one another helps us through. Have you ever considered how pushing yourself a little out of your comfort zone is like following Christ? If you’re never challenged, you may miss an opportunity for growth.

Here are some of the scriptures that we studied along the way :

Hebrews 12:1 “therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.”

Galatians 5:7 “You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?”

Philippians 9 4:13 “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

Look for Run for God next year – and invite a friend. This is a great opportunity to connect to our community!

- Jill Sears, Witness Committee Co-Chair



Missions

Children's Day

Children's Day was celebrated Saturday, April 30th at our sister church, Fuente de Vida, in Agua Prieta, Mexico. The Missions Committee reached out to DFUMC to collect small toys, gift items and candy to send to FdV to help with the celebration. Items were sent for the mothers in the community to assemble bags for the children. Toys and candy delight the small children, while older children delight in food items (snacks, etc.) and small toiletries.

- Shirley Coomer, Missions Chair



Layette Project

The Missions committee has long supported the Wesley Health Clinic with Layette Bags for new mothers. This year the bags were assembled by our Youth during the Amazing Race with the help of some wonderful adult volunteers! We were able to assemble 50 bags with all the donations received! Thank you to all who participated by donating items to be included in these bags, from pacifiers to baby lotion to diapers! These bags are given to new mothers with very limited resources to care for new born babies. Missions has received thank you letters from the Wesley Center noting how touched these mothers are to receive these caring items.

- Stephanie Giel

Update on Rojas Home Construction

Construction is progressing on the new home as local church members along with the Rojas family continue to work on the construction. We expect the home will be ready in September for our members to go to Mexico and begin work on electric and plumbing, etc.



Move-In Shower for Bethany Lawrence

On Sunday April 24 our congregation came together as the Missions Committee sponsored a Move-in shower for Bethany Lawrence as she transitions to her new apartment over the next several months. Bethany and Jennifer received many lovely gifts needed to furnish the new apartment. We all recall our first home or sending up your adults in their first place and there is an endless list of kitchen, bathroom and other household items needed. Thank-you to all for generously showering one of our own members with love and encouragement!

- Shirley Coomer, Missions Chair



Fry's Cards

For the 1st quarter, DFUMC had 29 households whose Fry's card was linked to DFUMC which generated \$335.00 for Missions work. If you haven't linked your Fry's number to the church, please consider doing to. We need to re-enroll every August 1st. There are easy to follow, detailed instructions at <http://www.desertfoothills.org/upcoming-events/announcements/frys-cards.html>.

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Mother's Day Boxes

Once again, DFUMC took home many Mother's Day boxes and returned them packed to the brim with small kitchen items, toiletries, candy (American chocolate is a favorite), pens, note pads, etc. We were able to send over 70 boxes for the Mother's Day celebration at Fuente de Vida, our sister church in Agua Prieta, Mexico. This would not have happened without the many helping hands behind the scenes. Thank you to those who set up the table in the Narthex and assembled the empty boxes and included a suggested list of items in each box to kick off this annual project. We hope you enjoyed the picture array of last year's celebration showing the mothers smiling as they gathered to open their boxes (this is truly a dress-up event full of smiles and expectation!) We are appreciative of those who worked to ensure each box was full, adding a few extra items where needed to ensure delight and smiles when the boxes are opened up. We are blessed to have members who are willing and able to transport the boxes to Mexico.

- Shirley Coomer, Missions Chair



Summer Office Hours

Please note that our church staff have flexible office hours in the summer. If you need to speak to or see a specific staff person, please call or email to make an appointment. Also, we have one incoming phone line at church, and if you call and get voice mail, a staff member may be on the phone or in a part of the building where they can't hear the call. Check back or leave a message!

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Christian Education Chairperson: John Doller

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Hospitality Chairperson: Sallie King

Lay Leader: Paul Browning

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