

Fall 2017

Desert Footprints



A Note from Pastor Kristin

¹³Then little children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; ¹⁴but Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.” ¹⁵And he laid his hands on them and went on his way. Matthew 19:13-15

Hello families!

I wanted to take a few minutes today to share with you a call that I believe God has for our church. The delegates from our church were gathered at Annual Conference with over six hundred other people from churches in Arizona, Nevada and part of California. We were listening to the new initiatives for our local churches and talking about what was most important to our congregations.

During the discussion, we started to talk about our ministries and our effective witness to the world and our future. As we talked, there seemed to be a theme that was coming to the surface. Desert Foothills loves families and children and youth.

We support ministry to children through our Foster Care meal at Thanksgiving. We host the Village Preschool in our Education Wing. We support outreach to children in Mexico. We have a great Sunday school and Youth program. But we were feeling urged to do more — to make children a clear focus for our church in the coming years.

Now I grew up as a child raised in the church. I sat in the chairs and drew during the sermons. I learned the hymns and songs and started serving at church at a young age. My parents believed that it was important to instill in me strong values of hope, service, and compassion. They wanted me to grow up in a community that knew my name and cared about me. Most of all, they wanted to share with me the faith that they had experienced. I envision an experience like that for the children of Desert Foothills.

I have been talking with leaders and families about how we can create a community like that for our children more intentionally. So beginning October 1st, we will begin Kid's Club on Sunday nights from 5-6:30. While the youth gather, children Kindergarten-5th grades will gather together for a choir experience and fun activities. We are looking for volunteers to help with this new experience! Please talk with Pastor Kristin or Pat Williams for more information.

- Rev. Dr. Kristin Hansen

Worship

25th Anniversary of Desert Foothills UMC!

This October, Desert Foothills United Methodist Church turns 25 years old! Some of you remember the first days of setting up worship services and beginning our lives together. Many people have been a part of the church during that time, and many lives in our community have been changed because we have gathered together.

Our first worship service as a community was October 4th, 1992. We were not yet a church, but we were gathering people. It was hard to set up and tear down each week. The community of Ahwatukee was growing rapidly at that time. By April 1993, the church had enough members to charter as an official United Methodist Church under Bishop Galvan.

Our twenty-fifth anniversary will begin on October 1st with a year long celebration.

On October 1st Founding Pastor Bob Mitchell will be preaching in both services. We will also share a ministry fair highlighting our church activities.

In April, we will celebrate the 25th anniversary of our charter as a church.

We will follow up next October with a final special service.

Throughout the year we will be highlighting and celebrating with special events, missions, and reunions. Please invite anyone you know who has been a part of the church in the past to share in these special celebrations!

- Rev. Dr. Kristin Hansen

Choir Returning!

The Desert Foothills Choir is thrilled to be back in business starting September 10th! We will be rehearsing every Sunday from 9:15am-10:15am, and sing two pieces during every Traditional Service! Anyone who loves music and loves expressing praises through song is welcome to join! You do not have to be an experienced singer, and you do not have to come every Sunday. Please reach out to me at lew5198@gmail.com if you have any questions! We are so excited to get back to singing with each other and I hope our choir inspires you to come join in worship with us!

"Sing unto the LORD a new song, sing unto the LORD all the earth."

- Leia Wasbotten, Choir Director



"Great seats, huh?"

Worship (cont.)

Christmas Eve Service Times, Dec. 24

This is the year that Christmas Eve is on a Sunday, so we are changing our schedule a bit. We think you will enjoy it!

10am Morning Worship Service: Combined service preparing us to celebrate Christmas Eve.

5pm Children and Family Service: Children in costume, glow sticks for kids, and an interactive Christmas Story...all shared with joy and meaning!

7pm Traditional Candles and Carols Service: Sing the special Christmas songs along with the choir and piano. Then share in communion and lift our candles high as we sing "Silent Night!"

Note that on Sunday, December 31st we will have our normal service schedule of 9am and 10:30am worship.

- Pastor Kristin Hansen



Hospitality

Just "Zip-It!"

You are especially invited to 9am & 10:30am Worship at Desert Foothills United Methodist Church on Sunday, September 24 when our Hospitality Committee and Youth Group invite you to fill a "Zip Kit" for the homeless in our community. You will have an opportunity during worship to fill a bag and to pray for someone who is going through a tough time. Many of the needed items have already been collected by Hospitality and Youth.

Donations are being requested for perishable foods such as:

- Individual packages of crackers
- Granola bars (no chocolate please)
- Energy bars
- Dried fruit such as raisins
- Beef Jerky

If you wish to fill a "Zip Kit" (1 Gallon Ziploc bag) and bring it from home, that is great! Here are some suggested necessities in addition to a few perishable food items:

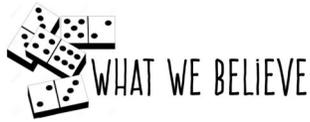
- Water bottle
- New socks
- 1 or 2 hygiene items such as small hand sanitizer, travel size wet wipes, Band Aids, feminine hygiene items, etc...

Donations will be collected in a marked bin in the narthex the week of September 17-24.

- Sallie King, Hospitality Chair



Christian Education



Sunday School Kick-Off

**Sunday School Classes Starting
9/10/2017**

Where do I go?

Children through 5th grade are invited to attend Sunday School after dismissal from Children's Time during Worship. Remember to see your child's Sunday school teacher or John Doller to fill out a Child Information Card. Please note that preschool age children are welcome in both the nursery and Kindergarten Sunday school.

9 AM Service:

Birth-3 years – Nursery, Room 5; Laura Phillips

Grades PreK-5 - Room 2; Teacher: Kelly Allen, Stephanie Giel

Adults – Rooms 8 & 9; Led by John Hall

10:30 AM Service:

Birth-3 years – Nursery Room 5; Laura Phillips

Grades PreK-2 – Room 4; Teachers: Rachel Harris, Michelle Wachter

Grades 3-5 – Room 7; Teacher: John Doller

Junior High – Room 13; Teachers: Jill Kyroudis, Deb Browning, Jill Sears

Senior High – Room 14; Teacher: Paul Meade, Ellen Daniels

- John Doller, Christian Ed Chair

LLJ=Love Like Jesus



LBJ=Led by Jesus

Women's Saturday Morning Book Study

Do you enjoy a good book study, fellowship and conversation? Then join us at the Saturday morning Women's Group on the 1st Saturday of each month,



beginning on Saturday, October 7th at 9:00 am. This year we will be discussing the book "Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say" by Adam Hamilton. We will meet in October at the home of Gina Vander Ploeg, 3419 E Woodland Drive (in Lakewood). Her phone number is 480-759-6454. On Saturday, November 4th, we will meet at the home of Florence Ebersson, 1602 E Briarwood Terrace. Her phone number is 602-541-1808 and the gate code is #1602. On Saturday, December 2nd, we will once again meet at Gina's home. Locations for future meetings will be announced at a later date. If you can, please bring a breakfast item to share. We hope to see you there!

- Marianne Hutchinson

Wednesday Night Bible Study (WNBS)

Come join the Wednesday Night Bible Study group as they delve into 1st and 2nd Samuel where they will learn about the lives of Samuel, Saul and David and the beginnings of Israel's Kingdom. They will also cover the fascinating history and the magnitude of Israel's first kings and the end of the age of "Judges". The group meets every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the church conference room. Larry Anderson says he is really looking forward to this study. Everyone is always welcome to attend! For more information about WNBS contact John Hall at jhall28262@yahoo.com

- Marianne Hutchinson & Larry Anderson

Christian Ed (cont.)

Confirmation Invitation

Desert Foothills UMC invites all students 7th-12th grades interested in being part of a deliberate time of faith development to join Confirmation '17.

This class will provide participants time to learn and explore what it means to be a Christ follower. Pastor Kristin and Ellen Daniels will be the primary facilitators along with guest speakers. We currently have around 15 youth signed up to participate.

If you have questions or would like to sign up please contact Ellen Daniels at youth@desertfoothills.org. Confirmation Sunday, is scheduled for January 21 2018!

- Ellen Daniels, Youth Leader

Children's Choir



Attention Parents of Children from Kindergarten through 5th Grade!

DFUMC is offering new and exciting activities for your child. Starting this fall on Sunday, October 1, from 5:00pm to 6:30pm children will have a program which entails the following:

5:00 - 5:45pm Children's Choir **5:45 - 6:30pm Kids' Club**

The Children's Choir will be directed by Pat Williams. Pat has wide and varied experiences in elementary school music and in sacred music. A typical choir rehearsal will include listening, moving, playing instruments, and of course, SINGING.

Please note that regular attendance at rehearsals will ensure that your child is prepared for an excellent performance.

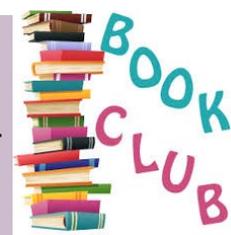
Bring your children to the adult choir room (immediately on your right as you enter the building) on **Sunday, Oct. 1, 5:00pm** and give them the opportunity to serve the Lord through song!

Any questions? Contact Pat Williams at plwqrtrnote@gmail.com or 520-431-0526

- Pat Williams

Turning Pages

Do you dream of a place where you can express your opinion and explore meaning? Do you like to laugh, cry and ponder?



Then reading and talking about books is for you and Turning Pages book club is the place to be. We meet on the 4th Monday of every month at Yoasis at the corner of Desert Foothill Pkwy and Chandler Blvd beginning at 7 pm. We encourage you to attend every month, but if you see a particular book on the list that gets your attention, please feel free to drop in at that meeting. There's always room for more! The following is a list of what Turning Pages will be reading:

September: "The Testament" by John Grisham

October: "Seven Women" by Eric Metaxas

November: "One Thousand White Women" by Jim Fergus

December: "People of the Book" by Geraldine Brooks

January: "The Zookeepers Wife" by Diane Ackerman

If there is a book you would like to read with a group, please contact me. We are open for suggestions. For more information contact Maureen at mokart@cox.net

- Maureen Kartchner

[DFY] Summer '17—A Look Back...

DFY's focus during the Summer was to LLJ (Love Like Jesus). We practiced this while participating in:

- A shopping trip to Goodwill to buy gently used Towels & T's for Tempe 1st UMC Homeless
- Shower Ministry
- Baking cookies for the families that stayed with us during Family Promise week
- Gaga ball
- Sonic milk shake consumption
- Sunday Night Volleyball practices and devos
- UMC Youth Volleyball league
- Bowling (w/ Jeff being the master of the clay)
- San Diego Mission trip - "The Walk"
 - ◆ Serving at Food Banks, Free Stores, Elder Facilities & more
 - ◆ 9 square in the air
 - ◆ LBJ (Led By Jesus)
 - ◆ Meaningful Worship and Devotions
 - ◆ Singing
 - ◆ Beach and Mini Golf
 - ◆ Girls Naming the Van
 - ◆ Boys "Sand Dunes" excursion/rest stop
- Pool Parties
- Ice skating
- Partnership Service Event w/ the Desert Foothills Mission Group & Flight 33 to pack hundreds of backpacks w/ school supplies for local children in need.

Watching the Desert Foothills Youth in action is truly wonderful and amazing. I am so thankful for the youth showing up & sharing their positive energy, kindness & enthusiasm.

I also want to say THANK YOU to all the adults who helped with DFY this summer. Thank you for: food & drink donations, chaperoning, encouraging our youth, teaching June Sunday School, driving, mission trip planning, mission trip group leading, praying for our youth, hosting pool parties, Vball coaching, leading Vball devotionals, helping with publicity, organizing service projects, and all the other "up front" and "behind the scenes" efforts for our youth. WOW!! The support of our youth is TERRIFIC!! Again, Thank YOU!!

- Ellen Daniels, Youth Leader



[DFY] DESERT FOOTHILLS YOUTH (cont.)



Photos from [DFY] Summer Mission Trip 2017

[DFY] Fall '17—A Look Forward...

Our continuing focus is to LLJ (Love Like Jesus). On Sundays, we have:

- Mid. & Sr. High Sun. School at 10:30-11:30am
- Youth Group from 5-6:30pm – the typical youth group will have the majority of our time playing group games. There will be time for supper (bring your own) and a service activity &/ or a short devotion – discussion time (upcoming topics: "Friendship-building," "Thank you & YOU're WelCOME" and "RESPECTfully oUrS.")

Please refer to Youth Calendar on the DFUMC website for the most up to date information. Here is a sampling of what you will find:

- Sunday, September 3, 4-6:30pm – Movie - The Lion, The Witch & the Wardrobe in the Sanctuary
- Sunday, September 10, 10-10:30am - DFY PARENT Form Signing. Notary available (Thx S.O!)
- Sunday, September 10, 11:30am– 1:30pm – Youth Council Planning Lunch
- Saturday – Sunday, Sept. 16, 1pm- Sept. 17, 11:30am - Confirmation Overnight at DFUMC
- Sunday, September 17, 3:45-6pm—Jump for Joy at Extreme Air - Trampolines on Ray Road
- Saturday, September 23, 6:30am to approx. 9am – UMOM Walk for Homeless Families and Youth
- Tuesday, October 17—UMOM "Read to Me" (where youth read to little kids) Service Opportunity
- 5:15-8:30pm Saturday, October 21, 8 -11am - Shred-a-Thon/Food Drive for Kyrene Resource Center Service Project
- Friday-Sunday, November 10-12 – Confirmation Retreat in Prescott for Confirmation Class & Youth Council
- Sunday, November 19, 4-7:30pm - Youth Group Service Project – Set up for Foster Care Dinner
- Saturday, December 2, 2017, 9am-Noon – Feliz Navidad Sorting Event Service Project
- Sunday, December 3, 2 -5pm Christmas Movie w/ a bunch of other Youth Groups – Pollack Theater:
- Sunday December 10, 5-7pm – Youth Group Christmas Party

2018—Mark Your Calendar

- Friday-Sunday, February 9-11, 2018 Winter Youth Retreat—Prescott, AZ
- Saturday-Sunday, April 22-23, "Quench" Overnight—Safe H₂O & Refugee Awareness Event (think 30H Famine)

[DFY] DESERT FOOTHILLS YOUTH (cont.)

Youth Summer 2018 Mission Trip

On our 2018 mission trip (organized by Youthworks) is to the Navajo Nation in the Window Rock Area of Arizona, June 10-June 15, with a possible camping extension to June 16, 2017. This mission trip will include:

Helping to plan & lead children's programming in a Kids Club.

Helping community residents with work projects such as painting, yard work, and more.

Learning about Navajo history and culture.

On the trip home, spending some extra time in Arizona's high country enjoying the cool pines.

If you sign-up & pay \$50 by October 15 the cost is \$375/person (+ travel meals). The cost goes up to \$405 on October 16 & will be subject to availability. (See Ellen about scholarships.)



Window Rock, Navajo Nation



Fort Defiance, Navajo Nation



AZ High Country

Church Involvement

5th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for Foster Youth in Group Care

Our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for Foster Children living in Group Homes will be on Monday, November 20, 2017 at 6pm, at our usual non-published location with the sister host church. We expect to serve over 300 children who wouldn't be having turkey and a fun event without your generosity and enthusiasm. Please contemplate volunteering to help us prepare food on site, or serve (you must be over 18), or participating with the youth for set-up on Sunday, November 19, 2017. Donations can be made to DFUMC with a note that it is for Foster Dinner. Your home baked pies are always a highlight. If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Arndt at carocar@earthlink.net

- Carolyn Blaney Arndt, Coordinator



Church Involvement (cont.)

Family Promise at DFUMC in June

We had the opportunity to host our second week of family promise for the year June 18-25. It was a wonderful week getting know the families, providing meals, conversation and safe cool place to sleep.

During our week, we had some changes in the families

at our church. When a family is able to move into housing, the Family Promise organization is quick to fill that spot with another family needing assistance. All volunteers received up to date information via email on these changes.

Recently the church was able to hear from a couple of the families that stayed at DF in June. They relayed how comfortable and welcomed they felt and commented on the delicious evening meals. That is a testament to our spiritual gifts of hospitality as a church and extending the love of Christ through our service.

It was a delight to have some new volunteers join and serve in this ministry during the week. We are always looking for new volunteers and we would be happy to talk with you about the many ways you can help while we are hosting. Toward the end of the year, we will be receiving the 2018 schedule. For the last several years, our typical hosting weeks have been in the months of February and June. Keep your eyes open for announcements in the beginning of the year.

- Susan Osman and Jill Kyroudis, Co-Coordiators



Missions

Missions Committee Update

The Desert Foothills Missions committee provides a vehicle for members of Desert Foothills UMC to serve our local and extended communities. We actively search for opportunities to serve our community by partnering with local organizations. Our generous congregation continues to make this possible by answering requests to provide much needed resources.

The James Walton Home – Project Veteran’s Pride – In June, the generous congregation of DFUMC donated 15 Trader Joe’s bags full of supplies to Veteran’s Pride. We donated socks, underwear, flip flops and gently used tennis shoes. The James Walton Home works to transition our proud Veterans from homeless into their own homes and restore their dignity. These donations are among the most needed by this community which houses 20 veterans at a time and often has a waiting list. Dr. Christeen Verchot, the director of Project Veterans Pride accepted the bags which here blessed by Pastor Kristin.

Flight 33 – FLIGHT 33 serves and advocates for youth by assisting them in discovering their talents and strengths and encouraging the attainment of goals through guidance, tutoring, basic needs assistance, and meaningful projects. This organization focuses on the children of Guadalupe who may not be served by other resources. DFUMC recently help pack 219 backpacks for Flights 33. DFUMC donated over 100 backpacks and assorted school supplies and together with church members, church youth and friends of Flight 33, were able to assemble the backpacks for elementary through high school students. Over 25 youth and adults came together to get the

Missions (cont.)

backpacks ready for distribution on 7/21. On Sunday 7/22, Pastor Kristin blessed the backpacks which were displayed on tables in the sanctuary.

Kyrene Resource Center – The first Sunday of each month, church members are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to church for donation to a local food pantry. We often find food donated each Sunday, which is taken to the Kyrene Family Resource Center in Tempe. The Resource center provides many services including food to families in need. While we live in an affluent area, families in Tempe, Chandler & Ahwatukee often find themselves in need of a bit of help.

Here are the statistics for those served by Kyrene Resource Center during the 2016-2017 school year:

- 1282 Families
- 6746 Individuals
 - ◊ 3888 Children (0 – 17 yrs.)
 - ◊ 2585 Adults (18 – 59)
 - ◊ 273 Seniors (60+)

For the month of August, we collected hygiene items for the Kyrene Resource Center. Thank you to everyone who donated. We collected 59 bottles of shampoo, 33 bars of soap, 15 tubes of toothpaste, 25 toothbrushes, 5 containers of lotion and 40 deodorants.

As we go into the fall, we will be focusing attention on the Feliz Navadid bags for the children of Fuente de Vida Mexican Methodist Church. Again, this year Marcia Wilson is heading this project which will distribute bags, lovingly filled by our church members and other church partners. We use sturdy bags from Trader Joe's and fill a bag with a warm sweatshirt for each child, along with age appropriate toys and hygiene items. Depending on the child's age, they may find school supplies, toys and candy. The last few years we have learned that soccer balls, both for older boys and girls are highly prized. These bags are distributed to the children at a big Christmas party, and for many children, these may be the only Christmas gifts they receive.

For September, we will be collecting items for the King's Table. This is a local church outreach program sponsored by our partner church, the Mexican Methodist church named Fuente de Vida in Auga Prieta, Mexico. At this event, church members reach out to the homeless in their community. They offer a shower, warm clothes, haircuts and a meal to the homeless, which includes men, women and children. The Missions committee will be collecting warm clothes for men, women and children to be given out at this event. We are also collecting gently used blankets and bath towels for the homeless to use and take with them after the King's Table. While this event will take place in December, we will collect these items in September and transport them in October or November in preparation for the December event. This is a good opportunity for us to clean out closets and cupboards and recycle gently used items for use by the less fortunate.

- Shirley Coomer, Missions Chairperson



Veteran's Pride Bags



Flight 33 Backpack Filling Event

Volleyball

Summer Wrap-Up

A big "Thank you" goes out to all of the DFUMC volleyball players. If success is measured by the amount of fun, then DFUMC had a very successful 2017 summer volleyball season.



All together, 23 youth and 25 adults participated on our various teams. We had a great combination of DFUMC VB veterans and 1st-timers. A good time was had by all.

If success is determined by winning ...well, we still had a successful summer volleyball season. We claimed 3rd place finishes in both the youth league and the adult league tournaments.

We are planning to enter a team in the recently announced Fall Adult VB league. Contact Dwight Daniels (dwight.d@cox.net) if you're interested in playing.

- Dwight Daniels, Head Coach :-)

Ushers

Upcoming Usher Training

All current ushers, please mark your calendars for **Usher Training on Sunday, September 17th between services at 9:45am in the Sanctuary.**

All ushers should attend.

Please contact Jeremy Mardis at 602-315-6536 if you are interested in being a new usher.

- Jeremy Mardis, Head Usher



Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry Training 2017

This year's new Stephen Minister class was like no other. We partnered with two other churches to complete the 50 hours of training required to become Stephen Ministers. We had trainees from St. Matthew's UMC and Tempe First UMC, in addition to our own Desert Foothills UMC.



Although strangers at first, this mixed group soon came together and bonded. The St. Matthew's and DFUMC trainers found it easy to quickly come together as teaching partners. Each trainee was assigned to someone they didn't know to be their prayer partner. Some still meet and pray together today.

We met once a week from January until May. There was reading, lectures, questions, discussions and interactive exercises. The classes were lively and vibrant as they came to understand and respect each other's point of view. There was laughter, sharing and serious moments. And there was learning and caring.

In May, we shared the commissioning of two new Desert Foothills' Stephen Ministers, Sandy Brinkley and Gina Vander Ploeg. They worked hard and we are honored to have them become part of your Stephen Ministry. They join us as Christian friends who will have a listening ear and presence as you, man or woman, go through life's big or small challenges. Help Hope Healing. We care.

- Maureen Kartchner, Stephen Leader



Our Lay Leader

A Few Thoughts from Our Lay Leader

Hello All! Fall is swiftly arriving and many of us still retain that start of a new year feeling from our childhood days of school schedules. I am writing to encourage you to consider some new or returning disciplines to exercise your faith.

For myself, I have been working to be far more consistent in prayer and increase my listening skills so that I might not miss the whispers of the Spirit in my own life. I am also doing more reading, both of scripture and devotional material, to examine a few of the dominoes on my table (to borrow a phrase from the sermon series for August).

This fall our Church Conference is early in the schedule on Sept. 30. This will include an opportunity for us to discuss the Initiative for Growth and Vitality I introduced to you in July.

Our Vision-- A Courageous Church
Loving Like Jesus
Acting for Justice
United in Hope

As we continue in this work, I would like for us all to consider what each of these phrases mean to us and how we may enact them in the world. Of the verses listed in our resources for the initiative, one of my favorites is John 13:34

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

There are many current challenges to love in our world. We see distressing events pitching one group against another in politics, business, and in the church. I encourage you to look for the way to show love. There are opportunities right here in the Desert Southwest Conference to extend our hands to one another and our neighbors. UMOM is in need of assistance due to flooding this monsoon season. Zion UMC in Las Vegas still has needs from the fire in June which destroyed their building. I would encourage you to go to the conference website: dscumc.org and check on projects and concerns being worked on by fellow Methodists in the conference.

It is important that each of us answer the call placed on our lives so that God's work in the world may increase. I know that I fall short far too often in showing the love my neighbors need. May we work together to increase our faith and obedience.

- Karen Colbourn, Lay Leader



DFUMC 2017 Church Conference

Mark Your Calendars for DFUMC's 2017 Church Conference

This year's annual Church Conference for Desert Foothills UMC will be Saturday, September 30 at 7pm here at DFUMC in the sanctuary! **All are welcome and encouraged to attend!**

Trustees

What's Up With Our Church Property?

Time to put the fall Trustees workday, Saturday morning, November 4, on your calendar. Each fall, everyone pitches in to tidy up the property, inside and out, prior to the holiday season. We'll work 8am to noon, so come for the morning or an hour. There is always good fellowship, and jobs appropriate to any skill or age level!

We've been blessed to receive a donation to replace our well-worn kitchenette in the narthex. Look for construction this fall. Other projects in the planning stage (and subject to available funds) are painting the narthex, replacing sanctuary carpet, repair/replace the front entrance doors, and update the church sign with a new message board. We're also exploring replacing the costly and unreliable phone lines for our fire alarm panel with a cellular system. If you have interest or expertise in any of these projects, contact any Trustee or the church office.

You may have noticed that lock boxes have been installed on the thermostats in the conference and youth rooms. The thermostats are programmed to make the room comfortable during times of regular use. If you are using any room and want to change the temperature setting, check with the office and they'll show you how. We want users to be comfortable, but also want to ensure the setting is turned back when no one is using the rooms, to control our electric bills.

Lastly, here are some of the small, but important maintenance items that we've completed since last spring:

- Received a donation of a refrigerator in the kitchen, to replace an inefficient one.
- Changed our waste hauler, saving \$2500 per year.
- Repaired irrigation leaks and malfunctions.
- Arranged for mandatory backflow prevention tests on our city water lines.
- Recruited volunteers to set up permanent basketball goal in the parking lot. We have a donate basketball goal -- watch for it soon.
- Changed nine air conditioner filters and check them on a regular basis.

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. Gifts of monetary contributions to the church and your service allow the Trustees to fulfill our mission.

- Kevin Chadwick, Trustees President



Finance

DFUMC Finance Committee:

Dear Friends and Members of DFUMC,

DFUMC's 2017 calendar year Ad Council approved budget is \$330,042. While our fixed costs account for \$326,100, for the first time in three years we have three "Funded Committee's" (Education, Worship and Hospitality), based on your generous giving and our faith in DFUMC! The committees being unaccustomed to having a "budget," are diligently planning their spend for 2017. Committees have spent approximately 40% of their budgets so far this year. Please feel free to contact the committee chairs for information or ideas on their spending plans.



Through June 2017:

Pledged & unpledged income year to date in June is down \$4,400. For the 2nd quarter, we are down \$1,519. Historically this is really good for second quarter! Our ending cash balance as of June 30, 2017 is \$25,047.

Year to date our total income is at 47.5% of our total annual budget. Year to date our total expenses are at 49.5% of our total annual budget; our total year to date goal for expenses by this time of year is 50%. Giving, as expected, is typically lower during the summer months, but we are still on track to meet our budget! We anticipate to be fully recovered and back on budget by the end of the 3rd quarter 2017, as summer vacations come to an end and we all return to work and/or school.

Other news:

As you may be aware, Sue Aeschleman is our new DFUMC Finance Administrator. WELCOME SUE! Sue has been working with Susan Osman over the last couple months during the transition. Susan has been super supportive and Sue is very enthusiastic - the transition has been very smooth for the Finance Committee. Special thanks to Susan and Sue for the great effort and smooth transition.

DFUMC is fully converted to ShelbyNext for managing the Church finances at this time. For those who prefer online banking and have used online giving to DFUMC in the past, we have purchased the "ShelbyGiving" application for ShelbyNext. The ShelbyGiving app is online and active at this time. If you prefer to shop, bank or give online, then please consider signing up for ShelbyGiving by going to <http://www.desertfoothills.org/giving/online-giving.html> . This directly records and links your giving to your online giving records. You can use the convenience of a smart phone app and sign up for recurring donations by credit card as well. Please contact Stephanie Giel stephanie@desertfoothills.org or Sue Aeschleman finance@desertfoothills.org for assistance or with questions.

Thank you for your continued financial support of the ministries of Desert Foothills UMC.

- Kevin Dietrich, Finance Committee Chair

DFUMC

Your DFUMC Volunteer Leaders and Staff

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Kristin Hansen

Choir Director: Leia Wasbotten

Finance Director: Sue Aeschleman

Office Staff: Sallie King & Stephanie Giel

Praise Band Director: Charles Wolff

Youth Leader: Ellen Daniels

Ad Council Chairperson: John Doller

Ad Council Vice-Chairperson: Scott Moynahan

Christian Education Chairperson: John Doller

Finance Chairperson: Kevin Dietrich

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