

May

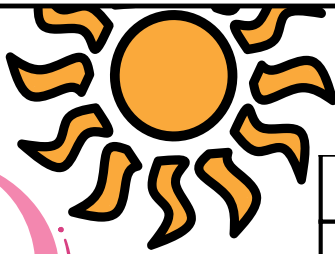
Announcements

Proverbs 3:5-6

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.”

Desert Hills Presbyterian Church
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- 2 - Men's Bible Study, 8:00AM
Cross Stitch Class, 9:00AM
- 3 - Worship, 9:00AM & 10:30AM
- 4 - Flex, Core & Restore, 8:00AM
Savvy Steppers, 11:30AM
- 5 - Savvy Steppers, 8:30AM & 10:00AM
- 6 - Men's Bible Study, 7:00AM
Morning Stretch & Balance, 8:00AM
Flex, Core & Restore, 11:30AM & 1:00PM
Game Day, 1:00PM
Handbells, 5:30PM
Youth Group, 6:00PM
Choir, 6:30PM



- 7 - Savvy Steppers, 8:30AM & 10:00AM
Midday Stretch & Balance, 12:00PM
Grief Group, 4:00PM
- 9 - Men's Bible Study, 8:00AM
- 10 - Worship, 9:00AM & 10:30AM
- 11 - Flex, Core & Restore, 8:00AM
Savvy Steppers, 11:30AM
- 12 - Savvy Steppers, 8:30AM & 10:00AM
- 13 - Men's Bible Study, 7:00AM
Morning Stretch & Balance, 8:00AM
Flex, Core & Restore, 11:30AM & 1:00PM
Game Day, 1:00PM
Handbells, 5:30PM
Youth Group, 6:00PM
Choir, 6:30PM



- 14 - Pop-Up Pantry, 10:00AM *OFFSITE
Grief Group, 4:00PM
- 16 - Men's Bible Study, 8:00AM
OCC Craft Workshop, 1:00PM
- 17 - Worship, 9:00AM & 10:30AM
- 19 - Savvy Steppers, 8:30AM & 10:00AM



- 20 - Men's Bible Study, 7:00AM
Morning Stretch & Balance, 8:00AM
Flex, Core & Restore, 11:30AM & 1:00PM
Game Day, 1:00PM
Handbells, 5:30PM
Youth Group, 6:00PM
Choir, 6:30PM
- 21 - Savvy Steppers, 8:30AM & 10:00AM
Midday Stretch & Balance, 12:00PM
Grief Group, 4:00PM
- 23 - Men's Bible Study, 8:00AM
CPR Training, 9:00AM
- 24 - Worship, 9:00AM & 10:30AM
- 25 - Memorial Day, OFFICE CLOSED
- 26 - Savvy Steppers, 8:30AM & 10:00AM
Singing at The Heritage, 1:00PM, *OFFSITE
- 27 - Men's Bible Study, 7:00AM
Morning Stretch & Balance, 8:00AM
Flex, Core & Restore, 11:30AM & 1:00PM
Game Day, 1:00PM
Youth Group, 6:00PM
- 28 - Savvy Steppers, 8:30AM & 10:00AM
Midday Stretch & Balance, 12:00PM
Grief Group, 4:00PM
- 30 - Men's Bible Study, 8:00AM
- 31 - Worship, 9:00AM & 10:30AM



*Pop-Up Pantry is now held at Foothills Food Bank
4250 E Carefree Hwy, Cave Creek, AZ 85331
*Singing at The Heritage is held at The Heritage
36590 N Pima Rd # 3481, Carefree, AZ 85377

National Day of Prayer

Join Us for the National Day of Prayer - May 7, 2026

Our church is coming together to cover an entire day in prayer, and we'd love for you to be part of it—wherever you are.

24 Hours of Prayer

From midnight on May 7 through midnight on May 8, we are inviting everyone to commit to a one-hour prayer slot. You can pray from home, work, or anywhere you feel comfortable.

To participate, simply sign up using the QR code or on the patio between services on April 26. This helps us ensure every hour is covered.

In-Person Prayer Gathering

We will also host a special on-site prayer event in the Sanctuary from 6:00PM-7:00PM. During this time, you will receive a prayer guide and can engage in interactive prayer stations, as well as spend time in personal reflection.

How to Get Involved

- Sign up for a one-hour prayer slot using the QR code or on the patio between services on April 26
- Pick up a prayer guide at church (available before or after May 3 services)
- Pray during your selected hour
- Join us in person at 6:00PM on May 7



Let's unite in prayer throughout the entire day as part of this national movement.

Music and Arts invites you to...

Learn to Cross Stitch!

Saturday, May 2
DHPC Lounge



9:00AM - 10:45AM

Discover the joy of cross stitching! Create beautiful heirlooms or fun art pieces while learning from Rhonda Noble, a cross stitch pro with 40 years of experience. Hands-on, no materials needed, and completely FREE!

10:45AM - 11:30AM

Learn to Frame Your Cross Stitch & Get a Free Pattern!
Save money and display your finished work like a pro! Plus, receive a FREE cross stitch pattern celebrating our country's 250th birthday. No materials needed, and it's FREE!

Sign up by contacting the church office at admin@deserthills.org or 480-488-3384.

Healing Rain Ministries Fund Drive

Pastor Tadele Lonsako of El Bethel Ethiopian Church in Phoenix is seeking funding for a used 4-wheel drive, all-terrain vehicle for his ministry in Ethiopia.

About Healing Rain Ministries:

Founded in 2004, Healing Rain Ministries trains and supports Ethiopian Christian ministers, helping them spread the Gospel across Ethiopia. The ministry also provides financial support to ministers and their families, enabling them to serve communities of faith in remote areas.

The Need:

The ministers often travel long distances on poor, unpaved roads. Currently, they must rely on public transport and rental vehicles, which are costly and unreliable. A dedicated 4-wheel drive vehicle would make their work safer, faster, and more effective.

Our Goal:

The DHPC Mission Committee is committed to raising \$20,000 to help purchase this vital vehicle.

How You Can Help:

We are asking for contributions from our congregation to support this worthy cause. Donations can be made via our Restricted Funds Account (Ethiopia):

- Make checks payable to DHPC
- Write "Ethiopia" on the memo line
- Give online using the "Ethiopia Mission" tab (deserthills.org)

Your support will help expand God's Kingdom and enable ministers to reach more communities with the Gospel.

Thank you for your prayerful and generous support!

-The Mission Committee



Operation Christmas Child Handcrafters



Fellowship Hall Art Room

Let's Make: Friendship Bracelet Kits!

Join us the third Saturday of every month to handcraft items for OCC shoeboxes! Everyone is welcome, including children ages 5 and up. Craft a new item every month to help fill 250 boxes, plus take home items for your own shoeboxes. You do not need to bring anything, but please see our list of what we are collecting!



- Water bottle caps
- Medicine bottles
- Altoid tins/tic-tac
- Sewing supplies
- Tools
- Fishing supplies
- Pony beads
- Marbles
- Legos
- Stickers

Questions? Contact Rhonda Noble
pasttracker65@gmail.com

Vacation Bible School ROME

Volunteers Needed!

STEP INTO ANCIENT ROME — BE PART OF THE UNDERGROUND STORY!

What will YOU do to help bring Ancient Rome to life? Join us for VBS 2026 as we journey into the world of Paul and the underground church. We're looking for volunteers to help create an unforgettable experience for kids as they discover faith, courage, and community in a whole new way.

JUNE 8-12 9:00AM-12:00PM

There's a place for everyone:

- Daily Setup Crew - Help transform our space into Ancient Rome each morning.
- Drama Team - Help bring the story to life through engaging, interactive storytelling.
- Small Group Leaders - Guide kids through the week (this role requires all 5 days)

Whether you love being behind the scenes, on stage, or building relationships, you can make a difference. Be part of the story. Help make VBS 2026 unforgettable.

CONTACT LAURIE GUSHO AT LGA1829@AOL.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Vacation Bible School ROME

FOR KIDS WHO HAVE COMPLETED GRADES K-5

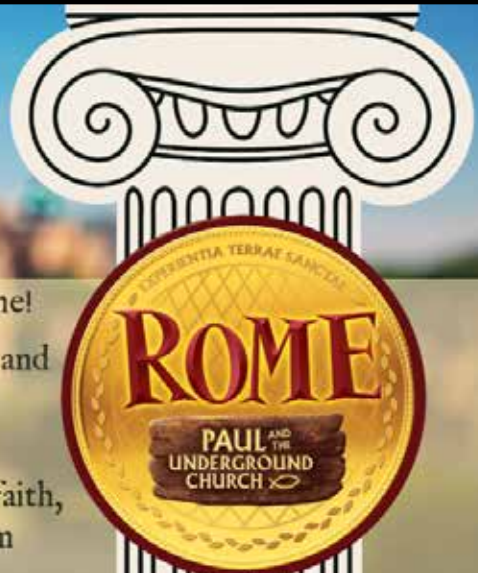
Paul and the Underground Church

Join us for an exciting adventure back in time to ancient Rome! During VBS 2026, we'll step into the shoes of early Christians and follow the incredible journey of the Apostle Paul and the underground church.

Kids will explore the heart of the early church, learning about faith, courage, and the power of God's love—all in a fun, hands-on environment!

**JUNE 8-12, 2026
9:00AM-12:00PM**

Invite your friends, share the date with your family, and join our planning team to help make this year's event amazing!



**REGISTER NOW!
DEADLINE: MAY 29**



STRETCH & BALANCE

Wednesdays at 8:00AM and
Thursdays at 12:00PM
(with Music Therapy)

LIVE LIFE BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays at 12:00PM

SAVVY STEPPERS FITNESS CIRCUIT

Mondays at 11:30AM
Tuesdays at 8:30AM & 10:00AM
Thursdays at 8:30AM & 10:00AM

CARDIO, CORE AND FLEX

Mondays at 8:00AM
Wednesdays at 1:00PM

JOIN US!

Cardio, Dance, &
Fellowship on
Wed. May 20
at 1:00PM in the
Fellowship Center.

2026 FITNESS AT THE ROCKS

Sharpen your mind.
Strengthen your body.
Uplift your spirit.

Kara Thomas
fitness@deserthills.org
480-980-3439

Classes canceled
May 14 and May 18.



THANK YOU!

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We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the incredible generosity shown by our congregation during the Troop Care Ministry's 'Helping Hand' gift card drive. The cards help provide the necessities a military family needs before payday. Your support has made a HUGE impact. We are pleased to announce that we raised \$10,665 to help those in need.



Desert Hills Presbyterian Church Foundation

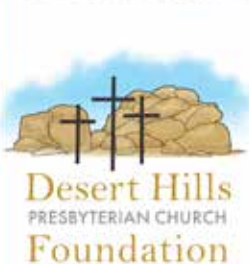
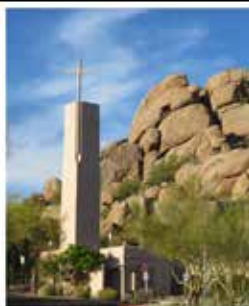
"Building for Tomorrow"

"Would you consider making a gift in your will or trust to the DHPC Foundation?"

"Your Legacy" - Learn how you can become a donor today or tomorrow through your Estate Planning. Your current or future gifts increase the endowment that supports the Church for years to come. As of 2025, the grant available to the Church is about \$60,000 annually and can be used for projects not in the Church's annual budget.

Have questions? Look for Foundation board member nametags or email us at foundationvp@deserthills.org for more information.

IRS qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation established February 13, 2014.



More Students,
More Like Christ.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION INITIATIVE

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6



What is CEI?

Desert Hills Presbyterian Church strives for More People, More Like Christ, which is why we have created our Christian Education Initiative. We want to help families choose a Christian education for their children. We want to create the option for families to move their children into an environment that supports what the Word of God teaches.

For families who desire to send their children to a private Christian School, we want to help them receive scholarships. We need your help to make this happen!

There are three ways you can help!

1. Make a donation to DHPC and note the funds for CEI.
2. Take advantage of giving to ACSTO and receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit. (visit-<https://pages.acsto.org/school/desert-hills-presbyterian-church>)
3. Your company can also give and receive a tax credit. (visit-www.schoolchoicearizona.org)

MORE INFO

Brent Benham 602-538-3634
Smith McClure 612-804-2514



DHPC YOUTH GRADES 6-12TH

EVENTS

May

YOUTH GROUP
WED NIGHTS 6-7:30PM

EVERY WED

MAY 17

SENIOR RECOGNITION
10:30AM SERVICE

SPECIAL EVENT!
NEON NERF NIGHT

MAY 27

EVERY SUN 9AM

MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASS
6-8TH GRADE IN CAFE

PARENTS - JOIN US ON SLACK!
EMAIL YOUTH@DESERTHILLS.ORG FOR LINK

JOIN US
MAY 17TH
10:30AM
SERVICE



ARE YOU GRADUATING IN 2026?

HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE YOU!

Please email your name, contact info, picture, and details you'd like to share about your current and future plans to youth@deserthills.org by May 3rd

DHPC YOUTH



NEON NERF NIGHT

OPERATION: FELLOWSHIP

MAY 27

6-7:30PM

CELEBRATE THE START OF SUMMER! BRING A FRIEND.

QUESTIONS?
YOUTH@DESERTHILLS.ORG



GRADES 6-12

THIS SUMMER!

SHINE BRIGHT AND BRING HOPE TO OTHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY!

DAILY LOCAL MISSIONS

MISSION SPEAKER WED NIGHT 6-7:30

GREAT WOLF LODGE OVERNIGHT FRI-SAT

June 22-27 || Register by 6/7

STUDENT CHALLENGE:

- ATTEND 2 DAILY MISSIONS + FRIDAY FOR GREAT WOLF LODGE OVERNIGHT!
- ATTEND ALL 5 DAYS OF MISSIONS FOR A HEATWAVE OF HOPE BEACH TOWEL!

GREAT WOLF LODGE OVERNIGHT INCLUDES LODGING, FOOD, AND ACTIVITIES

QUESTIONS? EMAIL: YOUTH@DESERTHILLS.ORG

Pop-Up Pantry

Join us on Thursday, May 14 at 10:00AM at Foothills Food Bank.

We are in need of:

- Small-size Liquid Dish Detergent
- Small-size Liquid Hand Soap
- Kleenex (small cube boxes)
- Bar Soap



We pack 100 bags every month to support the surrounding communities. Monetary donations are welcome.

Deacon's Fund

Are you, or someone you know in the community, in need of a little help in paying this month's rent or utility bill? If so, the Deacon's Fund for short-term financial assistance may be able to help.

Please contact Laurie Gusho at lga1829@aol.com to learn more about the program.



Walking Beside Ministry



Finding Support During Hardship

Recognizing Life's Challenges

Are you facing a difficult situation or feeling overwhelmed by life's burdens? Jesus reminded us that hardships are a part of our journey—these challenges are very real and can include a wounded heart, loss, illness, or a broken life.

Building a Strong Foundation

In times of struggle, it's essential to have a solid foundation to lean on. We invite you to discover the incredible resources God provides to help us avoid becoming overwhelmed. Addressing your spiritual needs is vital—don't overlook their importance.

Connect and Share

We're here to listen and support you. Let's meet for a cup of coffee and talk. Please reach out by calling one of the numbers listed below.

Barb Conti 602-448-7280
Laurann Cook 714-270-8121
Beverley Keele 843-540-9514
Shirley Klein 602-881-0936
Kurt Koch 630-721-9348
Kathy Rogers 509-220-6460
Hendrick Zitter 206-510-1375
Church Office 480-488-3384

Do you have some household tasks that you need help with?

The Service Deacons' Ministry is willing to assist congregational members where help is needed! This Ministry is just one way we want to assist our congregation.



We are willing to:

- Replace filters
- Replace smoke detector batteries
- Replace light bulbs/fixtures
- Minor painting jobs
- Shrub, bush pruning, tree planting
- Minor plumbing projects
- Minor electrical projects
- Furniture moving
- Installation of small appliances
- Hanging of pictures or artwork
- Installation of safety or grab bars

*The Deacons will not do anything that requires permitting or high straight ladder work.



For more information:

Call Pete Peterson 602-615-3640 or Joe Zylwitis 724-650-4821.



An update from Buildings & Grounds

Driving and Parking

Many of you realize our streets get very busy this time of year because of spring events in Scottsdale and the surrounding cities. Many people appear to be in a hurry to get places. The intersection you use to continue west on Carefree Hwy or turn north or south onto Scottsdale Road can be a problem for all. Several accidents have occurred involving church members here and at other intersections with traffic lights due to this "hurry" need. Please take your time, as we want you back to worship with us.

Parking can be an issue at our church due to the limited number of spots. When you park in one of our seven lots, please pull all the way in and park within the lines. Also, please watch for people exiting their cars or walking to the church. We know that some of you may have preferred parking spots, but waiting for one before the previous service finishes can cause a traffic jam behind you.

Also, remember, if our lots are full, we have an agreement with the Hilton's El Pedregal to the south, allowing us to use their lots for parking. Yes, it is a longer walk, but it keeps our traffic flowing.

On Sundays, all the church staff park there and walk to the church, so more spots are available on-site. If you can walk with no difficulty, please consider this option. As our winter visitors and snowbirds return to their faraway homes, this will free up more spaces in the coming weeks. After late April or early May, parking on-site will be much easier. But, I am sad to say, all good things (like easy parking) come to an end in November, as we are back to parking issues again when we welcome our members back.



SPRING

Student Recital

May 9, 2026
3:00PM and 4:00PM
in the Sanctuary

Come support the DHCSM young musicians as we celebrate another year of our students blooming in music!



SAVE THE DATE!

DESERT HILLS BAND CAMP

JUNE 1-5, 2026

For Woodwind, Brass & Percussion players,
ages 10-15

- Half Day AND Full Day camp available
- Electives include steel drums, conducting, exploring strings, songwriting, jazz improv & more!
- FREE transportation from the vicinity of I-17/Happy Valley Rd

REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 1

SCAN >>>>
for more
information

