



# THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

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## NEW WORSHIP SERIES FOR THE NEW YEAR!

### “Who Are You?”

The season of Epiphany is a wonderful time to explore the light of Christ and what it means for us as Christ-followers! Light reveals things, and this series is designed to reveal just who we are...as individuals, as travelers on a faith journey, as beloved children of God. This delightful journey of discovery has begun and will run through February...

**January 8-**“Connect With Your Belovedness”

**January 15-**“Know Your Name”

**January 22-**“Claim Your Vocation.”

**January 29-**“Embody Beatitude Living”

**February 5-**“Live With Integrity”

**February 12-**“Create Right Relationships”

**February 19-**“Go Beyond”

**February 26-**“Proclaim Transformation”

## Adult Small Groups Resume

With the New Year started, our small group classes are also resuming. You are invited to continue to grow through small group and discipleship. See below:

Sundays 8:30 am-9:30 am, Rm. 5 - Morning Bible Study (starting back on January. 15th)

Sundays 8:30 am-9:30 am, Rm. 2 - Cup of Joe: Men's group on Biblical, theological or topical study (starting back on January 8th)

Sundays 11:15 am-12: 15 pm, Rm. 2 - The Wired Word: Headline news and events and the relevance of our faith to the discussion (starting back on January 8th)

Tuesdays 9:30 am-11:15 am, Fellowship Hall - Covenant Bible Study (starting back on January 10th)

Tuesdays 6:00 pm-8:00 pm, Rm. 7 - Painting God's Beauty: Creativity as a deepening connection to God through oil painting (starting back on January 10th)

Wednesdays 5:30 pm-7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall - The Wired Word: Headline news and events and the relevance of our faith to the discussion (starting back on January 11th)

Thursdays 2:00 pm-4:00 pm, Rm. 7 - Painting God's Beauty: Creativity as a deepening connection to God through oil painting (starting back on January 12th)

Contact Rev. Matt if you have any questions.

**Please like the Desert Skies Facebook page!**  
We update the page with information about upcoming events and also advertise through Facebook. The more likes, comments and shares we have on our page as well as specific posts and events the bigger the audience we reach with any advertising.

## Wonderful Opportunities to Serve at Desert Skies

### **Desert Skies UMC Worship Committee wishes you a Happy New Year and many blessings in 2017.**

The Worship Committee would like to increase our list of folks, including youth, willing to serve communion the first Sunday of each month at both services. We would like to eliminate the need for those who have been regularly serving for a number of years to serve only once or twice a year. This service does not entail being on a committee or attending any meetings just a worshipful heart and willingness to serve.

Kathy Merk will be in the entryway between services and after the 10:00 am service with a signup sheet for communion service for 2017 and a sheet to be called to serve. If you would like to contact Kathy personally, email: [mkmcam81@gmail.com](mailto:mkmcam81@gmail.com), phone: 208-409-0937, texts are okay.

### **Nothing Could Be Sweeter Than To Be A Worship Greeter**

Give the gift of your smile and your welcome during 2017 by serving as a worship greeter. We will be arranging the Feb. 5, 2017-Jan. 28, 2018 schedule soon so if you have been a greeter we hope you will continue. If you have not been a greeter we encourage you to join us!

Look for us outside the church on Sundays Jan., 8th and 15th to select your Sunday of choice or contact us at # 777-5824.

Blessings,

Wanda Chittenden

**We would appreciate your prayerful consideration to join our team. It is a wonderful opportunity to serve others.**

### **THANK YOU GREETERS**

Thank you to all of you wonderful Desert Skies people who served as greeters this past year. Your smiles handshakes, kind words and reliability are greatly appreciated. Thanks also to Tammy for graciously handling periodic schedule changes.

Blessings,

Wanda Chittenden

### **Altar Flower Coordinator Needed**

Sylvia LaPorte will no longer be taking care of the Altar Flowers for Sunday mornings. We need a coordinator to take her place. You would be the direct contact for the congregation in collecting their information for the Sunday of their choice. If you are interested or need more/detailed information, please contact Tammy in the church office at # 749-0521. Thank you.

### **A SPECIAL THANK YOU**

**A Big Thank You to Sylvia LaPorte for her many years of service, coordinating our beautiful Altar Flowers for Sunday mornings. You will be greatly missed! Blessings to you and Charlie on your new life's journey.**

### **Christ Café on Sunday Mornings**

The new year has begun and we need people to host our Christ Café on Sunday mornings. The sign-up board is at the Christ Café table each Sunday morning and the Connect Committee would appreciate it if you, your family members or a committee would pick a Sunday or two throughout the calendar year to provide treats for in between and after worship services. Questions??? Contact Jeann Fishback.

# CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES



# 2017 Leadership Training

South District Leadership Event

Saturday, January 21st, 2017

8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

915 E. 4th Street, Tucson, AZ

(Corner of Park & 4th Street)

Cost: \$10.00/person—on or before Jan. 12

\$15.00 after January 12, 2017

(Refreshments, Lunch and materials included)

The Input speaker for the day will be Jason Moore who is a best-selling author, award-winning digital artist, adjunct professor for Northwest Nazarene University, and leading authority in the area of creativity and worship. He has co-authored many books and is also the lead designer for the CD-ROM of the best-selling book *The Wired Church: Making Media Ministry*.

Here is the online site for workshop details and registration.

<https://dscumc.org/event/wired-for-worship-and-action-01212017/>

## WORKSHIP SUNDAY-January 22<sup>nd</sup>

Workshop Sunday is a day when we worship together in small groups by engaging in projects to help our brothers and sisters in our community.

**This will not replace the 8:30 and 10:00 Worship services but will take some of the Workshop participants away from our campus during those hours.**

Please review the projects listed below for one in which you would like to engage. Between services or after church, please stop by the sign-up table on the patio January 8, or 15, and we will be happy to answer your questions and get you signed up.

You may contact Mary Jo Floyd at [maryjofloyd39@gmail.com](mailto:maryjofloyd39@gmail.com) for further information.

**1. Casa Maria Soup Kitchen (10 people) 8:30-11:30 a.m.**

Serve soup, make sandwiches, package sweets and salties, pack lunches, basic cleanup  
Coordinator: Doreen Hedger

**2. Primavera Men's Shelter (10 people) 10:15**

Meal preparation at home or in DSUMC kitchen, take prepared meal to the shelter and serve at 11:30, stay and share the meal with the guests at the shelter (**additional people to bake pies and/or make combread and bring it to DSUMC by 9:30 that morning**)  
Coordinator: Mary Broughton

**3. The Inn Project (10 people ages 13 and older) 8:30-1:00**

Pack travel bags, pack hygiene kits, sit and visit with the guests who are waiting at First United Methodist Church and/or Christ Church United Methodist to travel to their final destinations.  
Coordinator: Mary Jo Floyd

**4. Sister Jose Women's Center (4-6 women) 5:30 p.m.**

Meal preparation for 14 plus DSUMC volunteers at home or in DUMC kitchen, take the meal to the center and serve between 5:30-5:45, stay and share the meal with the guests at the Center, (**5 additional people to bake cookies and bring them to DSUMC that morning**), the cookies will be the dessert for the evening meal.

### This Week At Desert Skies

#### Wednesday, Jan. 4

4:00 pm Loss Support Group      Room # 2  
4:30 pm Worship Design      Sanctuary  
6:45 pm Adult Bells      Sanctuary  
7:30 pm Adult Choir      Sanctuary

#### Thursday, Jan. 5

Biblical Counseling-Rev. Dr. Roy W. Ludlow  
520-449-0410 or rwludlow@cox.net  
9:00 am Prayer Group      Room # 7

#### Friday, Jan. 6

6:30 pm Bridge      Fellowship Hall

### This Week's Bible Reading

January 3 Gen. 6-8; Luke 3  
January 4 Gen. 9-11; Luke 4  
January 5 Gen. 2-14; Luke 5  
January 6 Gen. 15-17; Luke 6  
January 7 Gen. 18, 19; Ps. 3;  
Luke 7  
January 8 Gen. 20-22; Luke 8  
January 9 Gen. 23, 24; Luke 9

Interested in joining  
Desert Skies UMC?

Contact Rev. Dr.  
Candace J. Lansberry  
at 749-0521.

We are on the web:  
[www.desertskiesumc.org](http://www.desertskiesumc.org)

## Announcements

**Worship Committee**-We will be taking down and packing away the Christmas decorations on Saturday, Jan. 7th at 10 AM. If you can help, please come. Many hands mean light work. Thanks.

**The United Methodist Men**- will be meeting Saturday, January 20, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. Come and enjoy a good meal, great program and fellowship with the men of the church.

### Pay your pledge from home next year!

Several people have inquired about paying their pledge online. The easiest and least expensive for us is with the free online banking service offered by your bank or credit union. Your name is printed on the check, so we can credit your donation as we would with a hand written check or cash. The US Postal Service delivers your checks to our locked mailbox within a few days.

You do not need our checking account information - all you need is an online account at your bank or credit union and the church address. You do not have to actually bank online if you don't want to - you just need to set up an online account. I still receive most of my bills by mail but I pay just about everything online. I bank with Bank America and the service is called "bill pay" which is accessed from my online account.

First set up an online account at your bank or credit union. Then create a bill pay account for DSUMC. There should be a link on the bank's web page.

Example for Bank of America:

1. Click on "bill pay"
2. Enter only required fields
3. Choose "Pay a Company" and enter "Desert Skies UMC", click GO
4. Enter an account number (\*) and enter zip 85749.
5. Enter church's address: 3255 N Houghton Rd, Tucson AZ 85749
6. You may then set up regular payments or you can manually enter the amount each month. Your payment will go into the operations account unless you designate otherwise in the memo section.

\* if the form requires a number in the field – enter any number.

Bill pay from other financial institutions should work in a similar manner. Email me if you have questions: [ldunlap@dakotacom.net](mailto:ldunlap@dakotacom.net)

Larry Dunlap- Financial Secretary



## JANUARY

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| 01 Lowell Fathera                                 | 26 Jennifer Smith                        |
| 02 Sue Patrick                                    | 28 Peter Bookman, Dr. Karen Davis        |
| 03 Mary Terpening, Ken Winkelmann                 | 29 Elaine Agte, Ray Drury, Ron Eisenhuth |
| 06 Ralph Anderson                                 | 30 Brittany Boegeman                     |
| 09 Betty Denny                                    | 31 Linda Dorsey, Ron Leitch              |
| 12 Rev. Dr. Roy W. Ludlow, Linda Morton           |  |
| 14 Deborah Gillies-Walling                        |  |
| 16 Bev Bly, Wayne Peate, Mary Ellen Dawson        |  |
| 17 Ken Conklin                                    |  |
| 18 Robert Sisley                                  |  |
| 19 Janet Baker, Colton Gage                       |  |
| 20 Julie Jenkins, Noelle Mahlstedt, Corky Simpson |  |
| 22 Anna White                                     |  |
| 24 Duane Garcia, Karen Gustafson, Edna Underwood  |  |



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| 01 Charles and Sandra McNary<br>Steve and Pam Smith | 09 Ernest and Joyce Kish             |
| 05 Curt and Kate Brunner                            | 24 Myron Amundson and Edna Underwood |
| 06 Bill and Mearl Frame                             | 28 Matt and Cathy Colby              |
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# January 2017

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8 8:30/10:00 Worship Service 8:30 Cup of Joe 11:15 Youth Group Ring and Sing The Wired Word	9 8:00 Flea Market Fun 10:00 UMW Board Meeting 3:30 Tutoring 5:30 Emmaus 6:00 Praise Band 7:00 Stephen Ministry	10 9:00 Helping Hands 9:30 Covenant Bible Study 3:30 Tutoring 6:00 Oil Painting Class Mission/Social Concerns Learning Ministries Long Range Planning	11 4:00 Loss Support Group 4:30 Worship Design 5:30 The Wired Word 6:45 Bells 7:30 Choir	12 Biblical Counseling 8:20 Casa Maria 9:00 Prayer Group 2:00 Oil Painting	13	14
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