



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

February 7, 2017

Western Sunday

Join us on Sunday, February 19th
after our ONE Worship Service at 9:30 am.
Tickets will be on sale or you can reserve your tickets
on Sunday, February 12th
outside of the sanctuary before and after services.
You can also purchase/reserve tickets in the church office
until Wednesday, February 15th.
Tickets will NOT be sold on Western Sunday!!!
Come dressed in your best Western Wear!
Pony rides for kids! Fun activities for all!
Hamburgers-\$5.00 and BBQ Pork Sandwich-\$7.00.
DO NOT forget to bring your tickets!

7th Annual Casa Maria Valentine's Day Coffee and Sugar collection February 12th

The Missions/Social Concerns Committee is asking for donations of **coffee, sugar, liquid hand soap** and **paper towels** for Casa Maria Soup Kitchen.

Last year we collected 212 pounds of Coffee and 273 pounds of Sugar, 158 rolls of paper towels and 45 bottles of hand soap. Can we top that this year?

Let's do our best to provide these gifts of love to several hundred homeless brothers and sisters who seek assistance at Casa Maria each morning.

Your donations will be collected outside of the Sanctuary on February 12th.

Thank you for being friends of those who are served by Casa Maria Soup Kitchen.



WORSHIP SERIES-“Who Are You?”

The season of Epiphany is a wonderful time to explore the light of Christ and what it means for us as Christian 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 continues and will run through February...

February 12-“Create Right Relationships”

February 19-“Go Beyond”

February 26-“Proclaim Transformation”

Altar Flower Donations For Sundays

The Flower Calendar has openings for the following dates: April 16th & 30th, May 14th, June 4th and August 27th. If you would like to sign-up for any of these dates, contact our New Altar Flower Coordinator, Laurie Crawford at #780-0810 or ljhcbear@yahoo.com.

“Celebration of Life”

A “Celebration of Life” for Rev. Susan Root will be held on **Saturday, February 11th at 1:00 pm at First UMC Phoenix. The address is 5510 N. Central Ave.** The church is on the corner of Central and Missouri.

We are working on carpooling...perhaps the church van going up. If you need a ride or are interested in carpooling, contact the church office and add your name to the list. More information to come.

In the passing of Rev. Susan Root, you can send cards to Rev. Dan Hurlbert at 5036 Cactus Drive, Prescott, AZ. 86301.

Claim Your Vocation: Wonderful Opportunities to Serve at Desert Skies

Lenten Study Host Homes

We are looking for 5 homes (hopefully two of them in Vail) to host our Lenten Study Groups. The groups would be about 8-10 people to meet once a week in the host homes for 5 weeks (weeks of Mar. 5 - Apr. 2) in a gathering room with TV and DVD player. The study will be led by a facilitator who would come to your host home as well. Sign-up on the Blue Connect Card to volunteer your home.

Congregational Care Committee

The Congregational Care Committee is in need of several volunteers to go visit some of our Desert Skies shut-ins. Please prayerfully consider joining our visitation team. For more information, please mark the Blue Connection Card and/or talk or email Doc Shawn at musicdoc@desertskiesumc.org. Thank you.

Vail Pride Day

We need volunteers who can help out on Saturday, February 18th at the Pima County Fair Grounds for Vail Pride Day between 8:30 am –5:00 pm. We will work in shifts to cover our booth. This will be a great way to connect with the Vail Community. Lots of fun, food and activities for all.



Joseph K. Fosu **Choir Director of Calvary Methodist Church in Aworowa Ghana** **Needs A Hip Replacement**

Joseph K. Fosu, choir director and a congregational lay leader of Calvary Methodist Church, Aworowa, Ghana is urgently in need of a hip replacement. We met Joseph 10 years ago, as we served on the first of a series of Volunteer in Mission Projects to build a Parsonage and Parish House for the church, which is a small village in North Central Ghana. We were the first white people to visit the village of about 250 people. As a retired school teacher and the director of the parish's choirs he has been in the lives of children, youth and adults in the entire community. For the past year or more, a member of the congregation has picked up Joseph with his bicycle and a flat cart. Joseph has been transported prone on this cart to perform his duties at the church.

In prayer, God has urged us to ask fellow Christians to fund this hip replacement, which Joseph could never for himself imagine to do. Dr. Baliu Sibiri, Director of the nearby Methodist Hospital in Wenchi, who is an Orthopedic Spine Surgeon, has diagnosed Joseph, and will be able to perform the surgery, as long as it is done before June, when he is reposted to another position. Wenchi is about 15 miles from Joseph's home in Aworowa. Dr. Sibiri has estimated this surgery, cost of prosthesis, drugs, and rehabilitation at what currently would be \$7,100 in US Dollars. This of course varies as the exchange rate does. It seems that this is the best and most reasonable option in that it leaves Joseph in the loving care of his family and community and church. The surgery must happen in all good haste.

We in the name of God, who calls us to be one together in the Spirit, ask if you would assist us in making this miracle of healing happen for Joseph and Calvary UMC Church. If you are moved to assist Joseph, make your check payable to Desert Skies UMC and put Joseph's Surgery in the Memo line.

In Christ's name and in the Service of Love,
Rev. Linda and Mike Pliska

Lay Servant Classes, South District-2017

Catalina UMC, Tucson
2700 E. Speedway

March 10th from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm, March 11th from 9:00 am-5:00 pm

MUST ATTEND BOTH DAYS!

1. Basic Course is \$25.00
2. Advanced Course: UM Heritage is \$30.00-Pastor Beth Rambikur

Fees include snacks on Friday, morning snacks, lunch & munchies on Saturday.

Deadline for registration and payment is March 1st.

Online registration: www.dscumc.org/lay-servant-ministries-training-sessions/

Must order own book for classes. For more information, please contact: Gretchen Lofgren at 520-663-0775 or gretchie22@cox.net or gretchie22@aol.com

Praise Band



SUPER BELL SATURDAY



On Saturday, February 4th, nine of our Adult Hand Bell musicians spent the morning at the Area 11 Read & Ring at Christ Community Church.

This event was hosted by the Sonoran Bells and included Ringers from all over southeastern Arizona. It was such fun to ring with around 60 musicians as we were introduced to new music and considered it for our DSUMC Bell Choirs.

Those attending were Jean & Chris Biddick, Mary Jo Floyd, Leanne Whitney, Amy Anderson, Janet Johns, Dr. Raymond Ryder, and Diane & Bill Ellison.

INTRODUCING THE E. L. F. MINISTRY



For at least two years if not longer there have been requests for emergency food needs for families until they receive the monthly check. There have been up to six requests per month with other months less. These requests were covered by a few people who were aware of the need.

Several months ago Fred Killion brought this to the attention of the members of the Missions/Social Concerns Committee. They began bringing groceries to their meeting each month, and Fred and Rev. Matt prepare the emergency bags that are kept in Tammy's office. Missions/Social Concerns has named this the **ELF (Emergency, Love, Food) Ministry**.

Lorna Niven has decorated this blue rolling bin to be used for donations to this ministry. You will find the bin in the church office, and it also can be easily rolled to small group and committee meetings to collect donations from those who are led to be a part of this ministry. When you are shopping, just an extra jar of peanut butter, box of cereal, can of soup or vegetables will help to fill a grocery bag for a family who may be without food for several days. Thank you.

Would you like to learn more about Dragonfly Village?

On Saturday February 25th, all women of the church are invited to attend the UMW general meeting. We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 9:15 for breakfast and then participate in a program and tour of Dragonfly Village. Please come join us and learn about our special relationship with Dragonfly! Please take this opportunity to invite friends and neighbors.

**Desert Skies hosted the "South District Leadership Training UMW"
Saturday, February 4th, with 50 in attendance.**



"Painting God's Beauty"-Oil Painting Class

Tuesdays class with everyone in attendance and Thursday with another new student! One of ladies has started a new picture and when finishing the background there was an image. Can you see the angel, the dove or Jesus on the cross?



This Week At Desert Skies

Tuesday, February 7

9:30 am Covenant Bible Study Fellowship Hall
3:30 pm Tutoring Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm Painting God's Beauty Room # 7

Wednesday, February 8

4:00 pm Loss Support Group Room # 2
4:30 pm Worship Design Sanctuary
5:30 pm The Wired Word Fellowship Hall
6:45 pm Adult Bells Sanctuary
7:30 pm Adult Choir Sanctuary

Thursday, February 9

Biblical Counseling-Rev. Dr. Roy W. Ludlow
520-449-0410 or rwludlow@cox.net

8:20 am Casa Maria
9:00 am Prayer Group Room # 7
2:00 pm Painting God's Beauty Room # 7
Nominating Committee Room # 2
6:00 pm Vitality Committee Room # 2

Saturday, February 11

1:00 pm Celebration of Life for Rev. Susan Root
First UMC Phoenix

This Week's Bible Reading

February 07- Lev. 4-6; Acts 14

February 08-Lev. 7-9; Acts 15

February 09-Lev. 10-12; Acts 16

February 10-Lev. 13, 14; Acts 17

February 11-Lev. 15-17; Acts 18

February 12-Lev. 18, 19; Ps. 13;
Acts 19

February 13-Lev. 20-22; Acts 20

Interested in joining
Desert Skies UMC?

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

We are on the web:
www.desertskiesumc.org

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.

Announcements

Memorial Garden Spring Sale-A Spring Sale on Niches in Memorial Garden is **on sale now through February 17th**. Double Niches are \$1500, and Single Niches are \$750. Contact the Memorial Garden coordinator, Janet Johns at # 907-3351 if you are interested or need more information. Thank You.

The Banner Group-For those of you who missed making the handprints last summer, the banner group invites you on the next two Sundays to add your hands for two new banners to complement the existing DSUMC family banner. A table will be located outside the sanctuary where you can draw your handprint and add your name. Please "lend a hand." Thank you.

UMM-had a great program last month and wants to invite all men of the church to our next meeting scheduled for **Saturday, February 18, at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall**. Good food, great programs and outstanding conversations.

Zippy 49er's Meeting-The next meeting of the Zippy 49ers Circle of United Methodist Women will be **Wednesday, February 15th in Fellowship Hall at church. We will gather at 9:15 and have a light breakfast at 9:30**. We will continue with the Adam Hamilton series "That You Might Have Life," viewing the next DVD entitled "The Arrest, Trial and Crucifixion of the King." If you have purchased clothing for Southern Arizona Child Advocacy Center, please bring them with you to the meeting. All women of the church are welcome to visit/attend our meetings.

Scouting Sunday-is **Sunday, February 12th**. Anyone who is in Scouting, please wear your uniform.

NEEDED-for our upcoming Western Sunday!! The Sunday school sure could use more of these party pails for drums. These can always be used for crafts or even to store things in. More info needed, please contact Linda Feldman. Thank you.

