



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

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Sermon Series:

“Words, Words, Words-” The Guidebook for our Journey

Our new worship sermon series starts April 23rd-May 28th. We claim the Bible, both the Old and the New Testaments, as the basis for our faith, as a guidebook for our journey, but do we really know much about it? Why was it written? Who wrote it? What purpose did it have as it was written and what are its components? Where did it come from? When was it written? How was it compiled? How do we go about our interpretation?

This Easter Season we will take a look at the words of the redemptive story that have captured our hearts, frustrated our rational thought process, and inspired our lives.

April 23-“The Origins of the Hebrew Bible”

April 30-“From Many Books to One Book”

May 7-“How We Read the Bible” (Interpretation)

May 14-“The Book and the Once and Coming Messiah”

May 21-“From Manuscripts to Contemporary Translations”

May 28-“Authority for the 21st Century”

Musical Theatre and Arts Camp 2017

Each day will feature music, movement, games, crafts, food, and fellowship.

Musical Theatre and Arts Camp 2017 presents-“ANNIE”, the musical-May 30th - June 4th from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm for children entering grades 1st –10th. The cost for the full day session for students aged 8 to 15 years old will be \$100.00.

This year there will be a special morning only session (8:30am to 12:00pm.) for children from ages 5 to 7 years old! Cost of the morning session for 5 to 7 year olds will be \$50.00. (The morning session is **only** available to 5 to 7 year old children)

Just a reminder that in addition to campers, we also need scholarship donors.



VBS-Maker Fun Factory:

A world where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God.

Join us for the Best Week of the Summer! Monday, June 5th - Friday, June 9th, 9am-Noon (8am drop-off will be available). Children will be a part of fun Bible learning experiences they can see, hear, touch, and even taste! New friends, Amazing experiments, Creative games, Lip-smacking snacks, Surprising adventures, and Incredible music are just a few of the activities that help faith flow into real life. Vacation Bible School is for children who are Pre-K through finishing 5th grade and is offered at NO COST!

AND for Jr. High, go "M.A.D." this summer. If your son or daughter is in 6th - 8th grade, we have a special time of creative experiments and gadgets along with actively serving others in M.A.D. (Making A Disciple). Of course, there will be lots of interactive games to make new friends as they discover they are called to a purpose that makes a difference. Don't sit at home in front of a computer or TV screen, Go "M.A.D."



Thanks to all for participating in the Lenten offering. The children collected more than 13,000 coins on Palm Sunday, and all of the noise amounted to more than \$1,000.00 ! Your additional gifts of checks and paper currency bring our total to over \$3,000.00. Your gifts will be used to purchase the 20,000 meals that we will package at our

RISE AGAINST HUNGER EVENT THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 23RD.

Here are a few things to keep in mind:

Those who are willing and/or able to assist with unloading and set up, please come to the Fellowship Hall by 10:30 am.

Everyone else who has signed up to participate:

- Report to the Fellowship Hall breezeway and check-in at the registration table following the 10:00 am worship service
- Have lunch on the Fellowship Hall patio
- Meal packaging will begin in the Fellowship Hall by noon and be completed by 2:30 pm
- Children as young as five can participate
- Child care will be provided for children younger than 5
- There will be sit-down jobs, **THIS EVENT IS FOR ALL GENERATIONS**
- **WEAR YOUR DESERT SKIES UMC SHIRT**

We are looking forward to this exciting event which gives us an opportunity to send our love to hungry children in orphanages and school feeding programs in one of 73 countries where Rise Against Hunger is making a difference. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS AND YOUR SERVICE!**

The M & M Circle

The Mary Martha Circle delivered the 53 Easter Baskets to TMM on April 12th, that the church members so gratuitously donated.

Jo Lee Hazelwood made the Easter Bunny earrings for us to wear when we delivered the baskets and then we met at the Crossroads Coffee House for lunch wearing our church shirts. Thank you to all that contributed the baskets - they were great!



Labyrinth Prayer Walk For Justice

During Holy Week we enjoyed a self-guided walk in our labyrinth, with emphasis on prayer and justice.



Easter Sunrise Service

We enjoyed a beautiful morning in the Memorial Garden for our 6:30 am worship service.



Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae Worship Service

We began our service in the Fellowship Hall with communion and a community meal and then moved to the Sanctuary for Tenebrae.



Good Friday Experience

We started in the Fellowship Hall and walked through our campus as we experienced a variety of reflections for Good Friday.



Sanctuary Adorning For Easter

Thank you to all who came out and helped adorn the Sanctuary.



Youth Overnight

The youth enjoyed an overnight at Desert Skies to prep for the Pancake Breakfast.



Pancake Breakfast

Thanks to all who purchased a ticket for the Youth Pancake Breakfast fundraiser. We appreciate your support for our youth summer service project. And thanks to all our volunteers who helped out!



Announcements

Zippy 49er's Circle Meeting-The next meeting of the Zippy 49ers Circle of United Methodist Women will be Wednesday, April 19, in Fellowship Hall at church. We will gather at 9:15 and have a light breakfast at 9:30. We will view the final DVD in the series "That You Might Have Life," entitled "The Long Shot." If you have purchased items for Southern Arizona Child Advocacy Center, please bring them with you to the meeting. All women of the church are welcome to attend our meetings.

Flea Market-We are in need of packing boxes, in good condition, sizes medium, large and extra large. If you can help us out with this, please place the boxes at the Flea Market drop off shed.

Thank you-to the members of Desert Skies who attended the Memorial Service for our daughter, Rev. Susan Root on February 11, 2017. The thoughts and prayers of everyone were very much appreciated. Susan loved your church and all of her friends there. Again, many thanks, and blessings to all. Warren and Pat Root

Graduation 2107-We will be honoring our graduates on **Sunday, May 21st**. Please submit each student's name, school, degree granted and family relationship to DSUMC **to the office by 8:00 am on Thur. May 11th** -Att. Tammy. Pictures may be submitted also.

Emmaus Gathering-Join us at St. Mark's UMC on LaCanada and McGee Rd., Saturday, May 20th at 5:30 pm for a Potluck and a Worship Service at 6:15 pm.

Church shirts-If you are interested in ordering some shirts but haven't placed your order yet, you can pick up an order form in the church office on the front counter or at the Welcome Center podium in the sanctuary.

UMW-There will be **NO meeting on Saturday, April 22nd**. Join us Thursday, May 11th, at 11:30 a.m. as the UMW will be sponsoring their annual Spring/Mother's Day Event which will be lunch out at The Horeshoe Grill, 7713 E. Broadway (near Home Depot and Petsmart). Please call the church office (749-0521) to make your reservation or Diana Barber for more information or reservation at (970) 417-6339. All ladies of the church are welcome and are encouraged to bring a guest to attend this event.

Painting God's Beauty Oil Painting Class-has enjoyed sharing fellowship with each other while painting our reflections of God's beauty around us. We invite you on Sunday, April 30th between services to view the creativity that has been expressed.

This Week At Desert Skies: Holy Week

Tuesday, April 18

9:30 am Covenant Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm Long Range Planning	Room # 2
3:30 pm Tutoring	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm Painting God's Beauty	Room # 7
6:30 pm Finance	Room # 2
7:30 pm SPRC	Room # 2

Wednesday, April 19

9:15 am Zippy 49er's	Fellowship Hall
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, April 20

9:00 am Prayer Group	Room # 5
2:00 pm Painting God's Beauty	Room # 7
6:00 pm Vitality Team	Room # 2

This Week's Bible Reading

April 18-I Sam. 20, 21; Ps. 34;
Mt. 5

April 19-I Sam. 22; Ps. 17, 35;
Mt. 6

April 20-I Sam. 23; Ps. 31, 54;
Mt. 7

April 21-I Sam. 24; Ps. 57, 58;
I Chr. 8; Mt. 8

April 22-I Sam. 25, 26; Ps. 63;
Mt. 9

April 23-I Sam. 27; Ps. 141;
I Chr. 9; Mt. 10

April 24-I Sam. 28, 29; Ps. 109;
Mt. 11

Interested in joining
Desert Skies UMC?
Sundaes on Sunday

We will meet on
Sunday, May 21st
at 1:00 pm
in the Fellowship Hall.

Contact Rev. Dr.
Candace J. Lansberry
at 749-0521
if you are interested!

We are on the web:
www.desertskiesumc.org