



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

November 28, 2017



WELCOME, MICHAEL JENKINS

We welcome Michael Jenkins, our new custodian, to the staff at Desert Skies. He and his wife, Josie, and their children, Sean and Nichelle, have been long time attenders at Desert Skies, and we are blessed to have on our staff team. He will be working Tuesday-Friday, 8-12ish, Saturdays when needed, and Sunday mornings. Please say Hi! when you see him around the campus.



13th Annual Harvest Festival

Thank you Desert Skies for your donations of fresh fruits, vegetables and holiday baked breads.

St. Luke's and Casa Maria were blessed with your generosity. Thank you for your continued support.



Our New Sermon Series-"I Believe"

begins this Sunday, December 3rd and runs through Sunday, December 31st.



The story of the birth of Jesus is filled with common themes of human drama: unknowing, doubt, disgrace, fear, oppression, journey, hardship. The words of an anonymous poet begin, "I believe in the sun, even when its not shining..." In this we hear affirmation of belief in spite of what seems like an absence of light, of love, and sometimes, even what feels like the absence of God. By exploring the first chapter of each of the Gospels in this Advent/Christmas series we will acknowledge the presence of hope through Christ "even when..."

December 3-"I Believe in the Sun"

December 10-"I Believe in Love"

December 17-"I Believe in God"

December 24-"I Believe Even When"

December 24 -Christmas Eve Services

Sermon Title: "I Believe"

4 pm-Vail 4 pm, 7 pm, & 11 pm-Houghton

December 31-"I Believe in New Beginnings"

A Meal of Thanks For Our Adopted Grandparents

This past Sunday, the youth group prepared and shared a meal with their Adopted Grandparents. Twenty-One were in attendance and all had a wonderful time. We are all so thankful for each other.



Helping Hands

Thank you to our volunteers who use their Helping Hands to pack lunches for Prima Vera.



Ring & Sing



Zippy 49er's Circle Meeting



Announcements

All Church Clean-Up-The Trustees Committee invites everyone to come out to clean and spruce up the whole campus inside and out to get ready for the Christmas season on Saturday, December 9th from 8:00 am-12:00 pm. If you can help, please sign-up on the Connection Card.

Christmas Shoe Boxes-It is that time of year! The season of giving is fast approaching. The Backpack Ministry team will be giving out the children's names who will receive Christmas shoe boxes this year on Sunday morning. Look for us on the patio! These maybe the only gifts they receive. Thank you. The Backpack Ministry Team

Worship Committee-We are asking that this year members and friends of DSUMC donate poinsettias for the sanctuary during our Advent/Christmas Season. If you would be willing to donate a poinsettia and water tray, please bring the plants/trays with you to the **Hanging of the Greens service on Dec. 2nd at 4:00 pm or you can drop off the plants/trays to the church office this week.** We have a volunteer to care for the plants. Thank you in advance for your participation in this project.

“HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS” SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND!

**The Hanging of the Greens worship service is in the sanctuary at 4:00 p.m.
Benefit for UMCOR is in the Fellowship Hall is at 5:00 p.m. (ticket holders only)**

Bring your family and join your DSUMC family for the Hanging of the Greens Service, which features the sacred Christmas music of all our vocal and handbell choirs, we will continue with hot cocoa and cider on the Fellowship Hall patio.

Ticket holders will enjoy a meal in our festively decorated Fellowship Hall. During the meal, you will be entertained with holiday dinner music. After dinner, we will celebrate the beginning of our Holiday Season with an evening of fun seasonal songs and sing-a-longs. There may even be some take-home favors. So, if you are looking for something special to kick-off your holiday season...come join us at DSUMC.



Messy Church-Vail

Please pray for our first week of Messy Church at our Vail Campus (Vail Innovation Center-10775 E. Mary Ann Cleveland) this Sunday afternoon at 4:00 pm. Pray that new people will come and find an experience of joy as they discover Jesus in our midst. And please pray for a worship leader/musician to emerge who can be part of this new worshipping community.



United Methodist Women's Cookie Walk and Craft Sale

Sunday, December 10th, will be our annual Cookie Walk AND Craft Sale on the Fellowship Hall patio starting at 8:00 am and going until we are sold out.

On Saturday, December 9th between 2:00 pm-4:00 pm we would appreciate your holiday baking for us be brought to the kitchen for our ladies to prepare for the Sunday sale. This year we have added CRAFTS and hope to have a great many donations for this event. Any type of craft will be happily accepted. Our United Methodist Women's Board voted to send the donations from this year's sale to **The Sister Jose Women's Center**, dedicated to the care and nurture of homeless women.



Flower Ministry 2018

Would you like to donate an altar arrangement for the Sanctuary on a date meaningful to you or volunteer to deliver an arrangement after services on a date of your choice to brighten the day of a church family member? Look for the Flower Ministry table on the patio this coming Sunday, December 3rd and the following Sunday, December 10th, and see Altar Flowers Coordinator Laurie Crawford and Flower Delivery Coordinator Doreen Hedger to sign up!

ALTERNATIVE GIFTS? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

As an alternative to giving more STUFF to your friends and loved ones who already have plenty of stuff, think about giving essential items (like food and shelter) to people who really need it, and honor the person you love by giving the gift in their name. Your loved one will get a card telling them that a gift has been given in their honor. Those who lack basic necessities will have some of their needs filled and YOU will have found the perfect gift without using a tank of gasoline to drive to every mall in town. Desert Skies United Methodist Women provides Alternative Gift "shopping lists" for these four agencies:

Two local:

THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK distributes enough food each day to prepare over 28,000 meals for recipients who are referred through various social agencies. They run Kid's Cafe in several locations where children can go after school for supervised activities and nutritious snacks. They also provide the basic foods for the Snac Pac program.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, TUCSON: This is not a give-away program. The organization builds houses with those in need and then sells the houses to homeowner partners. Because of low down payments and HABITAT's no-profit, no-interest loans, and because houses are built primarily by volunteers, mortgage payments are reasonable for people who are unable to obtain conventional

Two international:

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL: Provides food and income-producing animals like pigs, bees, chicks and dairy cows. The animals chosen are appropriate to the climate and terrain so they have the best chance of thriving. The recipient families are taught how to raise and care for their animals, and to share the offspring with their neighbors in order to raise the living standards for the whole

The UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF (UMCOR) provides tents, blankets, food and clean drinking water to disaster victims. They help refugees establish new homes, provide camping experiences for mentally and physically challenged refugee children, empower illiterate women by teaching them to read, immunize children against common diseases, and plant seedling for erosion control.

This Week At Desert Skies

Tuesday, November 28

6:30 am Prayer Walking	TBA
9:30 am Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
3:00 pm Tutoring	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Church Council	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 29

1:00 pm Worship Design	Room # 2
4:00 pm Loss Support Group	Room # 2
5:30 pm Wired Word	Room # 2
6:45 pm Adult Bells	Sanctuary
7:30 pm Adult Choir	Sanctuary

Thursday, November 30

5:30 pm Advent Study	Baggins in Vail
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Friday, December 01

3:00 pm Decorating for Holiday Dinner	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm Holiday Concert Dress Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall

Saturday, December 02

9:00 am Sanctuary Set-up	Sanctuary
4:00 pm Hanging of The Greens Service	Sanctuary
5:15 pm Holiday Dinner/Concert	Fellowship Hall

This Week's Bible Reading

November 28-Mt. 28; I Th. 1-3

November 29-I Th. 4, 5; II Th. 1-3

November 30-Rom. 1-4

December 01-Rom. 5-8

December 02-Rom. 9-12

December 03-Rom. 13-16

December 04-Eph. 1-4

Interested in joining
Desert Skies UMC?

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

We are on the web:
www.desertskiesumc.org

Desert Skies United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday November 28th, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Vision: A Joyful Community Drawing People to Christ;
Mission: Lead our neighbors to Christ; Love one another in caring community;
Learn to follow Jesus; Live a Christ-like life that serves the world.

Meeting Chair: Mike Starace **Recording Secretary:** Jeann Fishback

Remember to sign in on the attendance form before each meeting, print any necessary attachments you receive during the month and bring canned goods for our ELF ministry.

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer –
2. **Listening:** Turn to the person next to you and discuss:
 - A. Who do you know who you wish would come to church?
 - B. What country, nation, and or politician do you wish you could introduce to Christ?
 - C. What people group are we missing at Desert Skies that you feel God may want to be here?
3. Approval of the previous Church Council Minutes
4. **Learning:** Chapter Four of Just Say Yes!!!—“Changing Fundamental Assumptions” _Rev Candace
5. **Leading:** Coordinating our Efforts for Ministry: Collaborating Together:
 - Calendar Review** for December & January
 - The Messy Church in Vail** - Rev Candace
 - Adult Spiritual Fellowship** - Mid-week updates and questions - Jake Beverage
 - Finance** - Connie Kraska

New Business and Reminders:

Action Items:

6. Next meeting:
7. Prayer and Adjournment



DECEMBER

02 Barbara Appleton, Brent Kyte
03 Joanne Evans, John Conciene
04 Kate Brunner, Richard Johnson
05 Jean G. Smith
06 Arnie Wheeler
08 Eppie Naanes
09 Tom Benedict, Lyle Johnsen
10 Peggy Gale, Diane Hoffman
11 Steve Anderson, Sylvia Mozur
13 Heather Abaldo, Sylvia Flagg
14 Jim Asbell, Stephanie Hartung
17 Clarlyn Elder
18 Nancy Karson, Jake Vogler
19 Max Freeman

20 Jean Smith, Cassie Sweet
21 Nancy Christopher, Gail Remaly
 Agnes Koroma
22 Joy Barry, Del Holmer, Patsy Meachum
23 Katy Conklin, Marian Polglase
26 Curt Brunner
27 Thomas Henkle
28 Dan Elder
29 David Edwards IV
30 Duane Courson



03 Dale & Jackie Cole
07 Eli & Nancy Karson
11 Bill & Sharon Wagner
20 Bob & Donna Sisley
22 Dan & Clarlyn Elder
 Bill & Diane Ellison

26 Fred Killion & Sandy Kleen
 Frank & Linda Morton
27 Lynn & Sherry Adams
28 Alex "Doc" & Joanie Shawn



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 3:00 pm Decorating and Set-up For Holiday Dinner 6:00 pm Holiday Concert Dress Rehearsal	2 9:00 Sanctuary Set-up 4:00 Hanging of The Greens Service 5:00 Holiday Dinner/ Concert
3 Communion 8:30/10:00 Worship Service 8:30 Adult S.S. Advent Study 10:15 Children's S.S. 11:15 Ring and Sing 12:00 Youth Group 1:00 Praise Band 4:00 Messy Church- Vail	4 8:00 Flea Market Fun 3:00 Tutoring 5:30 Emmaus	5 6:30 Prayer Walking 9:30 Bible Study 3:00 Tutoring 7:00 SPRC	6 1:00 Worship Design Team 4:00 Loss Support Group Communications 5:30 Advent Study 6:45 Adult Bells 7:00 Adult Choir	7 8:20 Casa Maria 5:30 Advent Study- Vail 6:30 Worship Meeting	8 6:30 Bridge	9 8:00 All Church Clean up 2:00 Prep for UMW Cookie Walk
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24 Worship Times 9:30 am 4:00 pm-Vail Campus Houghton Campus 4:00, 7:00 & 11:00 pm	25 OFFICE CLOSED Merry Christmas	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30 31 8:30/10:00 Worship 8:30 Adult S.S. 10:15 Children's S.S. 12:00 Youth Group 1:00 Praise Band 4:00 pm-Vail Gathering