



# THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

December 19, 2017



**Please join us at our ONE worship service on Sunday morning at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary.**

## **Christmas Eve Services**

**Christmas Eve at the Vail Campus-4:00 pm**-Family Service with Candlelight and Communion and the Tom Patrick Trio

**Christmas Eve at the Houghton Campus**

**4:00 pm**-Family Service/Candlelight with Praise Band

**7:00 pm**-Candlelight and Choir

**11:00 pm**-Candlelight and Communion with the Tom Patrick Trio

## **COOKIES ARE NEEDED FOR OUR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

If you can bake some cookies to donate, please drop off your cookies this week to the Fellowship Hall kitchen before Christmas Eve, Monday-Thursday-8:00 am-4:00 pm or Friday-9:00 am-12:00 pm. You can also drop the cookies off on Christmas Eve by 3:00 pm to the kitchen in the Sanctuary. Thank you.



## **MERRY CHRISTMAS DESERT SKIES**

Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a very Merry Christmas. Wishing you cherished memories of the past and joyous new moments to come. May peace be your gift at Christmas and your blessing all year through. Let's remember that Christmas is our season for being refreshed in the joy of God's gifts, and how very blessed we are!!

As a staff, we would like to remind you that the **church office will be closed December 25th-January 1st. We will return, Tuesday, January 2nd, refreshed and ready to start the NEW YEAR!!**



### **Our Sermon Series-“I Believe” 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 24-One Worship Service at 9:30 am-**“I Believe Even When”

**December 31-**“I Believe in New Beginnings”

**December 24 -Christmas Eve Services**

**Sermon Title:** “I Believe”

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

**Directory Pictures**-Photo Directory-It is time for a new Desert Skies Photo Directory! Lifetouch Photography will be taking our pictures at the church over a 5 day period from January 16th-January 20th. To help us determine if we need to request more dates, please book your appointment as quickly as possible. To sign-up for a date and time to have your family picture taken, please go to:

<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y7pv930q/>

### **A SPECIAL THANK YOU**

The Desert Skies staff would like to thank all of our office volunteers for giving so graciously of your time each week and helping us to accomplish all our daily tasks. We are so grateful for you and appreciative of all your hard work. We could not get done all that we have to do, with out your help.

Thank you, Anne Woods, Leanne Whitney, Lorna Niven, Shirley Bookman, Janet Wilcox, Jo Ann Rausch, Pat Crowell, Shawne Sidles, Jake Vogler and to all who volunteer to fill in when our regular volunteers can't make it. Also, thank you Wanda Chittenden for coordinating the office volunteers. You ALL play a role on our team!!!

#### **This Week At Desert Skies**

##### **Tuesday, December 19**

6:30 am Prayer Walking TBA

##### **Wednesday, December 20**

1:00 pm Worship Design Room # 2

4:00 pm Loss Support Group Room # 2

5:30 pm Advent Study Room # 2

6:45 pm Adult Bells Sanctuary

7:30 pm Adult Choir Sanctuary

##### **Thursday, December 21**

5:30 pm Advent Study Baggins in Vail

The Church Office is CLOSED  
December 25th-January 1st

#### **This Week's Bible Reading**

December 19-Jn. 5, 6

December 20-Jn. 7, 8

December 21-Jn. 9-11

December 22-Jn. 12-14

December 23-Jn. 15-18

December 24-Jn. 19-21

December 25-I Jn. 1-5

December 26-Ps. 117, 119; 81-176;  
II Jn.; III Jn.

December 27-Rev. 1-4

December 28-Rev. 5-9

December 29-Rev. 10-14

December 30-Rev. 15-18

December 31-Rev. 19-22

January 01-Gen. 1, 2; Luke 1

Interested in joining  
Desert Skies UMC?

Contact Rev. Dr.  
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if you are interested!

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