



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

January 16, 2018



YEEHAW!! IT'S WESTERN SUNDAY

Join us on February 11th for our One Worship Service at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary.

Following our worship service we will have a mouth waterin', good ol' Western BBQ with veggie/hamburgers and pulled pork sandwiches and we'll have some fun-filled activities for the whole family. And...while you are enjoying yourself with some food and activities, the Old Pueblo Band will be playing.

Tickets are on sale now thru February 4th outside of the sanctuary after our Sunday worship services or you can call Doc in the church office to reserve your tickets.

Veggie Burger/Hamburger-\$5.00

Pulled Pork Sandwiches-\$7.00

Please remember to bring your ticket with you and NO tickets will be sold on Western Sunday!



GASLIGHT THEATRE

“THE LONE STRANGER” is the Gaslight Theatres current production.

We have reserved the entire theatre for the **Saturday, February 17th, 6:00 p.m. show.**

Tickets are \$21.00 for Adults and \$10.00 for children under 12.

Tickets will be sold between services, until January 28th. Join us for a fun filled evening. If you have any questions, please call Shawne at # 275-6388. Hope to see you there!



Valentine Coffee and Sugar Collection To Benefit Casa Maria

Our 8th Annual Casa Maria Coffee and Sugar Collection will take place on January 28th and February 4th. We are asking everyone to bring coffee (ground not beans), sugar, paper towels, and/or hand soap to church on those dates. Look for the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Desert Skies is in partnership with the Casa Maria Catholic Worker Community which includes the soup kitchen, clothing house and other needs for Tucson’s homeless and low income population. This is the largest soup kitchen in Tucson and operates 363 days a year. It is closed only on Thanksgiving and Christmas. On a daily basis they provide 500 lunches and 150 grocery bags. Every morning they provide 400 cups of hot coffee and whatever breakfast pastries or breads that have been donated. Desert Skies Missions/Social Concerns Committee monthly donates 24 lbs. of coffee, 50 lbs. of sugar, 1 gal. of hand soap, a large multi-roll package of paper towels, 500 plastic spoons and a 3 lb. container of mayonnaise to the soup kitchen. The Flea market weekly also donates multiple large bags of clothing to the clothing house.



THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING THESE GIFTS OF LOVE TO HUNDREDS OF HOMELESS AND LOW INCOME BROTHERS AND SISTERS!



Our Sermon Series-“Bread, Bath and Beyond runs through Sunday, February 11th.

The new year always brings opportunity to move beyond our limitations...to find new beginnings and be better than we were before.

We use this cultural word-play in our series title to remember that the most basic transforming experiences of our faith-communion and baptisms-are the starting points for life “beyond” our limitations.

Let’s make this year one of amazing transformations-for our lives, for our community, for our world!

January 21

Sermon Title: “Beyond Belief”

February 4

Sermon Title: “Beyond the Boundaries”

January 28

Sermon Title: “Beyond the Horizon

WESTERN SUNDAY

February 11-ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 9:30 am

Sermon Title: “Beyond the Fear”

MESSY CHURCH (A Cowboy Lent) at 4:00 pm in Vail



The Dream is Alive!

January 10, 2018

Africa University Development Office
Elaine Jenkins, JD — Director of Planned Giving

Rev. Dr. Candace Lansberry
Desert Skies United Methodist Church
3255 N. Houghton Road
Tucson, AZ 85749

Dear Dr. Lansberry and the Desert Skies Church Family:

Compliments of the New Year!

Thank you very much for your generous gift of One Thousand Six Hundred (**\$1,600.00**) Dollars, which you have designated for the Africa University **Desert Skies United Methodist Church Direct Scholarship Fund** for scholarship support for the **2018-2019** academic year. Because of your faithfulness and generosity, the young men and women of Africa---like **Hector de Jonito Tiago Antonio** and **Mauro Silva Raimundo Malambane** of Mozambique, your current scholarship recipients---are being given the precious gift of a **first-rate** university education which will enable them to transform their lives, communities, and nations. **Thank you** for investing in these future leaders of the nations of Africa.

Dr. Lansberry, you and the Desert Skies Church family may rest assured that **all is well** on the Africa University campus. Although the nation of Zimbabwe is undergoing a **peaceful** political transition, Africa University has not been adversely impacted in any way. Our students are preparing to return on January 15th for an exciting and productive second semester. Please continue to keep Africa University and the nation of Zimbabwe in your thoughts and prayers during the nation's period of transition.

May this Holy Season of Epiphany bring blessings of good health, much love, peace, joy, and hope to you in this new year. Take excellent care!

PEACE!

Elaine Jenkins

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cc: Mrs. Mary Jo Floyd, Chairperson, Missions/Social Concerns Committee
Dr. and Mrs. Bruce D. Broughton (transmitted electronically)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Photo Directory-Don't Miss out! Lifetouch Photography will be taking our pictures at the church. **Additional dates have been added-February 20th-February 22nd.** Stop by the sign-up table on the patio before or after church, OR better yet, GO ONLINE and pick a date/time. Thank you.

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

Volunteers needed: If you would be willing to help sign people in when they come to have their photos taken, anytime during the Feb. 20th-Feb. 22nd photo dates, please call the church office and ask for Doc or sign-up on the Connection Card found in your bulletin on Sunday mornings. Thank you.

Help on Sunday mornings-If walking is not a problem for you, please consider parking in the Fellowship Hall or the lower Fort Lowell parking lots instead of the Sanctuary parking lot. This would leave more spaces available for our parishioners that would truly benefit by not having to take so many steps. Thank you.

The Zippy 49er's Circle-will resume, **Wednesday, January 17th**, the third Wednesday of the month. **We will gather at 9:15 am, with breakfast at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.** The program will be next in the DVD series, "That the World May Know" with Ray Vander Laan. If you have been shopping the after Christmas sales and have packed up items for SACAC, please bring them to the meeting. We welcome anyone who would like to attend this United Methodist Women's Circle meeting. Call Glenda Burdick, 760-5520, if you would like more information.

UMW's 1st General Meeting of the year!-We will meet on **January 27th at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall** for brunch and then a short business meeting. The program will be presented by Jesus Aguilar from the administrative office of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), who are everyday folks who volunteer to provide support for abused and neglected children in the foster care system. They look out for the best interests of the child and make recommendations to the Court. Please join us for this special program and remember ALL ladies of our church are invited to attend as well as neighbors and friends.

Alternative Gifts-THANK YOU! Your generosity has helped to fill the needs of many people around the world. **The UMW's 2017 Alternative Gift REVISED collection adds up to \$1, 235.00.** \$275.00 went to disaster relief through UMCOR and \$660.00 went to hunger relief through Heifer International and \$300.00 went to The Community Food Bank. What a great way to start off someone's New Year!

UMM-will meet on **Saturday, January 20th at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.** Come enjoy food and fellowship and get your 2018 started off right! Hope to see you then.

In sadness we share the news of the passing of Estal "Eppie" Naanes. She went to her heavenly home on Thursday, January 11th. Prayers for her family and friends.

This Week At Desert Skies

Tuesday, January 16

6:30 am Prayer Walking	TBA
9:30 am Covenant Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
3:00 pm Tutoring	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm Missions/Social Concerns	Room # 5
6:30 pm Finance Meeting	Room # 2
7:30 pm SPRC Meeting	Room # 2

Wednesday, January 17

9:15 am Zippy 49er's Meeting	Fellowship Hall
2:30 pm Worship Design	Room # 2
4:00 pm Loss Support Group	Room # 2
5:30 pm The Wired Word	Room # 2
	& Baggins in Veil
6:45 pm Adult Bells	Sanctuary
7:30 pm Adult Choir	Sanctuary

Saturday, January 20

8:00 am UMM Breakfast Meeting	Fellowship Hall
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This Week's Bible Reading

January 16-Gen. 39-41; Luke 16

January 17-Gen. 42, 43; Ps. 5;
Luke 17

January 18-Gen. 44-46; Luke 18

January 19-Gen. 47, 48; Ps. 10;
Luke 19

January 20-Gen. 49, 50; Ps. 8;
Luke 20

January 21-Ex. 1, 2; Ps. 88;
Luke 21

January-22-Ex. 3-5; Luke 22

Interested in joining
Desert Skies UMC?

Join us for our
New Member Class
on January 21st at
1:00 pm in Room #2.

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

We are on the web:
www.desertskiesumc.org