



THE SKYLINE

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HAPPY NEW YEAR DESERT SKIES

As we start fresh in the New Year, we pray that you receive new joy, new hope, new inspiration, new goals and new achievements. We also pray that the Lord will bless you with health, happiness and favor in 2018!

We would like to say “Thank You” for your kindness and generosity this Christmas season for providing us with a monetary Christmas gift. We appreciate you all for thinking of us.

God Bless You,

The Desert Skies Staff

Rev. Candace, Rev. Matt, Doc, Raymond, Mike, Verna and Tammy



Our New Sermon Series-“Bread, Bath and Beyond starts this coming Sunday, January 7th and 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 7

Sermon Title: “Bread”

January 28

Sermon Title: “Beyond the Horizon

January 14

Sermon Title: “Bath”

February 4

Sermon Title: “Beyond the Boundaries”

January 21

Sermon Title: “Beyond Belief”

February 11-Western Sunday: ONE Worship Service at 9:30 am

Sermon Title: “Beyond the Fear”

THE INN PROJECT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

The Inn Project safe shelter at First UMC in Tucson continues to operate 24 hours a day to assist Central American refugees with travel arrangements to reach their US sponsors as well as providing food, clothing and shelter while they wait. **Supervision must also be provided.**

The shifts of greatest need for volunteers at this time are **5-9 p.m. and 9 p.m.-8 a.m. 7 days a week.** For those who volunteer to stay through the night, there are sleeping accommodations available.

The coordinator of the shelter at First UMC is Gretchen Lokey. If you are interested and willing to volunteer, please **call or text her at 520-312-1451.** You may also email her at gretchenlokey@gmail.com. Those DSUMC members who have volunteered in the past or anyone who is willing to get “on the job” training as they work will be appreciated. **There is always a need for those who are bilingual.**

It is necessary to be able to climb stairs in order to access the Inn Project Facility at FUMC.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND CONCERN!



The M&M Circle

We enjoyed a combination Christmas Potluck luncheon and birthday celebration for the M & M'ers with birthdays from July through December!

NOTHING COULD BE SWEETER THAN TO BE A WORSHIP GREETER

Thanks to all of you who volunteered to be greeters during this past year. **It is time to sign up to be a greeter for the new year.** We will be signing up on the patio on **Sunday, January 7 and Sunday, January 14.** ~Wanda Chittenden

Sign-Up For Altar Flowers

Many times, I have had church members comment on how much they love seeing the beautiful bouquets of flowers on the altar.

We need to have 52 weeks a year covered, by generous church people, to continue the tradition of flowers on the altar on Sunday mornings.

There is a problem for 2018 and I need your help! People have signed up to donate flowers for 45 Sundays, but we need commitments for **7 more Sundays.**

Please meet me at the back of the church near the “cry room” after the service on Sunday if you have it in your heart to donate flowers.

Not only do the flowers grace our church, but volunteers spread joy by delivering them to members that are not feeling well. Thank you, Laurie Crawford

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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

If you would be willing to sit at the sign-up table and help check people in, please contact 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.

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.

A Special Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all your cards, calls and well wishes. My husband Bill and I are on the mend and very thankful that the church family comforted us during our time of need after our dreadful accident. Desert Skies is the BEST!

Much love,
Sharon and Bill Wagner

This Week At Desert Skies

Wednesday, January 03

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 Vail
6:45 pm Adult Bells	Sanctuary
7:30 pm Adult Choir	Sanctuary

Friday, January 05

6:30 pm Bridge	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, January 06

9:00 am Un-decorate the Sanctuary

This Week's Bible Reading

January 03-Gen. 6-8; Luke 3

January 04-Gen. 9-11; Luke 4

January 05-Gen. 12-14; Luke 5

January 06-Gen. 15-17; Luke 6

January 07-Gen. 18, 19; Ps. 3;
Luke 7

January 08-Gen. 20-22; Luke 8

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
or sign-up on the
Connection Card
found in your bulletin
on Sunday mornings
if you are interested!

We are on the web:
www.desertskiesumc.org



JANUARY

01 Lowell Fathera, Erika Gonzales

02 Sue Patrick

03 Mary Terpening, Ken Winkelmann

06 Ralph Anderson, Tyler Drummond

08 Betty Denny

09 Diana Barber

12 Rev. Dr. Roy W. Ludlow, Linda Morton,
Edith Jordan

14 Deborah Gillies-Walling

16 Bev Bly, Wayne Peate, Mary Ellen Dawson

17 Ken Conklin

18 Bob Sisley

19 Janet Baker, Colton Gage

20 Julie Jenkins, Noelle Mahlstedt, Corky Simpson

24 Duane Garcia, Karen Gustafson, Edna Underwood

28 Peter Bookman, Dr. Karen Davis

29 Elaine Agte, Ray Drury, Ron Eisenhuth

31 Linda Dorsey, Ron Leitch



01 Charles and Sandra McNary
Steve and Pam Smith

03 Mitch & Julie Moffet

05 Curt and Kate Brunner

06 Bill and Mearl Frame

07 Ross & Louise Neu

24 Myron Amundson and Edna Underwood

28 Rev. Matt and Cathy Colby

30 Ken and Chris Weber

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This Month at Desert Skies

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Office Closed	2 6:00 Youth in Vail	3 2:30 Worship Design 4:00 Loss Support Group 5:30 The Wired Word 6:45 Bells 7:30 Choir	4	5 6:30 Bridge	6 9:00 Tear Down Decorations
7 Communion 8:30/10:00 Worship Service 8:30 Adult S.S. 10:15 Children's S.S. 11:15 Ring and Sing 12:00 Youth Group 1:00 Praise Band 4:00 Messy Church in Vail	8 8:00 Flea Market Fun 3:00 Tutoring 5:30 Emmaus	9 6:30 Prayer Walking 9:00 Helping Hands 9:30 Covenant Bible Study 3:00 Tutoring 6:00 Mission/Social Concerns 6:00 Youth in Vail	10 2:30 Worship Design 4:00 Loss Support Group 5:30 The Wired Word 6:45 Bells 7:30 Choir	11 8:20 Casa Maria 6:30 Worship Meeting	12	13
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21 8:30/10:00 Worship Service 8:30 Adult S.S. 10:15 Children's S.S. 11:15 Ring and Sing New Community 12:00 Youth Group 1:00 New Member Class 4:00 Vail Gathering	22 8:00 Flea Market Fun 3:00 Tutoring 5:30 Emmaus	23 6:30 Prayer Walking 9:30 Covenant Bible Study 3:00 Tutoring 6:00 Youth in Vail 7:00 Church Council	24 2:30 Worship Design 4:00 Loss Support Group 5:30 The Wired Word 6:45 Bells 7:30 Choir	25	26	27 9:15 UMW General Meeting
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