

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

January 09, 2018



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 14

February 4

Sermon Title: "Bath"

Sermon Title: "Beyond the Boundaries"

January 21

WESTERN SUNDAY

Sermon Title: "Beyond Belief"

February 11-ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 9:30 am

Sermon Title: "Beyond the Fear"

January 28

Sermon Title: "Beyond the Horizon



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 BBQ and some fun-filled events planned for all ages. Tickets go on sale this Sunday, between services on the patio.

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!

Messy Church in Vail

Forty-Nine were in attendance this past Sunday for our Messy Church Intergenerational Service. A great time was had by all. Join us for our next Messy Church service on Sunday, February 11th, 4:00 pm at the Vail Innovation Center. Our Messy Church Service Project to the ReSources Vail Food Bank netted: 291.20 pounds of food. 33.55 pounds of toiletries and \$32.03 in cash. Thank you for your generous donations!



Thank You

A BIG "Thank You" to our volunteers who helped take down our Christmas decorations in the Sanctuary. You are greatly appreciated!!



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!



GASLIGHT THEATRE

"THE LONE STRANGER" is the Gaslight Theatres current production.

We have reserved the entire theatre for the 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.

January 10 - March 31 If you have any questions, please call Shawne at 275-6388. Hope to see you there!

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 TODAY. ~Wanda Chittenden

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Worship Meeting-</u>Just a friendly reminder that our regularly scheduled monthly worship committee meeting on Thursday has been cancelled. Questions-call Mary Ellen Dawson.

<u>Photo Directory-Don't Miss out!</u> 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/

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.

<u>Help on Sunday mornings</u>-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.

<u>UMW's 1st General Meeting of the year!-</u>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.

<u>Alternative Gifts-THANK YOU!</u> Your generosity has helped to fill the needs of many people around the world. The UM-W's 2017 Alternative Gift collection adds up to \$935.00. \$275.00 went to disaster relief through UMCOR and \$660.00 went to hunger relief through Heifer International. What a great way to start off someone's New Year!

<u>UMM</u>-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.

This Week At Desert Skies

Tuesday, January 96:30 Prayer WalkingTBA9:00 Helping HandsKitchen9:30 Covenant Bible StudyFellowship Hall3:00 TutoringFellowship Hall

6:00 Youth in Vail The Goforth Home

Wednesday, January 10

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

Thursday, January 11

8:20 Casa Maria Off Campus

This Week's Bible Reading

January 09-Gen. 23, 24; Luke 9

January 10-Gen. 25, 26; Ps. 6; Luke 10

January 11-Gen. 27, 28; Ps. 4; Luke 11

January 12-Gen. 29, 30; Luke 12

January 13-Gen. 31-33; Luke 13

January 14-Gen. 34-36; Luke 14

January-15-Gen. 37, 38; Ps. 7; Luke 15 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!
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www.desertskiesumc.org