



THE SKYLINE

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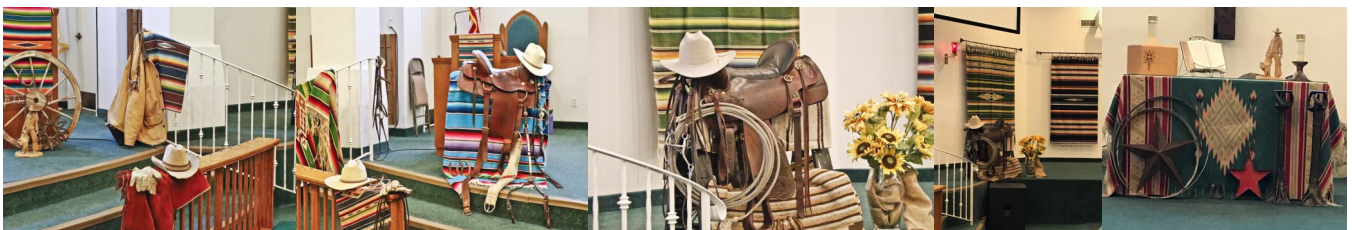
Western Sunday

We had a great turn out for our Western Sunday Event. Fun was had by all! A Great BIG THANK YOU to all of our wonderful volunteers who helped put it all together!!





Thank you to Walt and Marian Mosher and Linda and Jack Van Straaten for sharing their Western items to adorn the sanctuary. Linda's Navajo blanket collection was gorgeous and the Mosher's tack and cowboy themed pieces made the sanctuary warm and inviting. Hope all of you greeted the man in black in the narthex.



OUR LENTEN OFFERING WILL HELP TO STOP HUNGER

Last Sunday after worship you received an empty bowl (**it is a larger bowl this year**) as a symbol of the more than 795 million people around the world who go to bed hungry every night because their bowls are empty. Millions of them are children, and thousands die each day from hunger-related causes. Rise Against Hunger is an opportunity to fill the empty bowls of these children in another part of the world.

On Sunday, April 8th, we will package 20,000 life-giving meals for hungry children in one of the world's poorest countries. The cost of each meal is 29 cents, and 20,000 meals will cost \$5800. **We have given you a larger bowl this year to better help us reach our goal for the cost of 20,000 meals.** Please place this bowl on your dining table or in another visible place where it will be a reminder of world hunger. We are asking you to help with the funding of our Rise Against Hunger event by placing a few coins in your bowl each day during Lent, **beginning tomorrow on Ash Wednesday.** You will be helping to save the lives of the children who receive the meals we package. For many of these children, their Rise Against Hunger meal may be the only meal they will have that day. With food in their stomachs, there will be smiles on their faces.

If you did not receive a bowl last Sunday or lost yours during the Western Celebration, you may pick up another one in the church office during the week or in the back of the sanctuary on Sunday!

LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN!



Talent Show Ice Cream Social

On Sunday, March 4th at 11:15-12:30 am in the Fellowship Hall, you are invited to have dessert first before lunch that day. Please come to the Talent Show Ice Cream Social hosted by our youth to help raise awareness and financial support for their Summer Service Project which will be at Crownpoint, New Mexico.

There a few ways that you can help...

1. Buy a ticket and come to the fun.
2. Do you sing, dance, act, play an instrument or some other talent?
(contact Rev. Matt Colby ([602-628-0137](tel:602-628-0137)), text or call)
3. Consider making a donation.

So mark your calendars and buy a ticket!! We have a talented church so this should be a good time for a good cause.



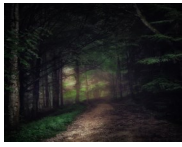
 **Extraordinary Love**
Winter Camp 2018

Winter Camp

Saturday 17th – Sunday 18th

For those currently in grades 6th- 12th at Mingus Mountain Conference Camp. Meet at 6:00 am Saturday, Desert Skies, Houghton Campus Be back on Sunday 6 pm.

You must register online. Partial and full scholarships available. Information and Registration: <https://www.minguswintercamp.org/>



Our New Sermon Series-“Gifts of the Dark Wood” begins Wednesday, February 14th and runs through Easter Sunday, April 1st.

This series is about “seeing life through new eyes, recognizing that experiences of failure, emptiness, and uncertainty are as crucial for finding our way through life as they are unavoidable.” We will see how experiences of life through the “dark wood” are actually clues to our “calling” or “life path”. How can the struggles of life be the seedbed of spiritual awakening to the fullness of life?

February 14-Ash Wednesday-6:00 pm

Text: Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon Title: “Where We Find Ourselves”

March 4

Text: Job 37:1-5

Sermon Title: “The Gift of Being Thunderstruck”

Holy Week : March 25-(Passion/Palm Sunday)

Text: Mark 1:14-15

Sermon Series: “The Gift of Misfits”

February 18

Text: I Corinthians 13:11-12

Sermon Title: “The Gift of Uncertainty”

March 11

Text: Psalm 41

Sermon Title: “The Gift of Getting Lost”

March 29-Maundy Thursday-7:00 pm

Sermon Title: “The Gift of Disappearing”

February 25

Text: Luke 17:33

Sermon Title: “The Gift of Emptiness”

March 18

Text: Corinthians 5:16-19

Sermon Title: “The Gift of Temptation”

March 30-Good Friday Experience-12:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 1

Sunrise Service: 6:30 am-sanctuary patio

Text: Mark 16:1-7

Sermon Title: “Re-Emerging with the Sunrise”

Easter Sunday: 8:30/10:00 am

Sermon Title: “Where We Go From Here”

LENTEN STUDIES

Lent is a great time to go deeper in discipleship and connection to Christ. This Lent, Adult Spiritual Formation, is offering a few ways to make that connection: Gifts of the Dark Wood, The Last Days of Jesus and Centering Prayer.

Gifts of the Dark Wood will supplement the worship series presented during Lent. A guidebook for spirituality in an uncertain world. Though commonly understood as a place to be feared and avoided, the Dark Wood is the surest place to meet God. It is a place where you may feel uncertain, empty, lost, tempted, and alone. Yet these feelings - these gifts of the Dark Wood - can be your greatest assets on your journey.

The Last Days of Jesus takes you from Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem to His glorious resurrection. This series provides an overview of 6 major events surrounding Jesus' Death and Resurrection! Dig deeper into the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus by beginning each session in Israel showing key places, such as the Garden of Gethsemane, a rolling stone tomb, Mount of Olives, and more. Featuring beautiful retellings, solid overviews, and incredible cultural insights from top Bible scholars followed with discussion and personal insights.

You are invited on a journey this Lent to go deeper and find joy in a closer connection to Jesus. Check the connection card on Sundays to sign up.

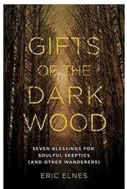
Sundays-8:30 am in Room # 5-The Last Days Of Jesus

Mondays-10:30 am at Connie Kraska’s Home (S. Melpomene & 22nd St.)-Gifts of the Dark Wood

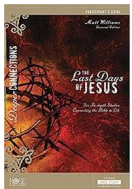
Wednesdays-5:30 pm at the Baggins in Vail-Gifts of the Dark Wood

Wednesdays-5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall (with a simple supper)-The Last Days of Jesus

If you would also like to follow along with a copy of the book or participant’s guide, you can order your own copy at:



https://www.amazon.com/Gifts-Dark-Wood-Blessings-Wanderers/dp/1426794134/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1517843619&sr=8-1&keywords=gift+of+the+dark+wood



https://www.amazon.com/Jesus-Participant-Guide-DVD-based-Bible/dp/1628624337/ref=sr_1_2?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1517843765&sr=1-2&keywords=the+last+days+of+jesus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zippy 49er's Circle Meeting-Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 21st in the Fellowship Hall. We will gather at 9:15 am, with a light breakfast at 9:30 am. We will continue to view the DVD series "That the World May Know" with Ray Vander Laan, and collect new clothing for Southern Arizona Child Advocacy Center. We welcome anyone who would like to attend. Call Glenda Burdick, # 760-5520 if you have questions.

UMW General Meeting-"Impressions of the Philippines" is the title of the program for our next meeting on **Saturday, February 24th**, in the Fellowship Hall. Glenda Burdick will be talking about and showing pictures of her trip to the Philippines in December. Find out about this interesting country-a land of contrasts. We will gather at 9:15 am, share a light brunch at 9:30 am, and learn about the Philippines. This meeting is open to anyone who is interested. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

UMM Breakfast Meeting-Fred Zobel will be our guest speaker on **Saturday, February 17th at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall**. His topic will be "Ethics and The Process of Decision Making." Join us for a morning of GREAT Fellowship!

Memorial Service-Jim Asbell has passed away and we will have a **Celebration of Life** for him on **Friday, February 16th at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary**.

This Week At Desert Skies

Tuesday, February 13

6:30 am Prayer Walking	TBA
9:00 am Helping Hands	Kitchen
9:30 am Covenant Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
3:00 pm Tutoring	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm Youth in Vail	Goforth's Home
Missions/Social Concerns	Room # 5

Wednesday, February 14-ASH WEDNESDAY

2:30 pm Worship Design	Room # 2
4:00 pm Loss Support Group	Room # 2
6:00 pm Worship Service	Sanctuary
7:00 pm Adult Choir	Sanctuary

Thursday, February 15

10:30 am Oil Painting Class	Room # 7
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Saturday, February 17

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

February 13-Lev. 20-22; Acts 20

February 14-Lev. 23, 24; Ps. 24;
Acts 21

February 15-Lev. 25; Ps. 25-26;
Acts 22

February 16-Lev. 26, 27; Acts 23

February 17-Num. 1, 2; Acts 24

February 18-Num. 3, 4; Acts 25

February 19-Num. 5, 6; Ps. 22;
Acts 26

Interested in joining
Desert Skies UMC?

Join us in Room # 2
on Sunday, April 15th
at 1:00 pm
for our New Member Class.

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

We are on the web:
www.desertskiesumc.org