



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

March 13, 2018

Church Council Meeting

Church Council meets on the last Tuesday of every month in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend. Come out and see what it's about. **Please make note that our next meeting date has changed. We will meet on Tuesday, March 20th at 7:00 pm.**



SONrise Pancake Breakfast



This is a great way to kick-off your Easter morning while supporting our youth to reach their goal. This fundraiser will treat you to some wonderful pancakes, sausage, fruit salad and juice/coffee, and all served by our enthusiastic youth group.

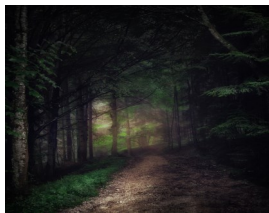
On top of that, the proceeds help the team head to Crownpoint, New Mexico area (a low income rural area, part of the Navajo Nation) this June where they will be repairing homes for the poor, disabled and elderly in the community. Our youth group, B.A.N.G. (Building A New Generation) has a real heart for serving others. They are excited to represent Christ and Desert Skies. So, let's give them a great turnout for their breakfast!

Ways to support:

1. Buy a ticket
2. Make a donation
3. Be in prayer for the project, the youth team and the community

Serving begins 7:00 am – 9:15 am Easter morning in the Fellowship Hall. Stay after the Sunrise Service or get here early before the 8:30 am & 10:00 am Easter Services.

Tickets can be purchased on Sunday mornings on the Sanctuary patio or at the door. **\$5.00-Adults and \$3.00-Children.** The youth will have your hot breakfast ready and waiting for you!



Our Sermon Series-“Gifts of the Dark Wood” 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?

March 18

Text: II Corinthians 5:16-19
Sermon Title: “The Gift of Temptation”

Holy Week

March 25-(Passion/Palm Sunday)

Text: Mark 1:14-15
Sermon Series: “The Gift of Misfits”

March 29-Maundy Thursday-7:00 pm

Sermon Title: “The Gift of Disappearing”

March 30-Good Friday Experience-12:00 pm

Meditation Hike-5:15 pm
Broadway Trailhead to Cactus Forest

Easter Sunday, April 1

Sunrise Service: 6:30 am-sanctuary patio
Text: Mark 16:1-7
Sermon Title: “Where Do We Go From Here”

Easter Sunday: 8:30/10:00 am
Choir Cantata: “At His Name”
Sermon Title: “He is Lord”

Messy Church –Vail Innovation Center at 4:00 pm
Easter Celebration & Easter Egg Hunt followed by
Easter Dinner

“Painting God’s Beauty” Oil Painting Class



Ring & Sing



HUNGER KNOWS NO SEASON

A reminder to all that 815 million people around the world will go to bed hungry. This is 11% of the world population and a decrease from the 23% twenty years ago. On **Sunday, April 8th** Desert Skies will have an opportunity to be a part of decreasing that percentage even more. More than half of the needless deaths of children under 5 are from hunger-related causes. 66 million primary-school-age children go to school hungry.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER provides food and aid to the world’s most vulnerable people. In 2016 Rise Against Hunger packaged and sent 67,000,000 meals to hungry children and adults in 43 countries. As our congregation participates in Rise Against Hunger we are part of a global movement to end hunger. The goal of Rise Against Hunger is “zero hunger by 2030”.

At 29 cents per meal, a gift of \$29.00 will provide 100 meals for hungry children in one of the world’s poorest countries. **HOW MANY MEALS WILL YOU PROVIDE?**

Please remember to fill your empty bowl with coins for our 20,000 meal Rise Against Hunger packaging event that will take place on April 8th. **YOUR LENTEN OFFERING WILL BE COLLECTED ON PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 25th. THANK YOU!**

“You pray for the hungry, then you feed them. This is how prayer works.” Pope Francis



Easter Flowers for our Sanctuary



The Worship Committee has ordered a variety of potted flowering plants for our Easter Services. Donations toward offsetting the purchase of the plants are now being accepted. **If you would like to have a loved one remembered, please fill in the information below and turn it into the office by MONDAY, MARCH 19th.**

To the Glory of God

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Donation made by

Attach order form to your check (made out to DSUMC) (It is for the Easter flowers fund) and return to the church office or put in the offering plate.

Suggested Donation: \$15.00-\$20.00

- I would like to take my plant home.
- Please take my plant to a Shut-in.
- Yes, I can deliver a flower to a Shut-in.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Friendly Reminder-Tammy will be out of the office Monday, March 19th-Thursday, March 22nd.

UMM-We ask that you join us on Friday, March 23rd at 9:00 am as we tour the University of Arizona Mirror Lab. The tour is open to all at Desert Skies. The Lab is polishing a lens for one of the largest telescopes in the world. We have limited tickets available, so if you are interested in going, please contact Dave Chittenden or Max Crowell.

The Sister Jose Women's Center-For the past year, we have been hearing about, and involved with the Sister Jose Women's Center. It is dedicated to the care and nurture of homeless women within our community. They provide beds, food, and encouragement to these women and are now offering sewing classes to them as a skill towards future employment. Rev. Sandra McNary, is a retired minister in our congregation who has preached a couple of times when Candace and Matt were out of town. Sandra volunteers at this Center. There is a real need for fabric for these sewing classes and she has asked if some (or all) of our members have remnants of material (any and all sizes) that they would like to donate to this mission. You may bring your donations to church and give them to Marilyn McKee or leave them on the patio, marked for Sister Jose. This will be an ongoing project so any time you have material, your donations will be welcome and greatly appreciated! Thank you.

Methodist Women Go Wild!-UMW is celebrating spring by going wild—on a tour of the Tucson Wildlife Refuge. **The date is April 9 and the tour is at 11:00 AM, to be followed by lunch at 49ers.** Since the refuge has limited parking they request that we car pool, so please meet at the church by 10:40. **It is requested that each participant bring a \$5 donation.** As the center is staffed by volunteers, they need to know a week in advance how many participants there will be, so please sign up either by calling the church office or call Diana Barber at 970-417-6339 no later than noon on April 2. All church members are welcome and guests will be welcome as well. Hope to see you there!

This Week At Desert Skies

Tuesday, March 13

9:00 am Helping Hands	Kitchen
9:30 am Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
3:00 pm Tutoring	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm Missions/Social Concerns	Room # 5

Wednesday, March 14

2:30 pm Worship Design	Room # 2
4:00 pm Grief Support Group	Room # 2
5:00 pm Brass Ensemble	Sanctuary
5:30 pm Lenten Study/Supper	Fellowship Hall
Lenten Study	Baggins in Vail
6:00 pm Adult Bells	Sanctuary
7:00 pm Adult Choir	Sanctuary

Thursday, March 15

10:30 am Oil Painting Class	Room # 2
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This Week's Bible Reading

March 13-Deut. 22-24; Gal. 4

March 14-Deut. 25-27; Gal. 5

March 15-Deut. 28, 29; Gal. 6

March 16-Deut. 30, 31; Ps. 40;
I Cor. 1

March 17-Deut. 32-34; I Cor. 2

March 18-Josh. 1, 2; Ps. 37;
I Cor. 3

March 19-Josh. 3-6; I Cor. 4

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