



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

March 20, 2018

Desert Skies United Methodist Church

Presents an Easter Cantata

“AT HIS NAME”

**FEATURING THE DESERT SKIES UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA**

Directed by Dr. Alex “Doc” Shawn

Organist: Dr. Raymond Ryder

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 1st 2018

8:30 am and 10:00 am

Come worship with us!

3255 N. Houghton Road

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.

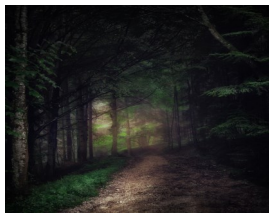
On top of that, the proceeds help the team head to Crownpoint, New Mexico area (a low income rural area, part of the Navajo Nation) this June where they will be repairing homes for the poor, disabled and elderly in the community. Our youth group, B.A.N.G. (Building A New Generation) has a real heart 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?

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

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



SUMMER CAMP AT DESERT SKIES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

(A combination of Vacation Bible School and Music Camp)

June 4th to 8th

HALF DAY

AGES: PRE-K THROUGH 5TH GRADE

COST: \$10.00

TIME: 9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

PRE-K (Children ages 4 & 5 who are potty-trained) Limited to 15 participants

FULL DAY

AGES: FINISHING 2ND GRADE TO 9TH GRADE

COST: \$50.00

TIME: 9:00 AM TO 4:00PM

Final Performance June 10th





MARANA BLUEGRASS & ACOUSTIC MUSIC

FESTIVAL



2018



APRIL 13, 14 & 15

Gladden Farms Community Park, 12207 N Heritage Park Dr. Marana, AZ



HEADLINER: CHRIS JONES & THE NIGHT DRIVERS

April 13 4 PM - 8 PM

Free Concert Featuring Special Original Music Performed By Local Singer/Song
Writers

April 14 10:45 AM - 8:00 PM

April 15 9:45 AM - 5:00 PM

Performances By:

The Sonoran Dogs

Run Boy Run

Billy Parker Band

The Heather "Lil Mama" Hardy Band

Cadillac Mountain

The Dust Devils

The 2 Lazy 2 Ranch Band

Annie Beach and Jam Pak

Don Armstrong & The Whiskeypalians

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

Christ Café-Your cooperation is needed on the **1st Sunday of each month!** Our sanctuary kitchen has very limited space and so we are asking for everyone's help in this matter. We would like to request that **ALL CHRIST'S CAFE storage and preparation be done in the Fellowship Hall Kitchen** because of the communion preparation and set-up. Thanks in advance for your consideration and donations to Christ's Cafe.

The first Sunday of every month is Community Food Bank Sunday. Please remember to bring your food donations and drop them in the bin on the patio on your way in to the sanctuary. If you happen to forget your food donation, you may **place a check in the offering with "Community Food Bank" on the memo line or place cash in a pew envelope and put "community food bank" and your name on the envelope. WITH EVERY DOLLAR DONATED THE CFB CAN PROVIDE 4 MEALS!**

This Week At Desert Skies

Tuesday, March 20

9:30 am Bible Study Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Church Council Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 21

9:15 am Zippy 49er's Meeting Fellowship Hall
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 22

10:30 am Oil Painting Class Room # 2

Friday, March 23

9:00 am UMM Tour U of A Mirror Lab U of A

Saturday, March 24

8:00 am All Church Spring Clean-Up Campus
9:15 am UMW General Meeting Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

This Week's Bible Reading

March 20-Josh. 7, 8; Ps. 69;
I Cor. 5

March 21-Josh. 9-11; I Cor. 6

March 22-Josh. 12-14; I Cor. 7

March 23-Josh. 15-17; I Cor. 1

March 24-Josh. 18-20; I Cor. 9

March 25-Josh. 21, 22; Ps. 47;
I Cor. 10

March 26-Josh. 23, 24; Ps. 44;
I Cor. 11

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