



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

March 27, 2018

Holy Week 2018

During Holy Week, we begin a descent deeper into the dark wood as we move into the holiest of times of remembering how Jesus himself walked the way of frustration, anger, despair, betrayal—all because of his passion for the liberation of all people.

The last gift of the dark wood is the Gift of Disappearing. This gift comes when we “disappear” for a while into a “thin place” where the human and divine seem particularly close. That, indeed, is the experience of Holy Week.

I invite you to journey with us beginning Thursday night, the beginning of what we call “The Triduum,” meaning three days where the dark wood was especially deep in the life of Jesus. Jesus has been there... the Dark Wood of life... and is with us as well. On Thursday we will remember Jesus’ last days through the eyes of some of his followers, and experience together what it may have been like.

On Friday at noon, we will continue the story with reflections and music around the meaning and symbolism of Good Friday. Our Friday meditative hike will lead us through the Stations of the Cross while we walk through some of Tucson’s most beautiful scenery.

On Saturday, we rest...anticipation building as we ready ourselves to once more hear the story of the empty tomb. From the beauty of an early morning Sunrise Service on our new patio and the celebration of Easter through music with our Easter Cantata, “At His Name” to Messy Church Sunday afternoon in Vail (if anyone needs a place to go for Easter dinner, you are welcome to join us there), there are many ways to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior. I’m looking forward to experiencing this together with you!

One more note: we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Thursday night and at the Easter Sunrise Service. Because of the cantata on Easter Sunday, we will not serve communion during the 8:30 and 10 am services, though communion will be available for those who wish to take it in the Cry Room following each of those services.

Shalom,

Rev. Candace

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday, March 29th (Fellowship Hall)

6:15 pm-Dinner

7:00 pm-Service

Sermon Title: “The Gift of Disappearing”

Good Friday, March 30th

Good Friday Experience-Noon in the Sanctuary

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

Easter Sunday Services-April 1st

Sunrise Service

6:30 am-Sanctuary patio

Sermon Title: “Where Do We Go From Here”

Easter Worship

8:30 am/10:00am-Sanctuary

Choir Cantata: “At His Name”

Sermon Title: “He is Lord”

Messy Church

4:00 pm-Vail Innovation Center

Easter Celebration & Easter Egg Hunt followed by Easter Dinner

Palm Sunday and our "Rise Against Hunger" Noisy Coin Collection



HUNGER KNOWS NO SEASON

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN OUR "NOISY" LENTEN OFFERING ON PALM SUNDAY. Your gifts make it possible for us to fund the 20,000 meals that we will package for Rise Against Hunger on Sunday, April 8th. **If you missed the Lenten Offering,** there is still time to contribute to funding this event to Rise Against Hunger. Checks can be made payable to Desert Skies with Rise Against Hunger on the memo line.

Now it is time to sign-up for the opportunity to put our hands to work packaging the 20,000 meals for the hungry children in one of 43 countries around the world. Look for the sign-up table on the patio before and after both worship services on Easter Sunday. Anyone age 5-105 may help and there will be child care for younger children. If you want to participate but can't stand, we have sit-down jobs for you. **We also need some folks who are able to lift 50 lb. bags to assist in unloading the truck at 9:15 and lifting during the event.** When you sign up, please let us know if you need to sit or if you are able to lift.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS AND YOUR HELPING HANDS!

Flea Market Fun



Lenten Study



Worship Design Team



All Church Spring Clean-Up

The Board of Trustees would like to THANK everyone who came out and supported our spring clean-up. We also wanted to THANK the Rincon Rotary for painting the parking lot lines.



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 New Sermon Series “Dare to Dance Again” begins on Sunday, April 8th and runs through Sunday, May 20th .

As Easter people, we are called to dance our dances of freedom for all the world to see. Dances of hope. Dances of justice. Dances of love. During this season, post-resurrection stories point to the joy of living in the beloved community and extending that fellowship through our witness as we dare to dance and “sing out strong!”

April 8

Sermon: “With Great Power:
Dancing Together”

April 15

Sermon: “While in Their Joy:
Dancing Sure”

April 22

Sermon: “By This We Will Know: The
Dance of Love”

April 29

Sermon: “From You Comes My Praise:
Guide My Steps”

May 6

Sermon: “Who Can Withhold?
Break Forth!”

May 13 (Mother’s Day)

Sermon: “Gone Up with a Shout:
Clap Your Hands”

May 20 (Pentecost Sunday)

Sermon: “Spirit Poured Out:
Dare to Dance Again”

Upcoming Lay Servant Classes in the South District

If you are interested in attending any Lay Servant classes, the next Basic Class is to be held on April 20th (evening) and the 21st (all day) at First UMC. Deadline for registration is April 13th. You can contact Gretchen Lofgren at gretchie22@cox.net (520-663-0775) or Kelly Deyoe at kjdeyoe@cox.net (520-740-1334) for more information or for a paper application. You can also register for classes online at: tinyurl.com/LS-training-sessions

St. Luke's Home

"Looking for a meaningful adventure? Join St Luke's Volunteer Team!"

St. Luke's is an assisted living community serving low-income older adults who would otherwise not qualify for any type of assistance. We have been making a difference in the lives of vulnerable Elders since 1917.

We are seeking energetic, caring compassionate Volunteers to help our residents with a weekly shopping trip. Make a difference in the lives of older folks that truly need your help. Call Sally Krommes at 207-0790.

St. Luke's Home -615 East Adams Street

www.StLukesHomeTucson.org

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





April

01 Ralph Schild

02 Cathy Colby

03 Michelle Bever

05 Esther Ames, Lindsey Sidles

06 Dale Cole, Lil Cottrell

07 Bruce Broughton, Mary Lynn Callen,
Daniel Estelle, Judy Fish, Bill Frame,
Stephanie Beverage

08 Mike Starace, John Van Straaten

10 Rev. Matt Colby, Lorna Niven, Gregg Frostrom,
Samuka Koroma

12 Audrey Ruggieri, Ava Ruggieri, Robert Saul

15 Sam Mahlstedde

17 Rita Boaz

18 Wes Mallory

20 Lilly Coleman

21 Dave Stivers

23 Ethan Abaldo, Molly Squire

24 Les Henry, Sandy Kleen

25 Lee Castell, Elayne Severson

26 Fran Bohardt



01 Bruce & Darlene Bartman

04 Ron & Carolyn Eisenhuth
Rocky & Susan Haynes

08 Samuka & Kadie Koroma

18 Lew & Jean Smith

20 Lowell & Loeles Fathera

30 Finn & Barb Sinclair

April 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>1 Easter</p> <p>6:30 Sunrise Service 7:00 Pancake Breakfast 8:30/10:00 Worship Service</p> <p>4:00 Messy Church-Vail</p>	<p>2 OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>8:00 Flea Market Fun</p> <p>3:00 Tutoring</p> <p>5:30 Emmaus</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:30 Bible Study</p> <p>3:00 Tutoring</p> <p>6:00 Youth in Vail</p>	<p>4</p> <p>2:30 Worship Design 4:00 Grief Support Group 5:30 Wired Word 6:00 Adult Bells 7:00 Adult Choir</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00 Adult Spiritual Formation 10:30 Oil Painting</p> <p>3:30 Endowment Committee</p>	6	7
<p>8</p> <p>8:30/10:00 Worship Service 8:30 Adult S. S. 10:00 Life Support 10:15 Children's S.S. 11:00 Rise Against Hunger 1:00 Praise Band 1:30 Confirmation</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:00 Flea Market Fun</p> <p>3:00 Tutoring</p> <p>5:30 Emmaus</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00 Helping Hands 9:30 Bible Study</p> <p>3:00 Tutoring</p> <p>6:00 Missions/Social Concerns Youth in Vail</p>	<p>11</p> <p>2:30 Worship Design 4:00 Grief Support Group 5:30 Wired Word 6:00 Adult Bells 7:00 Adult Choir</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:20 Casa Maria</p> <p>10:30 Oil Painting</p> <p>1:30 Westerners International</p> <p>6:30 Worship</p>	13	14
<p>15 8:30/10:00 Worship 8:30 Adult S. S. 10:00 Life Support 10:15 Children's S.S. 11:00 Ring & Sing 11:15 New Community 12:30 Youth 1:00 Praise Band 1:30 Confirmation 4:00 Community at Worship-Vail</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:00 Flea Market Fun</p> <p>3:00 Tutoring</p> <p>5:30 Emmaus</p> <p>7:00 Trustees</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:30 Bible Study</p> <p>3:00 Tutoring</p> <p>6:30 Finance 7:30 SPRC</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8:30 Zippy 49er's 10:00 Herb Croft 2:30 Worship Design 4:00 Grief Support Group 5:30 Wired Word 6:00 Adult Bells 7:00 Adult Choir</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:30 Oil Painting</p>	20	21 8:00 UMM Breakfast
<p>22 8:30/10:00 Worship 8:30 Adult S. S. 10:00 Life Support 10:15 Children's S.S. 11:15 Ring & Sing New Member Class 12:30 Youth 1:30 Confirmation 4:00 Community at Worship-Vail</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8:00 Flea Market Fun</p> <p>3:00 Tutoring</p> <p>5:30 Emmaus</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:30 Bible Study</p> <p>3:00 Tutoring</p> <p>7:00 Church Council</p>	<p>25</p> <p>2:30 Worship Design 4:00 Grief Support Group 5:30 Wired Word 6:00 Adult Bells 7:00 Adult Choir</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:30 Oil Painting</p>	27	28 9:15 UMW General Meeting
<p>29 8:30/10:00 Worship 8:30 Adult S. S. 10:00 Life Support 10:15 Children's S.S. 11:00 Ring & Sing 12:00 Confirmation 1:00 Praise Band</p> <p>4:00 Community at Worship</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:00 Flea Market Fun</p> <p>3:00 Tutoring</p> <p>5:30 Emmaus</p>					

ANNOUNCEMENTS

United 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!** **THANK YOU DSUMC!**

ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION

Do you have an up-to-date will or trust?

Have you considered the benefits of empowering your stewardship through a planned giving program?

This Week At Desert Skies

Wednesday, March 28

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
6:00 pm Adult Bells	Sanctuary
7:00 pm Adult Choir	Sanctuary

Thursday, March 29-Maundy Thursday

10:30 am Oil Painting Class	Room # 2
6:15 pm Dinner	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Worship Service	Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 30-Good Friday

12:00 pm Good Friday Experience	Sanctuary
5:15 pm Mediation Hike	Broadway Trailhead to Cactus Forrest

Saturday, March 31

9:00 am Adorn Sanctuary	Sanctuary
6:00 pm Prep for Pancake Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Confirmation Class	Fellowship Hall

This Week's Bible Reading

March 27-Judg. 1-3; I Cor. 12

March 28-Judg. 4, 5; Ps. 39, 41;
I Cor. 13

March 29-Judg. 6, 7; Ps. 52;
I Cor. 14

March 30-Judg. 8; Ps. 42;
I Cor. 15

March 31-Judg. 9, 10; Ps. 49;
I Cor. 16

April 01-Judg. 11, 12; Ps. 50;
II Cor. 1

April 02-Judg. 13-16; II Cor. 2

Interested in joining
Desert Skies UMC?

Join us in Room # 2
on Sunday, April 22nd
at 11:15 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