



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

April 10, 2018



Rise Against Hunger 2018 CONGRATULATIONS, DESERT SKIES!

Thank you to ALL who participated in our Rise Against Hunger 20,000 meal packaging event on Sunday, April 8th. The 20,088 meals were packaged by 119 volunteers in 1 hour 28 min. Way to go, Team DSUMC!

Thanks are also due to all who helped with the Lenten coin collection as well as to those whose gifts were not so noisy. Your generous giving helped to make this event possible. There is still Lenten Offering coming in, and we will let you know the amount of the total offering soon. We owe Ken Winkelmann a huge "THANK YOU" for taking care of our coin count of 8,040 coins or \$672.01 and our Desert Skies tellers who are tallying the remainder of your gifts.

Our packaged meals will be on the way to their destination within a few weeks. The Rise Against Hunger organization will let us know where they are going as soon as they are shipped. We know that they will help to alleviate hunger in a part of the world where there are no community food banks or snack packs.

A special "thank you" to the Meal Ministry team for providing a "yummy" lunch and to all of the volunteers and staff behind the scene who jumped in to do "whatever was needed to get it done". We appreciate your willingness to support our congregation whenever help is needed.



Rise Against Hunger 2018





Our Sermon Series “Dare to Dance Again” has begun 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 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”



**SUMMER CAMP AT
DESERT SKIES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

(A combination of Vacation Bible School and Music Camp)

June 4th to 8th

Final Performance June 10th

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION GO TO OUR WEBSITE:

www.desertskiesumc.org

520-749-0521

3255 N. Houghton Road

<https://desertskiesumc.breezechms.com/form/6afcdb5233>

(highlight, right click and select open hyperlink)

"The Work of the People"

Our church has, for the last year, been part of an exciting journey of learning and inspiration about our worship through a subscription to an on-line resource called "The Worship Design Studio", which has been a guide for us as we have discerned as a worship design team how best to enhance what we already do while honoring our great Christian tradition of worship.

The Greek word for worship—*leitourgia*—literally means, "the work of the people." The underlying principal in the *Worship Design Studio* is that planning worship should also be the work of the people, as well as what we do in our weekly worship. So this virtual online learning and planning application has helped more of us be involved in evaluating and planning our worship.

Being part of a worship team has become one of the most vibrant, vital and fun ways to carry out our discipleship. It includes bible study, theology, artistry, mission, commitment, spiritual direction and fellowship. It is not limited to just those of us who meet every Wednesday afternoon to plan. It can be multigenerational and include those of you who consider themselves "creative" as well as those who simply want to help carry out simple tasks. You can spend as much or as little time as you can (and do a lot of it right from your computer).

As always, we will let you know how you can be involved. Feel free to see more information at: www.worshipdesignstudio.com and let us know if you'd be interested in participating with us.

Shalom, Your Worship Team

Rev. Candace, Rev. Matt, Doc Shawn, Raymond Ryder, Scott Jones, Susan Haynes, Pat Walker, and Mary Ellen Dawson

THE INN PROJECT ALWAYS NEEDS PERSONAL HYGIENE SUPPLIES!

It has been brought to our attention that The Inn Project shelter at First UMC constantly needs personal hygiene supplies. If you would like to donate items, there is a bin for them in the church office or give them to Barb Reuter, Julie Jenkins or Mary Jo Floyd. (Do not place them in the bin on the patio.)

LIST OF PRODUCTS (ANY SIZE)

Tooth brushes, Tooth paste, Combs, Deodorant, Disposable Razors, Feminine Hygiene PADS

The Wired Word

Are you looking for a meaningful and exploratory discussion on what's happening today in the headlines from around the world? Then come to *THE WIRED WORD* meetings, held every Wednesday night from 5:30 to 6:45 pm in Room 2 and at Baggins in Vail. Bring a brown bag dinner to the Houghton meeting and plan to buy dinner in Vail and come share your non-censored opinion within the group. Call Doc Shawn and Rev. Candace for more information, or just show up any Wednesday evening! Everyone is WELCOME!!!

With Holy Week and Easter behind us, we are circling back to **consider the story of journalist Les Payne, who died last month, and especially his faith journey** -- which included a commitment to Christ while Payne was a young person, an abandonment of the faith for most of his adult life, and a conscious choice later in life to return to the faith -- which he then engaged not as he had as a child, but as a grown-up.

His story gives us an opportunity to consider what it means to mature in faith and what it means to return to it after a long time away. Those will be the topics for this installment of *The Wired Word*.

At the Vail study we will begin with two recent events that touch on our nation's history: **the 50th anniversary of the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., which occurred on April 4, and the death on March 25 of Linda Brown, the student most closely associated with the landmark Supreme Court decision of Brown v. Board of Education.** We take the opportunity to consider what milestones like these can mean in our society and our journeys of faith.

May God bless you as you read the scriptures this week, Rev. Matt

Celebration of Life For Herb Croft

The service for Herb will be on **Wednesday, April 18th at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary**. Please join the family for donuts and coffee on the sanctuary patio after the service.

Dear friends of Herb and Lucretia Croft,

It's hard to believe that its almost been two years since my Mom, Lucretia, passed away on April 23, 2016 at the age of 89. I think of her often and miss her a lot. It's with a sad heart that I tell you that my Father, Herb, has joined her. Herb passed away on February 11, 2018 peacefully in his apartment in Tucson, AZ after several months of declining health. He was 89. They spent 60 wonderful years together and really enjoyed their 36 years together living in Tucson. They made lots of friends through their lifetimes in Pennsylvania, Arizona and while traveling.

Herb's funeral will be held on Wednesday April 18, 2018 at 10am at Desert Skies United Methodist Church, 3255 North Houghton Road, Tucson, AZ 85749

I want to sincerely thank you for your friendship with my parents over the years and for the cards and prayers over time and especially at the end.

I have enclosed contact information for their sons, Lance and Todd, in case you want to contact us.

Sincerely,

Lance & Sharie Croft

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Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Home: 219-707-5123

Cell: 219-741-0318

Todd Croft & Mary Balogh

2835 Belmont Drive

Henderson, NV 89074

Home: 702-897-9725

Cell: 702-236-2451

Thank You Desert Skies



March 26, 2018

Rev. Candace Lansberry
Desert Skies United Methodist
3255 N Houghton Rd
Tucson, AZ 85749

Dear Rev. Candace:

On behalf of all of us at Interfaith Community Services (ICS), thank you and your members for your most generous donation of \$1,000.00 to support our work.

Your investment in ICS has far-reaching effects. We see the impact each day, from the lonely senior receiving a home-delivered meal to the struggling family being helped with rent or utilities to families receiving a food box to the individual getting a much-needed ride to the doctor's office. Our staff and volunteers are able to provide vital assistance to people in need throughout our community because you gave generously to help others. Because of you, help received from ICS truly brings hope!

Marge is one of the many people being helped. She is a mentally sharp 94-year-old with mobility challenges who can no longer shop or cook for herself, so she relies on the weekday ICS Mobile Meals she receives. "The meals are a good variety and I enjoy them," she says. The daily visit from the ICS volunteer driver is as nourishing as the food Marge receives. "It's such company to me. He's a nice driver and so good to me. I look forward to his visit every day because it keeps me from feeling so isolated."

ICS provides an umbrella of services to enable people to move toward self-sufficiency or remain independent in their homes. In the past year, we helped nearly 41,000 people through our Food Banks, Emergency Financial Assistance and Caregiving Services, including Mobile Meals, Health Advocacy, transportation, shopping assistance, home repairs and friendly visits. Sometimes simple forms of assistance mean the world to someone in need. Thank you for helping ICS be there to help folks like Marge who are counting on us. We couldn't do it without you!

Serving with you,

K. Daniel Stoltzfus
Chief Executive Officer

Tim Kromer
Community Engagement Director

Thank you for your generous contribution and partnership with ICS!

It's a blessing to partner with you in ministry

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Zippy 49er's Circle Meeting-will be on **Wednesday, April 18th at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall** due to the Memorial Service of Herb Croft at 10:00 am. We will forego our usual DVD study and breakfast to join the family for the celebration of Herb's life with donuts and coffee on the patio after the service. Please plan to attend our meeting, as we will be deciding what we want to do for a ministry for next year, and what to do for our May meeting and a study for next year. If you have been thinking about joining a small group of women, a UMW circle, please come visit one of our meetings, or call Glenda Burdick at 760-5520.

Walk to Emmaus-Support Amy Anderson from our Church as she attends the Walk to Emmaus this weekend. Send her a note of encouragement or just tell her how special she is to you and our church. There is a collection envelope in the church office at the front desk. The envelope will be collected on Saturday morning. Her husband Steve, attended this past weekend.

The Worship Logistics Committee- Our meeting for this Thursday, April 12th, has been cancelled. Thank you.

New Member Class-If you are interested on finding out more about Desert Skies or if you want to become a member, **please join us on Sunday, April 22nd at 11:15 am.**

A Friendly Reminder-If you have not picked up your picture from the office, you may pick them up at the welcome kiosk after Sunday services.

New Community-will be held at 11:15 am in room #2 this Sunday.

Endowment Committee

A donation to our Endowment Fund is a living gift, whether given today or in your will or trust. The principle cannot be spent. Only the income can be used for ministries for the lifetime of the Church.

This Week At Desert Skies

Tuesday, April 10

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

Wednesday, April 11

2:30 pm Worship Design	Room # 2
4:00 pm Grief Support Group	Room # 2
5:30 pm The Wired Word	Baggins in Vail
The Wired Word	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm Adult Bells	Sanctuary
7:00 pm Adult Choir	Sanctuary

Thursday, April 12

8:20 am Casa Maria	Off Campus
10:30 am Oil Painting Class	Room # 2
1:30 pm Westerners International	Fellowship Hall

Saturday, April 14

1:00 pm Sonoran Bells Practice	Fellowship Hall
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This Week's Bible Reading

April 10-I Sam. 8-10; II Cor. 10

April 11-I Sam. 11, 12; I Chr. 1;
II Cor. 11

April 12-I Sam. 13; I Chr. 2, 3;
II Cor. 12

April 13-I Sam. 14; I Chr. 4;
II Cor. 13

April 14-I Sam. 15, 16; I Chr. 5;
Mt. 1

April 15-I Sam. 17; Ps. 9;
Mt. 2

April 16-I Sam. 18; I Chr. 6;
Ps. 11; Mt. 3

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